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Tasmania

Digging In!



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Letter from the CEO

My first year as CEO of RSPCA Tasmania has been a real eye-opener - and has sadly revealed how many animals are still suffering and in need of help across Tasmania.

It has also highlighted the harsh world of social media commentary, and how quick people are to judge before they know all the facts. We receive a lot of abuse for not being able to be everywhere at once and for not living up to everyone's expectations – realistic or not.

It can be very easy to forget that we're a charity, at the end of the day, rather than a tax-funded service. We do so much varied work - rescuing and rehabilitating animals, investigating cruelty and prosecuting abusers, rehoming animals, working with people to assist microchipping and desexing their pets – the list goes on. Unfortunately, being a


charity (and an exceptionally busy one at that!) comes with many constraints and restrictions.

On the plus side, I've learnt so much and met so many amazing people. I am in awe at the commitment our team shows, and their ability to front up every day to deal with situations most people cannot even begin to imagine. Oh, and I've been privileged to meet, cuddle, and pat an abundance of critters!

It's also incredible to see just how far RSPCA Tasmania has come over recent years. And with you by our side, progress continues.

With highly variable and unsecured income streams, we have been focused on securing an adequate base of reserves to ensure the sustainability of RSPCA Tasmania, and to make certain we can continue





to provide our much-needed services and mission-related work into the future.

This can be daunting in an environment where we rely primarily on fundraising and receive limited government funding. However, due to generous donors and prudent expense management, we are pleased to report a surplus result for the financial year.

Your giving delivers programs that protect animals from cruelty before it occurs – aiding pet owners undergoing hardship and crisis; desexing initiatives that reduce overpopulation and prevent neglect and abandonment; inspectors who ensure only qualified, responsible breeders operate.

You are the ones who help keep our doors open to welcome in pets who need a home. You are the ones who support

the work of our inspectors on the ground to protect animals from cruelty. You are the ones who make sure we can provide medical care in circumstances which are often lifesaving.

That's why we're sending you this 'Year in Review'. We want to celebrate, with you, all that you have helped us achieve for the animals of our state over the last year. This report includes quick read stories and information to demonstrate our animal welfare activities. These great outcomes and achievements are the result of collaboration between our volunteers, staff, donors and a wide range of community stakeholders.

Please know how deeply thankful we are for your continued generosity and your compassion for animals in need

Jan Davis
CEO RSPCA Tasmania



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge, with deep respect the traditional owners of lutruwita, Tasmania, the palawa people, and their ongoing connection to the land, sea, and waterways.

The palawa people belong to the oldest continuing culture in the world. They cared and protected Country for thousands of years. They knew this land, they lived on the land, and they died on these lands. We honour them.

We acknowledge that it is a privilege to stand on Country and walk in the footsteps of those before us. Along the riverbanks, among the gums and seas that continue to run through the veins of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

We pay our respects to elders past and present and to the many Aboriginal people

that did not make elder status and to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community that continue to care for Country.

We recognise a history of truth which acknowledges the impacts of invasion and colonisation upon Aboriginal people resulting in the forcible removal from their lands.

Our Island is deeply unique, with spectacular landscapes with our cities and towns surrounded by bushland, wilderness, mountain ranges and beaches.

We stand for a future that profoundly respects and acknowledges Aboriginal perspectives, culture, language and history. And a continued effort to fight for Aboriginal justice and rights paving the way for a strong future.

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Purpose

Create and support meaningful connections by enhancing the lives of companion animals and the people in our community who love them.

Vision

Our vision is to be the leading authority in animal care and protection.

Mission

Operating a financially sustainable organisation, which allows us to focus on our core mission; helping animals in most need, enlightening people and improving lives.

About RSPCA Tasmania

We are the peak animal welfare body in Tasmania. We are an autonomous, non-government, community organisation that has been operating in this state since 1878.

We are a not-for-profit organisation (Company Limited By Guarantee) governed by a Board chosen by RSPCA members and chosen for their skills.

The Board acts according to our constitution and gives us our policy and strategic focus.

Our staff and volunteers ultimately report to the Chief Executive Officer who is the main conduit between the day-to-day operations of the society and the Board. The main functions of the Society in Tasmania are:

- to protect Tasmanian animals by investigating cases of alleged animal cruelty or neglect;
- to operate an Animal Care Centre and Adoption Retail Centres;
- to work with all levels of Government to ensure adequate, modern, legislation is in place;
- to enlighten the community regarding animal welfare issues;
- to manage a successful and sustainable state-wide business; and,
- to raise funds to support these essential functions.



History

Following the introduction of the Tasmanian “Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act” on the 11th December 1877, a group of concerned citizens, who called themselves “animal protectionists”, formed the first Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) on the 19th July 1878.

The new 1877 Act set out to “... protect horses, cattle, donkeys, sheep, pigs, goats, cats, dogs and other domestic animals from being “cruelly and unnecessarily” flogged, beaten, overdriven, overridden, overloaded, abused, tortured or otherwise ill-treated.”

The introduction of this Act allowed the SPCA to immediately raise money, to employ Tasmania’s first SPCA Inspector; who checked on the welfare state of animals across Hobart and helped prosecute cases

of cruelty to animals. Most of this initial work involved the education and sometimes prosecution of drivers of horses pulling cabs, buses and lorries.

The SPCA handed out leaflets on how to care for the working horse as well as copies of the new Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, educating the community how to better look after their animals.

The SPCA committee hounded newspapers and politicians to bring about better animal welfare laws and outcomes.

These early purposes of the SPCA still hold true today, 140 years later. They make up the pillars or foundation of the RSPCA purpose; to Protect animals, educate the community about appropriate animal care and to advocate for better animal welfare laws.



Team

CEO:

Deputy CEO:

Finance Manager:

Animal Care Centre Manager:

Chief Inspector:

Prosecutor:

Animal Care Coordinator:

Marketing & Relationship Manager:

Retail Operations & Corporate Partnerships:

Contact Centre coordinator:

Community Liaison Officer:

Event Co-Ordinator:

Inspectors:

Animal Care Centre:

Adoption and Retail Centre Invermay:

Adoption and Retail Centre Hobart:

Salamanca Puppy Parking:

Jan Davis

Andrea Dawkins

Amanda Dillon

Lorraine Hamilton

Lisa Edwards

Malcolm Caulfield

Kate Marsden

Kerri Walsh

Cameron Jenkinson

Shelley Gribben

Paul Wyld

Clare Jokuszies

Ashlie Burnett, Alison Hoyle,

Michaela Rathbone, Alex Walker

Rebecca Holmes, Lana Nazar,

Shane Saunders, Lauren Sims,

Karen Tame

Lauren Chenhall, Brittany Leslie-Cook

Angie Calam

Carol Liu, Shianna Wills





Partnerships

Throughout the year we have enjoyed support from our partners. Whether it's the connections made nationally through long term partners like Hills Science Diet, or the support we receive from local suppliers, grant managers, school fundraisers, or all those lovely people who donate prizes for our Quiz Nights, we thank all our supporters, including:

We would also like to acknowledge the contributions from our event partners across Cupcake Day and Virtual Million Paws Walk. We are also grateful for the patience with which event partners have managed the uncertainty of events through the COVID-19 pandemic. As we have not been able to engage with people through face to face activities, we have instead reached out through social media to communicate with the Tasmanian community.



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Socially Conscious Sheltering

Socially conscious sheltering is a shared set of beliefs that animal welfare organisations around the world are embracing to create the best possible outcomes for companion animals. RSPCA Tasmania is committed to the eight fundamental goals of socially conscious sheltering and working toward application for accreditation through the Social Conscious Animal Community.

Goals of Socially Conscious Sheltering can be described in 8 fundamental tenets:



TENET 1: Ensure every unwanted or homeless animal has a safe place to go for shelter and care.

RSPCA Tasmania accepts any animal offered into its care.



TENET 2: Make every healthy and safe animal available for adoption.

RSPCA Tasmania only offers for adoption animals that are healthy and safe and will not offer for adoption any animal that is irremediably suffering or dangerous to the community.



TENET 3: Assess the medical and behavioural needs of homeless animals and ensure those needs are thoughtfully addressed.

RSPCA Tasmania, through its medical team and its animal behaviour team, provides a holistic approach to ensuring each animal's needs are met.



TENET 4: Align policy with the needs of the community.

RSPCA Tasmania recognises its responsibility to the public and ensures its programs and policies reflect and support this obligation.



TENET 5: Alleviate suffering and making appropriate euthanasia decisions.

RSPCA Tasmania accepts that sometimes animals are irremediably suffering and cannot live without experiencing severe, unremitting pain or other serious health and behavioural challenges. In these situations, it is most humane to relieve an animal's suffering with compassionate euthanasia.



TENET 6: Consider the health and wellness of animals for each community when transferring animals.

RSPCA Tasmania transfers animals within its own shelter network and to other animal welfare shelters or rescue groups in areas of Tasmania that are experiencing a shortage of shelter animals. RSPCA Tasmania ensures that animals transported through these programs do not suffer from physical or behavioural problems that could endanger animals or people in their new communities.



TENET 7: Enhance the human-animal bond through thoughtful placements and post-adoption support.

RSPCA Tasmania works with potential adopters to make sure animals they select are suitable matches for their lifestyles, the adopter can properly care for and handle the animal and considers other relevant factors to make certain the placement is successful. RSPCA Tasmania provides post-adoption support to adopters to ensure the placement thrives.



TENET 8: Foster a culture of transparency, ethical decision-making, mutual respect, continual learning and collaboration.

RSPCA Tasmania is committed to upholding the highest ethical standards and transparency in meeting its goal. We work respectfully with stakeholders including other animal welfare shelters and rescue groups, we are guided by clear, evidence-based policies that prioritise animal welfare, we adhere to relevant codes and legislation and we publish statistics and information about our shelter operations and the animals in our care every year.

RSPCA Tasmania seeks to continuously improve its operations while increasing community understanding of best practice animal sheltering.

To find out more about the socially conscious sheltering movement visit www.scssheltering.org



Changes

RSPCA Tasmania's purpose is to create and support meaningful connections by enhancing the lives of companion animals and the people in our community who love them, and we are excited to be furthering this cause in Hobart and in Latrobe. We have had many facelifts over the many years our organisation has been in existence. We continued to progress our hub and spoke

model with the opening of our Hobart Adoption and Retail Centre (ARC) at 55-57 Albert Road, Moonah in February. We are currently putting the finishing touches on the Latrobe ARC at 3/131 Gilbert Street too. With the Spreyton Animal Care Centre nearing the end of its life as a shelter, it was imperative that we provided community access to our organisation in the vicinity before we move on developing a new facility. We are looking for the perfect site for a central animal care centre, which becomes the hub and to continue to develop ARCs as a touch point for our community, as the spokes. The Latrobe ARC is the third, after Launceston and Hobart. RSPCA ARCs offer adoptions of cats and pocket pets, as well as general advice on our current community support programs, like low cost desexing schemes, sell retail items; food, enrichment and litter systems and any other necessities for taking an animal home.



Salamanca Market Puppy Parking

We continued our relationship with Hobart City Council. RSPCA Tasmania “doggy-sits” any dogs that are walked to Salamanca Market on Saturday mornings by market-goers. Since January 2018 RSPCA staff have set up a Puppy Parking facility every Saturday to look after these dogs as their owners peruse the Salamanca wares. Not only is this service of great comfort to dog owning market goers, but it supports the public profile of the Hobart Adoption and Retail Centre and other RSPCA activities in the south of the state. Enabling robust discussion between the RSPCA and people visiting the market every Saturday morning, concerning the work that RSPCA Tasmania does across the state. With Salamanca Market's activities much curtailed, Puppy Parking has been occasionally been on hold during the pandemic but we remain committed to this continuing strong public presence.



Advocacy

Tasmanians care about animal welfare. We have the highest incidence of pet-ownership in Australia, with 44% of our residents living with at least one dog, 34% living with at least one cat, and 16% living with at least one of each. And that does not take into account those with other pets including guinea pigs, bunnies, birds and chooks, ferrets, horses, rats and mice, sheep and goats, reptiles, alpacas, and fish! The RSPCA has identified a number of priorities to improve animal welfare which are the responsibility of the state government, and which have strong community support. We employ all the means available to us to achieve our aims, including lobbying members of parliament, writing submissions to inquiries, convening stakeholder groups for collective impact, petitions, media releases, social media and use of our website, with measurable success.



Our priorities include:

- A thorough review of our animal welfare legislation
- A strong welfare inspectorate
- Recognising the role of companion animals in all legislation and policy
- Transparency and accountability
- Stamping out puppy farms and on-line pet scams
- Banning recreational duck shooting
- Stronger regulation of greyhound racing
- Stronger regulation of horse racing – in particular, the use of whips
- Phasing out public funding for racing
- Improving animal welfare awareness amongst young people
- Secure funding for cat management programs
- Funding for safe beds programs
- Cat confinement

Fundraising and Events

Like everyone in the charity sector, we pared back our fundraising events to reflect the pandemic restrictions. Fortunately, we had experience with running a virtual Million Paws Walk and was able to continue that offering, along with our old favourite, Cupcake Day. We also managed socially distanced Christmas photos at our

Launceston Adoption & Retail Centre. We are building up to more events in the next 12 months and are brimming with ideas on how to use our Adoption & Retail Centres as focal points for fundraising. We continue to operate Puppy Parking at Salamanca Market and love being embedded in Tasmania's premier tourist market.

COVID-19 Planning

As with our peers, we adapted swiftly to pandemic conditions and are as ready as we can be for what is to come.

CEO Jan Davis successfully argued the position that animal care facilities are essential services, giving us comfort that the animals in our care will be taken care of, if restrictions on movement are reinstated.

We continue to assist people coming to Tasmania with companion animals, who are unable to accompany them into quarantine, by meeting the ferry and boarding their animals.

At the beginning of the pandemic, we were inundated with adoption requests, as people

were spending more time at home and wanted new companions.

We see no truth in the myth that those animals are being rejected, instead we see more and more people seeking the companionship which only animals can provide.

Our events have been moulded to reflect the current circumstances and will continue to follow health advice when planning for gatherings.

We have a team of people who are equally considerate of the health of their human community as they are of companion animals.

Volunteers and Foster Carers

Across RSPCA Tasmania we rely heavily on our volunteers to undertake a huge variety of tasks to help support the work we do. Our volunteers assist with dog walking, cleaning, administration, yard work and grounds maintenance, reception, clinic support, events and many other duties. Without the contribution of our many volunteers, we simply could not do the work we do. Our dedicated group of volunteer foster carers open their hearts and homes to Tasmanian animals in need. Animals need to be fostered for many different reasons, including recovery from veterinary procedures, the age of the animals, special circumstances, and emergency care. Our foster carers help these animals prepare for their forever homes by providing endless love and support. We sincerely thank all our volunteers for helping us help Tasmanian animals and for bringing so much joy to the lives of the animals in our care.

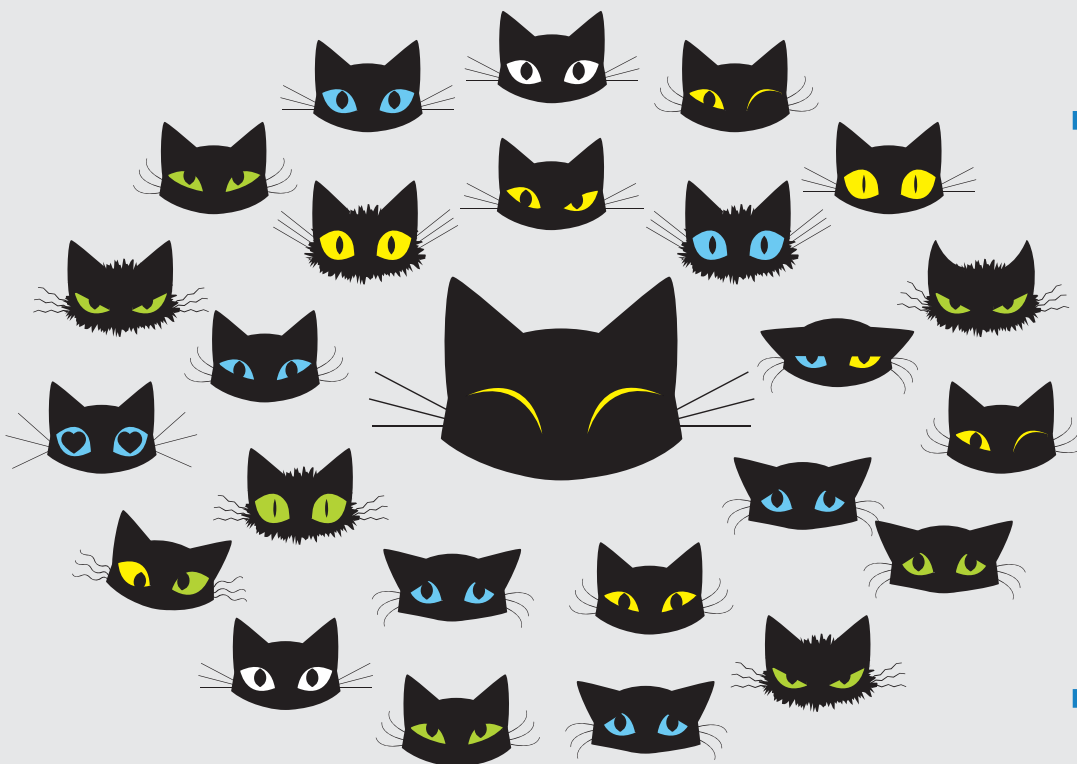
Katie Hicks (top right) RSPCA Tas volunteer and foster carer, Tasmanian Volunteer Award Finalist, 17th May, 2021



Desexing Programs

We continue to offer services to promote better animal welfare outcomes, such as financial support for people who are struggling to pay for their cat desex surgery. We pay for the surgery upfront and deduct small payments, through Centrepay, until the account is finalised. We launched this service in the last financial year, as a pilot and due to its success are now able to offer it permanently. RSPCA Tasmania continues to advocate for cat confinement, government support for Cat Management Facilities and greater awareness of the legislative changes governing cat ownership. We salute the good work TassieCat are doing and encourage all those with an interest in safe cat ownership to avail themselves of the information TassieCat produce.

With the support of the Mary Kibble fund, we have been able to include a dog desexing program in our offerings. Targeted at low income earners this program will begin a vet journey for those who do not currently have the means to desex, vaccinate and microchip their dogs, by paying for the desex surgery (minus a deposit). Apart from producing a healthier dog population, this program ensures that fewer unwanted dogs are shared in the community, leading to fewer contraventions of the regulations governing dog ownership and fewer neighbour disputes regarding the dogs' health and wellbeing. We could not do this without the support of our many vet partners, who provide veterinary services across the state to support this endeavour.



The RSPCA Centrepay Desex Program has so far this year helped pay for 70 cats to be desexed. Worst case scenario, 1 undesexed cat could result in 24 kittens each year; so desexing 70 cats has arguably prevented 1,680 new kittens. Make sure your kitty is not adding to that total!

Animal Welfare Response Unit

Made possible by a generous grant from the TG & JM Matthews Foundation, this vehicle is a multi-purpose command centre. We foresee this vehicle will be used by RSPCA Animal Cruelty Inspectors for large seizures or surrenders, as well as taken to evacuation grounds, in times of emergencies. We are working with the SES to ensure that our planning and processes are appropriate and clear. We have engaged a group of volunteer drivers in each area of the state and will draw on the expertise within our team to provide support on the ground. Use of this vehicle in an emergency is an experience we hope never comes a reality but with a drying climate on one of the driest countries on the planet, we fear will be using this vehicle to help support people fleeing fire, in the not-too-distant future. *“This mobile unit will provide more communities and their animals with immediate care on the ground when they need it the most.”* said Jan Davis, RSPCA CEO. We are also in planning to use the vehicle in a pilot cat trapping program. We will have more details to come as the project and its evaluation are completed.

The state-of-the-art mobile command centre forms the backbone in our emergency response infrastructure. After the Dunalley fires in 2013, RSPCA Tasmania defined a role for a vehicle and crew in supporting good animal welfare outcomes in emergency planning. The RSPCA Tasmania team, including the Inspectorate, will be better equipped to immediately respond to calls for help with the acquisition of emergency communication equipment including disaster PPE and other vital equipment. We are working with the SES to ensure that our planning and processes are appropriate and clear.





Spreyton Animal Care Centre

Another busy year in the Animal Care Centre, with many animals coming and going.

Those numbers come from animals that we have taken in as strays, owner surrenders, emergency boarders (when owners have been in crisis situations, such as domestic violence). Our Animal Welfare Inspectors also seized animals as a result of investigations, and sometimes have animals surrendered to them

We have continued to send our cats and kittens to the Petbarn stores in Launceston, Devonport and Burnie, as well as our Adoption & Retail Centres in Invermay and Moonah.

Unowned or semi-owned and feral cats continue to be a problem in the community, and we have assisted with trapping programs in a couple of sensitive areas, where there are colonies of Little Penguins and other shore birds. Interesting to note that several of the cats caught on the beaches were desexed, and a couple of them were microchipped. The owners were quite sure that their cats never left their own back yard. However, a cat allowed to roam is far more likely to do so during the dark hours, which is when the danger to wildlife, and to the cat itself, is high risk.

We continue to run our dog boarding facility, with many “regular guests” coming to us, time and time again.

During the year, we upgraded the power supply into the Devonport Centre, and also new LED lighting in our kennels area, which made a huge difference to our workplace.

In July, we were able to have a Christmas in July Quiz Night in Devonport, the first for the region for several years. Our thanks to the volunteers who helped us make a successful event, in the middle of Covid restrictions.

Covid-19 continued to present us with some challenges. We have been arranging appointments for most visitors. Our team has also continued to manage pets from passengers arriving on the Spirit of Tasmania who have had to go into quarantine boarding the pets until their owners are cleared. The extra animals coming to us have caused us a few headaches, as we did not know about them until early on the morning when they arrived.

Our small number of wonderful staff, along with a band of very dedicated volunteers, carry out all the daily cleaning tasks; environmental enrichment for the animals; wash blankets, floors, bowls and litter trays; exercise dogs, clean rabbit and guinea pig enclosures; clean up horse paddocks and fowl enclosures; transport animals around the state; and too many other tasks to mention.

Our foster carers must also be acknowledged for the work they do, seemingly in the background. They take animals into their homes and care for them until they are ready for adoption. A litter of kittens or puppies can be demanding and time consuming, as well as messy! In some instances, an older cat or dog might need long-term care, while court proceedings are going through. We owe a huge thank you to our foster carers, as their dedication helps us save the lives of many animals.

Lastly, but by no means least, we would like to acknowledge the support given to us by the many vets who carry out surgeries and health checks on our animals at a generous discounted price.

Dr Peter de Boer, our volunteer vet, gave generously of his time over the year. Dr Andrew Byrne may have left the building, but he is still there whenever we need him. Dr Michael Reilly and his staff at Sheffield Veterinary Clinic, the teams at Forth Valley Veterinary Clinic and Mowbray Veterinary Clinic are key partners.

Animals adopted

Dogs	70
Cats	609
Fish	8
Birds (domestic)	19
Ferret	1
Chickens	81
Guinea Pigs	37
Rabbits	32
Rodents	11
Total	868

Your support in action

With the help of loyal supporters our doors stayed open to animals in need. As an essential service, we continued our promise to serve, protect and care for abandoned, abused and unwanted animals around Tasmania.

Inspectorate Results

This year we had 2034 calls to the 24 Hour Animal Cruelty Hotline run by RPSCA. 184 of these calls were referred to DPIPW for investigation. The Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and the Environment deal with the commercial livestock complaints and the RSPCA investigate issues relating to horses, small holdings and domestic animals.

Our Animal Welfare Officers are always busy responding to all these Animal Cruelty calls, with only four full time Inspectors on the road, investigating the 1806 allegations, conducting 2272 visits, attending locations right across the state means our kilometres add up. The good news is it does mean is that we offer advice and support to a large number of people across the state to assist them to help their animals.

This year we had a reduction in the number of cases relating to livestock and horses in particular, with feed being plentiful on the ground and hay in good supply. An increase in the numbers of reports of animals having insufficient food or water and a decrease in reports of abandoned animals, this was perhaps due to COVID restrictions keeping people at home and bolstered by the moratorium on rent increases and evictions early in the year. Cats strongly featured this

year in reports of cruelty, whilst dogs remain by far the main animal that feature in peoples reports of animal cruelty to our cruelty hotline.

Whilst Animal Welfare Officers will work with owners or carers there are times when further action is necessary; 4 Infringement Notices (on spot fines) were issued during the year, 41 Warning letters sent and 40 animals seized by RPSCA. The police seized a further 8 guinea pigs which are being cared for by RSPCA. Officers also took an additional 41 animals to our Animal Care Centre via a surrender process with the owner.

This year a small number of Animal Cruelty cases were finalised in court, some of which have taken over a year to go through the court system. In total \$32,000 in costs were awarded to RSPCA through the courts to help pay for all the Inspectorate Animals that have to remain in our care whilst the matter remains in court. The fines given by the magistrates were small with the largest being only \$3,500 for a section 8 Animal Cruelty charge. Where appropriate prohibition orders are requested by the Prosecutor this year, we had to lay charges on a gentleman who kept dogs in breach of his prohibition order.

Total complaints received by our Animal Cruelty Hotline	2034
Investigated by RSPCA	1806
Transferred to DPIPW	184
Transferred to other Agency	23
Random Inspections	21
Revisits by RSPCA	2272
Ambulance Request	20
Abandonment	228
Animal Transport	14
Baiting / Poisoning	9
Cruelty	281
Hot Animal in Vehicle	58
Inadequate Shelter	309
Insufficient Food And / Or Water	536
Knowingly Allow An Animal To Kill Or Injure Another Animal	8
Living Conditions	687
No Exercise / Confined / Tethered	285
No Treatment	411
Non Vet Euthanasia	2
Poor Condition (see Animal Details)	604
Prohibition Order Breached	3
Tail Docking Or Other Surgical Procedure	1
Trapping Offences	3
Underage Puppy	12
Section 14 Instruction Notices issued	130
Infringement Notices issued	4
Number of people charged	7
Number of warning letters sent	41
Prosecution finalized (Defendants)	6
Number of individual charges	24
Number of successful prosecutions	6
Prosecutions pending	7

Breakdown of animals involved in complaints:

Dogs	2225
Horses	355
Cats	528
Sheep	384
Poultry / Birds	295
Cattle	196
Fish	7
Goats	157
Rabbits, guinea pigs and rodents	115
Pigs	45
Farm /	54
Reptiles	6
Wildlife	42

This report shows the number of each animal type reported (not actually picked up or seized) for each code. Note: it is counting the Type, not the individuals, and will count each animal type listed on the job as one (1) regardless of how many instances of that type are listed, or what is entered in the Number of Animals field.

Animal Seized (some already deceased):

Dogs and Puppies	14
Cats and kittens	13
Horses	2
Guinea pig (+ holding 8 for Police)	4
Rabbits	2
Goat	2
Sheep (deceased as evidence)	3

Animal surrendered to inspectors:

Dogs and Puppies	23
Cats and kittens	32
Horses	1
Rabbit	1
Fish	4

Director's Report

RSPCA Tasmania Limited

ACN 611 485 271

DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the year ended 30 June 2021

Your Directors present their report on the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021.

DIRECTORS

The details of each person in office at any time during the year are shown below. Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Alexandra Garrott, President and Chair of Board	
Qualifications	BA, Grad Dip Sci (Hons), MBT, GAICD
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salvation Army Tasmania (Advisory Board Member – since 2015);• Kingston Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated (Director since 2013)
Felicia Mariani, Vice President and Deputy Chair	
Qualifications	Graduate, Australian Institute of Company Directors
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive and Senior Management roles in public, private and NFP sectors;• 20 years of experience in complex marketing environments;• Extensive background in Corporate Communications and Government Relations at a State and Federal level;• Accomplished track record in establishing commercial partnerships and strategic alliances.
Melanie Richardson, Treasurer	
Qualifications	B Com, CA, FTIA, CTA
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience-Director of WLF Accounting & Advisory with over 21 years experience in business and personal accounting and advisory;• Treasurer and Executive Director Weightlifting Tasmania Inc (2015 to 2016).
Luke Butcher, Director	
Qualifications	DipBus, DipEng, MBCS, MAICD
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 Years IT experience.• Senior management, strategy and consulting roles for private, public and government organizations.• VP of Education, Toastmasters International Southbank
Owen Davis, Director	
Qualifications	LLB and BA
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• admitted to practice in a number of state supreme courts including Tasmania, and in the federal jurisdiction• 8 years post-admission experience in private legal practice in Sydney, Western Australia and Tasmania, with an emphasis on commercial litigation and corporate regulatory matters
Anna Ekdahl, Director	
Qualifications	Diploma of Ambulance Paramedic Studies, MBA, Certificate of Business Analytics
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 years working in various operational roles for ambulance services in Victoria and Tasmania.• Specialising in Disaster Planning and Emergency Management.• Member of Australian Cave Rescue Commission
Bethany Harding, Director	
Qualifications	BBus, CA
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 and a half years experience in business and personal accounting and advisory;

	• Currently, a financial accountant for a government owned company.
Catherine Martin, Director (appointed 5th December 2020)	
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, College of Law • Bachelor of Laws, University of New South Wales • Bachelor of Arts (Political Science & Economics), ANU • Graduate, Australian Institute of Company Directors
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicitor and officer of the Supreme Court of NSW and Queensland • Non-Executive Director, Palliative Care Tasmania 2018 to present • Company Secretary, Palliative Care Tasmania 2018 to present • Member Audit & Risk Committee, Palliative Care Tasmania 2018-2019 • Board member, International Pharmaceutical Privacy Consortium 2015-16
Dave Tilley, Director (appointed 5th December 2020)	
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma of Fraud Control – Sydney Institute of Professional Studies • Certificate IV in Government Investigations (Regulatory Compliance) • Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, College of Law • Bachelor of Arts & Laws, University of Tasmania • Tasmania Police Academy
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicitor and officer of the Supreme Court of Tasmania • Board Director & Deputy Chairperson, Mental Health Council of Tasmania • Board Director, Mental Health Council of Tasmania • Member, The Law Society of Tasmania • Member, Amnesty International

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

	Appointed	Meetings of Directors	
		Eligible to attend	Number attended
Alexandra Garrott	11/04/2016	9	9
Luke Butcher	19/10/2019	9	9
Owen Davis ¹	11/04/2016	9	3
Anna Ek Dahl	19/10/2019	9	8
Bethany Harding	20/10/2018	9	8
Felicia Mariani	18/04/2016	9	7
Catherine Martin	05/12/20	5	5
Dave Tilley	05/12/20	5	5
Melanie Richardson ²	18/04/2016	9	4

¹ Leave of absence granted

² Leave of absence granted

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of RSPCA Tasmania Ltd is to consider and act for the welfare of animals within the internationally recognised policy framework known as the five freedoms for animals:

- Freedom from hunger and thirst
- Freedom from discomfort
- Freedom from pain and injury or disease
- Freedom to express normal behaviour
- Freedom from fear and distress

RSPCA Tasmania works to prevent suffering and cruelty to animals and to promote the welfare of animals by:

- Educating the Tasmanian community regarding the humane treatment and management of animals, and increasing public awareness of and support for animal welfare

- Enforcing the existing laws to prevent cruelty to animals
- Influencing the amendment or development of legislation and standards considered necessary for the protection and welfare of animals
- Providing animal rescue and welfare activities

The short-term objectives of RSPCA Tasmania are to:

- Create a fiscally sustainable organisation
- Maintain an 'animals first' focus
- Work with other reputable animal care providers to ensure we can help as many animals as possible across the state
- Ensure our core business upholds our vision and mission

To achieve these objectives, the RSPCA Tasmania has adopted the following strategies:

- Ongoing review and restructure of business operations
- Development and implementation of strong marketing plans for both regular and workplace giving
- Lessening reliance on bequests
- Developing and maintaining a strong budget
- Forming associations with key organisations within animal care and welfare in Tasmania
- Reviewing and renegotiating all contractual relationships

INDEMNIFYING OFFICERS OR AUDITOR

During or since the end of the financial year the company has not given an indemnity or entered into an agreement to indemnify or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums.

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF COMPANY

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

INCORPORATION

The entity is incorporated under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and is a company limited by guarantee. If the entity is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$10 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The lead auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2021 has been received and can be found within the auditor's report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors



Ms A Garrott (Chair)

Dated this 29th day of October 2021

President's Report

If the past year has taught us anything, it is that we must be resilient and adaptable in the face of adversity. We are immensely proud of the tenacity of our staff, volunteers, donors, supporters and our RSPCA Tasmania community. We are grateful for the continued stakeholder support we have received and the commitment so many people have shown to work together with us to improve animal welfare outcomes in the Tasmania, regardless of the challenges and obstacles around us.

We are a trusted voice in advocating for better animal welfare in Tasmania. We welcome answering questions or addressing issues posed by government, media and members of the community who come to us seeking our comment.

In line with our mission and purpose, we seek to achieve high animal welfare outcomes. This includes best practice sheltering for at-risk animals; creating awareness and educating on how to properly care for animals; grassroots early intervention, strong advocacy and enforcing animal welfare law; and of course, matchmaking to find furever after homes.

I am pleased to say that RSPCA Tasmania adheres to high standards of governance. We are a unique animal welfare and rescue organisation who can boast an independent, professional and skilled Board of Directors. I express my thanks - both personally and organisationally - to our volunteer Directors for discharging their governance duties in

such a diligent and committed way, and for actively progressing our efforts towards longer term and continuous sustainability.



We acknowledge the leadership of Jan Davis, our CEO, and thank our dedicated staff and volunteers who so lovingly care for our animals, often in very difficult circumstances.

We also honour with much gratitude those who left us a gift in their Will. We pledge to keep their legacy alive by caring for vulnerable animals in need. Donations and gifts are vital to our sustainability and every dollar contributed goes directly into animal welfare and care.

We would especially like to thank our many stakeholders for being so engaged and for affording us the opportunity to promote best animal practice and standards in such a collaborative way and for your patience and understanding, as we continued to navigate a Covid 'ever-changing' landscape.

In conclusion, while there is always much more to do, we are confident that together we will continue to make a difference and improve the lives of animals. We are excited about the future and all its possibilities.

Alex Garrett
President, RSPCA Tasmania

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
OPERATING REVENUE			
Animal Centre			
Adoption		181,968	185,408
Boarding		26,624	29,959
Other animal centre		32,240	8,948
Inspectorate animals		21,017	80,013
		261,849	304,328
Vet Clinic			
Vet clinic income		7,582	19,791
		7,582	19,791
Pound			
Dog release		1,015	1,023
		1,015	1,023
Inspectorate service			
DPIPWE service contract		550,000	550,000
		550,000	550,000
Marketing & development			
Telemarketing commission		7,489	8,324
Donations		115,525	115,748
Fundraising	16	469,188	470,825
Sponsorships	17	14,699	3,068
Memberships		823	3,381
		607,724	601,346
Grants & subsidies			
Grants	18	142,091	9,818
Government work for the dole project	18	-	1,059
National Subsidies		131,678	169,580
Royalties		-	-
		273,769	180,457
Merchandising			
Sale of goods & services	19	90,509	93,520
		90,509	93,520
Sundry income			
Gain on disposal of assets		12,259	64,854
Other income		6,723	6,542
		18,982	71,396
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		1,811,430	1,821,861
NON-OPERATING REVENUE			
Dividend income		5,247	3,673
Interest		812	1,577
Government COVID support		467,350	221,500
Gain/(loss) on market value of investments		(25,899)	(626)
Legacies & bequests		1,198,963	174,422
		1646473	400,546
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUE		1,646,473	400,546
TOTAL REVENUE		3,457,903	2,222,407
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		(2,475,477)	(2,130,207)
NET CURRENT PERIOD SURPLUS		982,426	92,200
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Revaluation of Property		-	143,354
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		-	143,354
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		982,426	235,554

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

RSPCA Tasmania Limited

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Animal care			
Cleaning		5,464	3,490
Food		800	3,789
Other animal centre expenses		14,222	4,670
Inspectorate animal expenses		1,730	2,464
		<u>22,216</u>	<u>14,413</u>
Veterinary costs			
Veterinary expenses		151,006	70,692
Microchip expenses		10,836	6,374
Consumables & minor equipment		16,708	44,815
		<u>178,550</u>	<u>121,881</u>
Marketing & development			
Fundraising	16	284,358	289,729
		<u>284,358</u>	<u>289,729</u>
Employment expenses			
Employment expenses		1,352,978	1,228,860
Move in annual & long service leave		35,894	(39,084)
Other employment expenses		4,765	3,263
Training and development		11,039	4,045
		<u>1,404,676</u>	<u>1,197,084</u>
Merchandising			
Cost of goods and services	19	85,259	62,767
Corporate services			
Accountancy and audit	3	13,291	12,756
Professional Fees		17,174	12,621
Subscriptions		49,800	49,004
Advertising		1,322	5,908
Bank fees		4,181	3,458
Finance Lease Charges		6,396	280
Communications & call centre		57,930	66,782
Legal & Court Fees		4,229	10,428
Insurance		44,922	58,267
Printing, stationery and computer expenses		76,761	50,676
Meeting expenses		4,246	1,709
OHS measures		-	189
Sundry		188	344
		<u>280,440</u>	<u>272,422</u>
Travel & motor vehicle			
Travel and meeting expenses		3,842	8,161
Motor vehicle expenses		53,718	58,599
		<u>57,560</u>	<u>66,760</u>
Property & utilities			
Rent, rates & charges		12,458	2,442
Repairs & maintenance		17,056	12,903
Security		0	120
Minor equipment		11,724	6,897
Power charges		17,431	11,605
		<u>58,669</u>	<u>33,967</u>
Depreciation			
Depreciation	3	103,749	71,184
		<u>103,749</u>	<u>71,184</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		<u>2,475,477</u>	<u>2,130,207</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

RSPCA Tasmania Limited

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand	4	2,013,649	1,095,590
Financial assets	5	8,876	34,425
Inventories on hand	6	54,639	33,159
Accounts receivable and other debtors	7	15,564	109,592
Other current assets	8	38,870	28,832
Total Current Assets		2,131,598	1,301,598
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	1,026,303	586,956
Total Non-Current Assets		1,026,303	586,956
TOTAL ASSETS		3,157,901	1,888,554
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	10	120,390	103,927
Employee provisions	11	220,251	191,580
Borrowings	12	63,423	163,404
Total Current Liabilities		404,064	458,911
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee provisions	11	10,995	3,772
Borrowings	12	334,545	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities		345,540	3,772
TOTAL LIABILITIES		749,604	462,683
NET ASSETS		2,408,297	1,425,871
EQUITY			
Reserves		143,354	147,760
Retained Surplus	13	2,264,943	1,278,111
TOTAL EQUITY		2,408,297	1,425,871

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

RSPCA Tasmania Limited

Statement of Changes in Equity

As at 30 June 2021

	Retained Earnings	Rescue Equip Reserve	Revaluation of Assets	Total
Balance at 30 June 2019	1,185,911	4,406	-	1,190,317
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Period	92,200	-	-	92,200
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	143,354	143,354
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity	<u>92,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,354</u>	<u>235,554</u>
Balance at 30 June 2020	1,278,111	4,406	143,354	1,425,871
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Period	982,426	-	-	982,426
Other Comprehensive Income	4,406	(4,406)	-	(4,406)
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity	<u>986,832</u>	<u>(4,406)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>978,020</u>
Balance at 30 June 2021	2,264,943	-	143,354	2,408,297

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RSPCA Tasmania Limited

Statement of Cash Flows

For the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers & donors		2,192,559	1,940,217
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,325,340)	(2,374,108)
		(132,781)	(433,891)
Interest received		812	1,577
Bequest income		1,198,963	174,422
Dividend & trust income		5,247	3,673
Grant income & Work for the dole		142,091	198,503
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	14	1,214,332	(55,716)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of property plant & equipment		12,259	64,854
Payments for property plant & equipment		(125,862)	(33,969)
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		(113,603)	30,885
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payment of borrowings		(150,000)	(150,000)
Repayments of lease and asset purchase liabilities		(32,670)	(16,266)
Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities		(182,670)	(166,266)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		918,059	(191,097)
Cash on hand at the beginning of the financial year		1,095,590	1,286,687
CASH AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	4	2,013,649	1,095,590

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

RSPCA Tasmania Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

1 General information

Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), and comply with other requirements of the law.

These financial statements cover Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Tasmania (RSPCA Tasmania) as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. RSPCA Tasmania is a company limited by guarantee. Amounts in these financial statements are presented in Australian dollars unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

RSPCA Tasmania does not have 'public accountability' as defined in AASB 1053 *Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards* and is therefore eligible to apply the 'Tier 2' reporting framework under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements comply with the recognition and measurement requirements of Australian Accounting Standards, the presentation requirements in those standards as modified by AASB 1060 *General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures for For-profit and Not-for-profit Entities* (AASB 1060) and the disclosure requirements in AASB 1060. Accordingly, the financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures.

Changes in accounting policies and changes in estimates

Explanation of the transition to Australian Accounting standards - Simplified Disclosure - Early adoption

The directors have elected under s.334(5) of the *Corporations Act 2001* to apply the following Accounting Standards prior to their mandatory effective date (annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2021):

- AASB 1060 *General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-profit Tier 2 Entities*.

As a result of the early application of these standards, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures.

RSPCA Tasmania Limited previously prepared general purpose financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements. In those financial statements (the 'previous reporting framework') the recognition and measurement requirements of all Australian Accounting Standards were applied. There were no changes to comparative balances as a result of this early adoption.

2 Significant accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

(a) Income Tax

The Company has not adopted the principles of tax-effect accounting as it is exempt from income tax under section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Land and buildings held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes, are stated in the statement of financial position at historic cost, or a revalued amount if the underlying assets have been valued after purchase, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation or impairment losses. Revaluations are performed with sufficient regularity that carrying amounts do not differ materially from those that would be determined using fair values at the end of each reporting period.

Any revaluation increase arising on the revaluation of such land and buildings is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity, to the extent that it reversed a revaluation decrease for the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss, in which case the increase is credited to profit or loss to the extent of the decrease previously expensed. A decrease in the carrying amount arising on the revaluation of such land and buildings is recognised in profit or loss to the extent that it exceeds the balance, if any, held in the properties revaluation reserve relating to a previous revaluation of that asset.

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Depreciation on revalued buildings is recognised in profit or loss. On the subsequent sale or retirement of a revalued property, the attributable revaluation surplus remaining in the properties revaluation reserve is transferred directly to retained earnings. No transfer is made from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings except where an asset is derecognised.

Fixtures and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets (other than freehold land and assets under construction) less their residual values over their useful lives using either diminishing value or straight line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

RSPCA TASMANIA LIMITED

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For the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

2 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of the lease term and the useful life of the underlying asset. If a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the company can exercise a purchase option, the related right-of-use asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of that asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item or property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Buildings and Structural improvements	2.5%
Leasehold improvements	10.0% - 30.0%
Motor vehicles	22.5% - 30.0%
Other equipment	5.0% - 40.0%

(c) Financial instruments

Recognition, initial measurement and derecognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. These are initially measured at fair value, except for trade receivables which are initially measured at the transaction price. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than those at fair value through profit and loss) are deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial acquisition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and all substantial risks and rewards are transferred. A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expires.

(d) Revenue recognition

On receipt of operating grant revenue, donations or bequests RSPCA Tasmania assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, RSPCA Tasmania recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

Revenue from the adoption and boarding of animals is recognised upon provision of the service.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis, taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets. Other revenue items, merchandising, and fundraising are recognised on receipt.

Revenue from sale of goods and services is recognised when the sale takes place. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when RSPCA Tasmania obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to RSPCA Tasmania and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

(e) Short and long term employee benefits

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, and annual leave in the period in which the related service is rendered at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid in exchange for that service. These are measured at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid in exchange for the related service.

Liabilities recognised in respect of other long term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows expected to be made in respect of the services provided by the employees up to the reporting date.

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2 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(f) Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the Company reviews the carrying amount of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss, if any. When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value of the asset less any costs of disposal, and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. Any impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment is treated as a loss on revaluation.

When an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined if no impairment loss was recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

(g) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office is included as part of receivables or payables.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(h) Cash Flows

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and cash held at call with financial institutions.

(i) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

(j) Inventories

Stock on hand is valued at the lower of cost or net replacement cost. Cost is calculated using the most recent purchase price for inventory, using the first in, first out inventory management method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

(k) Leases - RSPCA Tasmania as lessee

RSPCA Tasmania assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease at the inception of the contract. The Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee, except short term leases (those with a lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets. For these leases, the Company recognises lease payments as an operating expense on a straight line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased assets are consumed.

Initially, the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments still to be paid at commencement date. The lease payments are discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Company uses the incremental borrowing rate.

The lease liability is presented as part of borrowings in the statement of financial position. The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability (using the effective interest method) and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

The Company remeasures the lease liability, and makes corresponding adjustments to the related right-of-use assets, whenever the leases change, there is a change in the assessment of exercise of a purchase option, lease payments change due to changes in an index or rate or a lease contract is modified and that modification is not accounted for as a separate lease. There were no such adjustments during the periods presented.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

2 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(k) Leases - RSPCA Tasmania as lessee (continued)

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement day and any initial direct costs. The subsequent measurement of the right-of-use assets is at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset whichever is the shortest.

(l) New and Amended Accounting Policies Adopted by the Entity

RSPCA Tasmania has adopted all new, revised or amending Accounting Standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new, revised or amending Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted, apart from early adoption of AASB 1053 Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards.

(m) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period that remain unpaid at the end of the reporting period. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days or recognition of the liability

(n) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are stated at their amortised cost less impairment losses.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

		2021 \$	2020 \$
3 Operating Result			
EXPENSES			
Depreciation of buildings			
Buildings		-	2,883
Building Improvements		405	4,863
Leasehold Improvements		1,993	1,641
		<u>2,398</u>	<u>9,387</u>
Depreciation of plant and equipment			
Furniture, plant and equipment		33,839	32,287
Motor vehicles		26,054	13,426
		<u>59,893</u>	<u>45,713</u>
Depreciation on right to use asset			
Right to use asset		41,458	16,084
		<u>41,458</u>	<u>16,084</u>
Total Depreciation		<u>103,749</u>	<u>71,184</u>
Auditor's Remuneration			
Audit of the financial report		10,500	10,300
Other		2,791	1,570
		<u>13,291</u>	<u>11,870</u>
4 Cash			
Cash on hand		1,300	1,000
ANZ	State	55,848	21,456
ANZ	State	204,516	72,291
ANZ	State	1,740,601	1,000,337
ANZ	State	10,588	-
Westpac	Marketing	796	506
Total Cash		<u>2,013,649</u>	<u>1,095,590</u>
The above figures agree to cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows.		<u>2,013,649</u>	<u>1,095,590</u>
5 Investments			
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss			
Listed Shares	State	8,876	7,921
Evelyn Estelle Bantick - Hobart		-	26,504
		<u>8,876</u>	<u>34,425</u>
		<u>8,876</u>	<u>34,425</u>
6 Inventory			
Goods for resale		54,639	33,159
		<u>54,639</u>	<u>33,159</u>
7 Receivables			
Other receivables		15,564	109,592
		<u>15,564</u>	<u>109,592</u>
8 Other Assets			
Prepayments		38,488	27,564
Other		382	1,268
		<u>38,870</u>	<u>28,832</u>

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	2021	2020
	\$	\$
9 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Carrying amounts		
LAND AND BUILDINGS		
Land		
At valuation	145,000	145,000
	<u>145,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>
Buildings		
At valuation	220,000	220,000
	<u>220,000</u>	<u>220,000</u>
Building Improvements		
At cost	7,727	-
Less: accumulated depreciation	(405)	-
	<u>7,322</u>	<u>-</u>
Leasehold Improvements		
At cost	22,980	14,721
Less: accumulated depreciation	(3,877)	(243)
	<u>19,103</u>	<u>14,478</u>
Right of use assets		
Leased building	417,234	29,670
Less: accumulated depreciation	(27,874)	(16,085)
	<u>389,360</u>	<u>13,585</u>
Total Land and Buildings	<u>780,785</u>	<u>393,063</u>
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture, plant and equipment		
At cost	384,576	361,507
Less: accumulated depreciation	(236,652)	(208,472)
	<u>147,924</u>	<u>153,035</u>
Motor vehicles		
At cost	378,249	302,560
Less: accumulated depreciation	(280,655)	(261,702)
	<u>97,594</u>	<u>40,858</u>
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>245,518</u>	<u>193,893</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>1,026,303</u>	<u>586,956</u>

Land and Buildings at Spreyton have been revalued based on an appraisal received at 30 June 2020. This valuation has been adopted from 30 June 2020. The directors are of the opinion that this revalued amount is consistent with the fair value of this asset and accordingly no adjustments have been made for depreciation since the date of valuation.

2021 Movement in carrying amount

	Opening balance	Transfers	Additions/ disposals	Depreciation	Revaluation	Closing balance
Land	145,000	-	-	-	-	145,000
Buildings	220,000	-	-	-	-	220,000
Buildings improvements	-	-	7,727	(405)	-	7,322
Leasehold improvements	14,478	-	6,618	(1,993)	-	19,103
Right of use asset	13,585	-	417,233	(41,458)	-	389,360
Furniture, plant & equipment	153,035	-	28,728	(33,839)	-	147,924
Motor vehicles	40,858	-	82,790	(26,054)	-	97,594
	<u>586,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>543,096</u>	<u>(103,749)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,026,303</u>

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	2021	2020
	\$	\$
10 Payables		
Trade creditors	60,842	50,060
Payroll liabilities	49,548	43,867
Sundry creditors and accruals	10,000	10,000
	<u>120,390</u>	<u>103,927</u>
11 Provisions		
CURRENT		
Annual leave	163,074	118,399
Long service leave	57,177	73,181
	<u>220,251</u>	<u>191,580</u>
NON-CURRENT		
Long service leave	10,995	3,772
	<u>231,246</u>	<u>195,352</u>
Aggregate employee entitlements liability	<u>231,246</u>	<u>195,352</u>
Movement in provision for employee entitlements		
Carrying amount at 1 July 2020	195,352	
Additions to provisions	98,435	
Amounts charged against provisions	(62,241)	
Carrying amount at 30 June 2021	<u>231,546</u>	
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES		
Full time equivalent employees at the end of the year	20.5	16
12 Borrowings		
RSPCA Australia Line of Credit - current	-	150,000
Lease Liability - Current	63,423	13,404
	<u>63,423</u>	<u>163,404</u>
Lease Liability - Non-Current	334,545	-
Future minimum lease payments		
The future minimum lease payments arising under RSPCA Tasmania's contracts at the end of the reporting period are as follows:		
Not later than one year	43,557	
Later than one year and not later than five years	340,811	
Later than five years	89,158	
	<u>473,526</u>	
13 Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the financial year	1,278,111	1,185,911
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	982,426	92,200
Transfers from reserves to retained earnings	4,406	-
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year	<u>2,264,943</u>	<u>1,278,111</u>
14 Reconciliation of Net Deficit to Cash Flows from Operations		
Net Surplus	982,426	92,200
Non-cash items included in net surplus		
Depreciation	103,749	71,184
Transfers for Assets and Liabilities (profit) / loss on sale of fixed assets	(12,259)	(64,854)
Derecognition of investments	25,899	-
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	94,028	(82,951)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(21,830)	(6,496)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets	(10,038)	10,331
Increase/(decrease) in payables	16,463	(36,048)
Increase/(decrease) in employee provisions	35,894	(39,082)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	<u>1,214,332</u>	<u>(55,716)</u>

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15 Financial Instruments

RSPCA Tasmania's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable. The Company does not have any derivative instruments at 30 June 2021.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements are as follows:

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	2,013,649	1,095,590
Assets held in trust	5	-	26,504
Receivables	7	15,564	109,592
Investments	5	8,876	7,921
		2,038,089	1,239,607
Financial liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost			
- trade and other payables	10	120,390	103,927
- borrowings	12	397,968	-
		518,358	103,927

Financial risk management policies

The Board of RSPCA Tasmania is responsible, among other issues, for monitoring and managing financial risk exposures of the Company. Discussions on monitoring and managing financial risk exposures are held monthly and minuted by the Board. The Board's overall risk management strategy seeks to ensure that the Company meets its financial targets, whilst minimising potential adverse effects of cash flow shortfalls.

Specific financial risk exposures and management

The main risks the Company is exposed to through its financial instruments are market risk, liquidity risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

- Credit risk - the risk to RSPCA Tasmania if a customer or counter party fails to meet its contractual obligations as they fall due. The carrying amount of financial assets represents RSPCA Tasmania maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to these assets and liabilities.
- Liquidity risk - the risk RSPCA Tasmania will not be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due. RSPCA Tasmania has sufficient cash balances to meet its present financial obligations relating to payables, which are all payable during the 2021 financial year.
- Market risk - the risk that the fair value of future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The primary risk relates to RSPCA Tasmania exposure to interest rate risk and equity price risk.

16 Fundraising

			(Deficit)
2021			
Million Paws Walk	13,767	(3,189)	10,578
Quiz Nights	-	-	-
CupCake Day	8,329	(328)	8,001
Appeals	18,735	(1,792)	16,943
Raffles	400,641	(265,983)	134,658
Guardian Angel	14,423	(1,503)	12,920
Other Fundraising Income	13,293	(11,563)	1,730
Total Fundraising	469,188	(284,358)	184,830
2020			
Million Paws Walk	6,875	(8,328)	(1,453)
Quiz Nights	15,311	(3,982)	11,329
CupCake Day	12,719	(2,706)	10,013
Appeals	35,134	(8,071)	27,063
Raffles	367,823	(251,793)	116,030
Guardian Angel	12,739	(2,511)	10,228
Other Fundraising Income	20,224	(12,338)	7,886
Total Fundraising	470,825	(289,729)	181,096

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	2021	2020
	\$	\$
17 Sponsorships		
Hills Sponsorship	4,699	3,068
Other sponsorship	10,000	-
Total Sponsorships	14,699	3,068
18 Grants		
City of Launceston	-	3,000
Bruce Wall	-	4,545
Mary Kibble	30,000	-
RACT	-	2,273
Work for the dole	-	1,059
TG & JM Matthews Foundation	112,091	-
	142,091	10,877

Work for the dole amounts relate to income received under federal government funding. Funding is expended on specific projects within the organisation. Expenditure that is of a capital nature has been transferred to the balance sheet. All other items are expended within the profit and loss statement.

19 Sale of goods and services		
Sales	90,509	93,520
Cost of sales	(85,259)	(62,767)
Gross profit	5,250	30,753
Gross profit margin	5.80%	32.88%

20 Contingent assets and contingent liabilities

The directors are of the opinion that there are no contingent assets or liabilities that require disclosure in the financial report.

21 Subsequent Events

COVID 19 has impacted the fundraising events held around the state resulting in cancellation or delaying of events. Government support has assisted in the loss of income. Less visitors have been visiting centres but this has not impacted the adoption of animals. While there is expected to be some ongoing impact of this pandemic, it is difficult to quantify what this impact may be.

22 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

Aggregate key management personnel compensation

236,747

225,496

Other related party transactions

There were no other transactions with related parties, including close family members of key management personnel, for the year ended 30 June 2021.

23 Information about the Company

RSPCA Tasmania Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in Australia under the Corporations Act 2001. The registered office and principal place of business of RSPCA Tasmania Limited is:

RSPCA Tasmania
Shop 3, 207A Invermay Road
INVERMAY TAS 7248

24 Members' Guarantee

The company is incorporated under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$10 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity.

Directors Declaration

For the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

For the year ended 30 June 2021

The directors of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Tasmania Limited declare that, in the director's opinion:

The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 1 to 14 are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 and;

- (a) gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Tasmania Limited as at 30 June 2021 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) comply with Australian Accounting Standards

There is reasonable grounds to believe that the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Tasmania Limited will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subs 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013



Alexandra Garrott
Chair



Melanie Richardson
Treasurer

Launceston

Date: 27th September 2021

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION
OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS TASMANIAINDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF RSPCA TASMANIA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**Report on the Financial Report
Opinion**

I have audited the financial report of Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Tasmania (RSPCA Tasmania), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and directors declaration.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report of RSPCA Tasmania has been prepared in accordance with Div 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of RSPCA Tasmania's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosure Requirements and *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report. I am independent of RSPCA Tasmania in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in RSPCA Tasmania's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2021 but does not include the financial report and my auditor's report thereon.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors' of RSPCA Tasmania are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors' are responsible for assessing RSPCA Tasmania'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 directors either intend to liquidate RSPCA Tasmania or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF RSPCA TASMANIA
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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it 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 this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism through the audit. I 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 my 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 RSPCA Tasmania's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on RSPCA Tasmania's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause RSPCA Tasmania 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.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entity or business activities to express an opinion on the financial report. I am responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. I remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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I communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

L K Kimpton
Ruddicks
102 Tamar Street
LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

Signed:



Date: 28 September 2021

A Happy Tail

Little 13 year old Pippa is one of the stories that makes all of us at RSPCA feel that its worth all the blood, sweat and tears that we shed from time to time. She came to us needing an operation on her eye, several teeth removed, and irritated skin and hair loss from flea infestation.

But look at her now.... a little farm dog enjoying her new life! We are so grateful to her new family, as we are to everyone who chooses to come to RSPCA to adopt a pet and give an animal a fresh start at life. Well done Pippa, you've landed on all 4 of your paws!





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