

Annual Report **2016-2017**



Our guiding principles

The Cat Protection Society of NSW has adopted a number of important principles that govern how we work to achieve our goals.

Notably, we are independent. While we value partnerships, our organisation is independent and we seek to speak with our own voice on our own terms, always giving precedence to the aims and objectives of the Cat Protection Society of NSW. We will minimise government grants so that we are not dependent on government, and we will not become a contracted pound service. We will report cruelty but we will not seek to become an enforcement agency under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

We are a no-kill shelter. We achieve this by managing admissions and using a network of foster carers. We will give every cat in our care every chance and assistance to be healthy and adopted. Any decision on euthanasia is made on a case-by-case basis, with veterinary advice, and the authority to make such a decision rests with the CEO or in their absence, their delegate. In the interest of feline community health, we will not knowingly rehome an FIV positive cat.

We deal with domestic cats only, whether stray, abandoned or surrendered owned cats. We do not have the capacity or skills to deal with feral cats. We believe every animal deserves to be treated humanely and with respect for their sentience and dignity.

We do not adopt aggressive fundraising tactics. Our requests for donations and support will be polite and we will not use pressure tactics to solicit donations.

We will manage our operations so that we can continue to meet basic levels of service in the absence of bequest income by ensuring adequate reserves that will give us time to adjust to changed financial circumstances.

We reserve the right to refuse adoption and will not adopt cats and kittens to meet numeric targets but only to suitable loving and responsible homes.

We aim to provide the best quality care and shelter medicine for our cats, using specialist and alternative therapies as needed.

We aim to provide shelter to an optimal number of cats at all times, which will mean at times we will take in cats from pounds and other shelters, and at times we will be unable to accept admissions. The optimal number will vary according to season, the number of kittens and shelter health.

Our focus is on finding homes for cats, helping cats with homes to stay with their people, and improving feline welfare.

Investing in impact



Thank you to all our wonderful supporters – you have contributed to another successful year for Cat Protection; a year in which the lives of thousands of cats have been improved or saved.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity, and the faith of those who remembered Cat Protection in their wills. In 2016-17 we received \$276,349 in donations and fundraising and some \$2.2m in legacy gifts. This result is even more impressive when you consider we abide by a strict no-harassment fundraising policy. Of course, many charities make – and spend – a lot more on fundraising but we are firm in our commitment to good manners.

We are accountable, transparent and professional; we comply with all our legal obligations and our own high ethical standards. We thank you for rewarding that with your trust. You will be pleased to learn that we ended the year with a surplus of \$478,080 and our audit was once again unqualified. Our Perpetual managed funds have performed well (as advised last year, we have c\$2m in a medium-term fund to be drawn on when we find a suitable second property, and approximately \$1m in a long-term investment – our 'Future Fund' – designed to create an income stream for Cat Protection 20 or so years from now. Our term deposits provide the buffer for non-surplus years; these are essential as we continue to be dependent on bequests (which are by nature unpredictable) to meet our operating expenses.

Being responsible for a financially significant charitable enterprise – not to mention feline lives, staff, volunteers and an invaluable history – is an undertaking your Board takes very seriously. That we are volunteers in this role in no way lessens our professionalism; indeed our legal duties are the same as those of corporate directors. We bring a variety of skills to the table – regulatory, financial, policy and strategic – to guide the management team and govern the organisation efficiently and sustainably. We also bring in external expertise, for example, our accountants (Accounting for Good), our auditors and Perpetual who manage our two investment funds.



In August 2016, the Board and management team participated in a risk management workshop led by Craig Greenwood, CRP CCP, a risk and compliance professional who generously gave up his Saturday to share his expert knowledge with us. Mr Greenwood is the Treasurer, GRC Institute, the association for compliance and risk management professionals across Asia Pacific. We have strengthened our risk management framework and continue to regularly review and analyse: risks can also present opportunities.

An example close to our hearts was the outbreak of feline parvovirus (FPV) in Sydney in February 2017. Thanks to a close association with researchers at the University of Sydney (and in particular, Professor Vanessa Barrs who studies FPV) we were alert to the possibility and had already altered our admission protocols from using inactivated vaccines to live vaccines (which are faster acting). However, vaccination cannot prevent the disease in already-infected kittens and cats: key issues were to prevent cross-infection, identify any cases of infection and manage all cats, whether sick or healthy. We temporarily suspended admissions to limit the risk and identify the scope, but we did provide veterinary care, including vaccination, to those cats and kittens on our waiting list. We temporarily suspended adoptions (because despite having had initial vaccinations, kittens were still potentially at risk). And we also supported Professor Barrs' call to all cat owners to vaccinate their cats.

Here was an opportunity, too: to not only protect the health of our shelter, but to protect cats, owned and unowned, elsewhere. Many of our referral network of veterinarians generously agreed to offer



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discounted vaccinations to cats of owners on low incomes and we provided hundreds of referrals. Professor Barrs organised an urgent seminar on FPV at the University of Sydney for people working in shelters, pounds and rescue groups. Cat Protection gave a presentation at the seminar on infection control. All this happened within less than three weeks. And we had no cases of cross-infection.

That opportunity – to immunise more cats against this deadly disease which had all but disappeared for decades thanks to effective vaccination – is still present, and Cat Protection has invested significantly in helping to curb FPV. You will see in our Financial Report that we have an expenditure item of ‘donations: \$75,000’. This was the first payment of a three-year, \$225,000 research grant to the Sydney School of Veterinary Science to advance feline health and welfare, and to combat the threat of feline infectious diseases. FPV research is one of the projects supported. We’ve also provided direct assistance to cat owners, providing free vaccinations at a number of events this year.



Whether it is staggering the maturity dates of term deposits, having regular maintenance and testing of our fire safety systems or responding to a feline health threat with speed and effectiveness, managing risk is ingrained in our policies and processes. So is seeing the opportunities for better lives for cats – you’ll see this year we’ve again invested (\$45,299; \$40,882 in 2015-16) in our welfare program.

Our welfare program comes under the umbrella of The Good Neighbour Project and includes desexing, microchipping and vaccination programs as well as education and information. Good Neighbour is a long-term strategic investment that aims to protect cats, wildlife and social amenity; it is about practical change as well as cultural change. The program was launched in Bathurst and signals our efforts to reach regional centres beyond Sydney.

Thanks to technology, sometimes it doesn’t matter where you are: our CPD-points accredited veterinary education package on early-age desexing is available free online for vets across New South Wales (or indeed, anywhere). The potential welfare benefits of more early-age desexing – fewer homeless kittens, improvements to health and wellbeing of cats – are enormous. This is what we consider to be impact investing, and we thank all the vets who gave so generously to help with this project.

I wish to thank Vice President, Nita Harvey and my fellow directors, Angelika Elliott, Grace Tam, Guy Farrands, Mike Madani, Petra Dobrijevic and former director Sue Schreiner for their hard work, insights and commitment over the year. I also extend on behalf of the Board our appreciation to all the staff and volunteers at Cat Protection, whose efforts in pursuit of our mission are inspiring. Finally, thanks to all the feline friends who enrich our lives.

Kaye Isbister

President



Key feline facts



Sherbie

In 2016, we took a bold step, virtually halving the number of cats accommodated at any one time in our upstairs adoption centre. Research in shelters in the US showed that reducing the total number of cats in a shelter and increasing the accommodation space per cat would lead to improvements in shelter health with no impact on the overall annual intake or number of adoptions.

Unfortunately our space is already quite small (we're still looking for a second facility) and in some areas the accommodation is fixed and unless replaced, can't be made bigger. But most of the units in the adoption centre can be opened up into double units (we already did that for pairs of cats) so, **instead of one cat per unit, we gave almost every cat a double unit.** Naturally this meant we had fewer cats on site each day.

We were nervous: what if it didn't work? Even though this was an evidence-based decision, it still felt scary ... but what happened over the next 12 months was that **our Sydney shelter experience added to the US evidence that fewer cats with more space is good for the cats and good for adoptions.**

In 2016-17 we found **loving forever homes for 902 cats and kittens**, compared with 830 in 2015-16. What began as a trial is now in place as policy.

As well as finding families for homeless felines, we were very pleased to **reunite five lost cats (and one lost rabbit) with their people.** We also **rescued an orphaned juvenile ringtail possum.** She was taken to our wonderful vets at Sydney Animal Hospitals Inner West, where she received immediate care and was then placed with a carer from WIRES.

We **lifetime registered 860 cats.** Every cat or kitten we adopt is microchipped and registered, but not every registration is 'new' as some cats surrendered to us are already registered. In those cases we simply have to process change of ownership.

Desexing is a key strategy to promote feline population welfare as well as individual cat health and wellbeing. In the reporting period **we helped 2,207 cats and kittens in the community with desexing – a nine per cent increase on the previous year** (2,011 cats). Of course, every cat in our shelter is also desexed.

In response to the re-emergence of parvovirus, we established a discount vaccination scheme within our generous network of vets, and **assisted 665 cats to be vaccinated** in addition to providing **free vaccinations to 215 cats:** a total of **880 F3 vaccinations and a great contribution to herd health.**

Helping to keep people and their beloved cats together is an important part of our work. Each year we help **more than 5,000 clients with cat care information**, support and advice. We have a limited budget to assist in helping cats whose humans are in emergency situations. In the reporting period we provided **52 nights of crisis cat care.**



Seabert



Ringtail possum - Photo by Anne Fawcett



Buttercup



Macy

FINDING LOVING AND RESPONSIBLE HOMES FOR CATS ... WHAT EVERY CAT DESERVES

Cat Protection's vision is that every cat has a loving and responsible home. Our mission is to work with the community at all levels for the mutual benefit of cats, people and the natural environment. Finding loving and responsible homes for cats in need is a fundamental part of working to our mission.

The majority of cats and kittens who come to us have never known shelter: they were born and lived on the streets. Kind-hearted people take them in and bring them to us. The little ones and mums and babies are placed in foster care until they're big enough and well enough to be desexed and placed for adoption.

We provide our foster carers with all the food, litter, equipment and veterinary services needed to look after their little charges: the carers provide love, attention, socialisation and closely monitor each cat and kitten's progress. This means regularly weighing them, ensuring they're learning to toilet appropriately, looking out for any signs of illness and keeping us apprised of their development. All foster carers undergo a training session and are provided with an information book to help support their vital work. **We thank veterinarians Dr David Hughes, Dr Rebecca Brady and Dr Anne Fawcett for so generously assisting us in developing our foster care training program.**

The joys of caring and watching little felines flourish are enormous: knowing that they will be adopted into loving homes is a source of great satisfaction. It is also bittersweet; having to say farewell when it is time to bring them back to Cat Protection for the next stage in their journey to a forever home. Although rare, some kittens have genetic or fatal illness or immune systems unable to cope with the burden of disease acquired when they were homeless. It is heartbreaking for everyone when a kitten passes away but most especially for those who nursed, loved and bonded with them. **Our foster carers are not just loving and kind, but courageous and resilient.** They give every cat and kitten in their care dignity and the experience of being loved. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

Some cats come to us having known what it means to have a home: they are surrendered for various reasons including that their owner has passed away or moved permanently into care, financial and housing challenges (**pet-unfriendly accommodation continues to be a cruel barrier to pet ownership and retention**) or personal health reasons. On admission these cats are distressed and confused, and in many cases grieving deeply for the person they loved.

Managing a large and diverse feline population – from young kittens to geriatric cats, from scared and shy to bold and playful – is a challenge. We take a holistic approach: there are medical and infection/disease control issues, as well as behavioural, mental health and wellbeing considerations. **Every cat and kitten is recognised as a unique individual and their care plans reflect this.**

Some policies apply shelter-wide, for example we have **strict hygiene and cleaning protocols** in place. A lack of fresh clean drinking water means gastrointestinal bacterial infection is very common among stray animals (and does also occur in owned pets too). To mitigate risk, **faecal tests are performed for every cat on admission.** While this is expensive, **it ensures the correct and early treatment of infections** such as *Coccidia*, *Giardia*, *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella*. Medication and duration vary – for example, from 48 hours and Baycox for *Coccidia* to six weeks isolation followed by re-testing for *Salmonella*.

With the exception of cats presenting as sick, **all cats are F3 vaccinated** immediately on entry to the shelter or are taken to our vets for vaccination. F3 is effective against feline parvovirus and protective against 'cat flu' (feline herpes virus and feline calicivirus). However, even vaccinated cats can still get cat flu, though usually not severely, and cat flu is very common among all cats.

Most cat flu cases we see are in young kittens with poor immune systems; mild cases often respond to rest and good nutrition, some cases require a course of antibiotics, decongestant and fluid therapy. Some **severe cases of calicivirus have been treated with antibiotics as well as antivirals. Three cats were treated with Interferon**, a medication

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Chaise and Christel



Johnny



MacGyver

still being trialled for this condition. To protect shelter health, all cats/kittens with calicivirus continue to be isolated from healthy cats for eight weeks after they no longer show symptoms as the virus can continue to shed for over a month.

Entry to a new environment that also houses many other cats is very stressful for cats and this **stress causes immune suppression**, making them vulnerable. Therefore, **we employ a combination of infection and disease control measures** (for example, sanitation, cage covers, parasite treatment, separation of sick and healthy cats) and **stress reduction strategies** (such as the use of the synthetic feline pheromone Feliway, cuddle toys, igloo beds, lavender pillows, cat-specific music) as well as **preventatives** such as L-lysine, probiotics and Chinese herbs.

All cats are health-checked by a vet within 24 hours of admission (and cats eight years and older have 'geriatric' blood tests) and **every cat is monitored throughout their stay** with us. Even in the absence of illness, **if they are still in our care after six months, they are vet-checked again. Every cat has an individual health record** that documents everything from diet (exactly how much and what they ate, every morning and every night), water consumption, and toileting (right down to scoring the faeces) to behaviour, personality, and preferences. **In cases of illness or changed behaviours, cats are taken to our vets for clinical diagnosis and prescribed treatment.**

We aim to help as many cats as possible within the capacity of our shelter and our **satellite adoption facilities at Divine Creatures Willoughby and Concord Veterinary Hospital**. When we have vacancies and no clients waiting, we offer to take in cats and kittens from pound facilities. In the reporting period, we accepted **19 adults and 66 kittens from pounds**.

The majority of cats and kittens are healthy and the extent of their veterinary treatment is their desexing surgery.

However, with a high volume of cats, many of whom have been neglected, malnourished or even injured, we deal with a number of cats in need of more extensive care and treatment.

In the year, **66 cats received dentals**: 40 had just scale and polish, and 26 cats had extractions, including 12-year old sisters Christel and Chaise, who had several tooth extractions. They were surrendered when their person became too ill to care for them. **Chaise** was also found to have **a small growth on one eyelid** which was removed and **Christel had bilateral entropion**, a condition in which the eyelid and eyelashes fold inward, causing corneal irritation and ulceration. This was corrected with delicate surgery. Subsequent to the reporting period, these lovely girls found a new home together. We never separate bonded pairs of cats and kittens.

MacGyver was a stray cat who also benefited from a dental and **surgery for entropion**. He too has found his forever home.

Johnny was super-stressed, having lived in a hoarding situation. He was **unaccustomed to being handled, was malnourished and had flu**. He had to have **several teeth removed** (poor nutrition can cause dental problems) and was **treated for calicivirus**. **He was also diagnosed with early-onset renal disease**, so was placed on a special diet to manage this. He was socially rehabilitated in a completely separate area from the adoption centre and over time his health improved, he became inquisitive and affectionate. He was adopted by a very understanding person who is giving Johnny – now Loki – the security and love he needed to flourish. He even has his own Instagram page.

Buttercup came to us via a pound facility with the note 'no eyelids'. The amazing team at Concord Veterinary Hospital identified **she needed double eyelid agenesis; multiple surgeries were performed to create eyelids from lip tissue**. She need two corrective surgeries to rectify ingrown hairs and had to be placed on a special diet for food allergies. Throughout her ordeal this lovely cat remained optimistic and cheerful, spending her recovery time in the home of one of our wonderful foster carers. She continues to shine in her very own loving home.

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Jack



Miu Miu



Larry



Silent Bob and Jay

Our good friends at boarding cattery **Divine Creatures** are a satellite adoption agency for us and also from time to time we draw on their quiet facilities and patient staff to help us with cats who aren't coping in the adoption centre. **Cordelia** was one such cat, a lovely but very shy stray. On this occasion Divine Creatures didn't just rehabilitate Cordelia but one of their staff adopted her!

When other interventions aren't quite enough, **behaviour medication**, typically fluoxetine (Prozac), **can be helpful for cats with anxiety and stress-related conditions**. Usually the stress is induced by being in a multi-cat environment and frequently resolves naturally once the cat has their own home. Despite every effort we make for our cats, we simply aren't the same as a home.

Jack had been secure until his person became ill and Jack found himself in a new place (with other cats!!) to which he responded by developing **urinary crystals**. A special diet and Prozac, plus lots of TLC are keeping Jack healthy and relatively happy while he waits for his new home (with no other cats!). **Jiminy's** background is different but his response and treatment are much the same. **Miu Miu** needed a special diet to prevent urinary crystals but stress is no longer a problem in his forever home. Stress-related toileting issues were successfully treated with medication for **Larry**, who has also found his forever home.

Gingerbread the kitten had a misadventure in foster care that caused his leg to break; unfortunately it was inoperable and he needed an **amputation** but he bounced back and is enjoying life with three strong legs in his forever home.

Ash was incredibly fortunate that **specialist orthopaedic surgery was able to save her leg** which had been broken after she'd been hit by a car. Ash was also malnourished and her person was unable to afford to look after her, so we paid for Ash's surgery, cared for her while she spent weeks in a cast receiving a high-nutrition diet. A delightful little cat, Ash was adopted shortly after she had fully recovered.

Macy was very overweight, had a mild heart murmur and needed dental work including extractions. She also had **increased thyroid levels**. She was placed on a **supervised weight loss program** in foster care, where she lost weight and her thyroid levels returned to normal and won the heart of her foster – now forever – carer.

Missy is a senior cat whose person passed away. Missy was depressed and stressed, suffering **inflammatory bowel disease**, allergy to topical flea treatment and **arthritis**. All these issues are now successfully managed with medication and diet, and she is in a quiet space away from the other cats, awaiting a new person who will give her another chance for love.

Jay and Silent Bob are best friends and brothers who came to us as kittens with their stray mum. They had a number of health challenges including **Coccidia, Giardia, ringworm and chronic flu**. Jay is **deaf** and Silent Bob had a **broken toe** that had to be amputated. **Nothing fazed them except being apart**: all these boys wanted was a home where they could be together. We were sad to wave goodbye to these brave brothers – we'd all bonded with them – but of course we were also overjoyed to see their dream come true.

Douglass the stray kitten required **surgery to remove one eye** which didn't hinder his spirit or finding his forever home. Another stray kitten, **Geordie**, arrived in very poor condition with **flu, fleas, malnutrition and an ulcerated eye**. His eye did not respond to medication so a biopsy was taken which discovered **melanoma**. His eye was removed and after fully recovering in foster care, Geordie found his forever home.

Trinity also had to have **one eye surgically removed** – she and her brother Morpheus were stray kittens suffering three types of gastrointestinal infections plus calicivirus. Medication, surgery and months of foster care later, this beautiful pair are now enjoying life together in a loving home. **Scotty** also has found a loving home, despite a rough start as a **stray kitten with gastrointestinal infections, ringworm and an ulcerated eye that had to be surgically removed**. These cats' stories have happy endings: tragically for many homeless cats, they experience this pain and suffering alone.

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Cola



Bandit



Claude De Bussy



Sheba

It is heartbreaking to contemplate the awful suffering of cats with **parvovirus** which is invariably fatal in kittens and not much better for adult cats. We had nine cases of parvovirus, and sadly five passed away.

Four recovered, including **Cola** who came to us from a pound facility. Although in suboptimal condition, she seemed well enough but then her health dramatically deteriorated in the space of 24 hours. Our vets at **Concord Veterinary Hospital** placed her on a drip but her prognosis was still poor so they decided to try a blood transfusion. **Prince Charming – the clinic cat – came to the rescue and Cola made a full recovery.** She is now a picture of happiness and good health with her loving human family.

We celebrate every cat we save but know there is always more work to be done. Our outreach work vaccinating and desexing cats is vital, as are the efforts of **members of the community who provide the first point of refuge for the strays** who come to our shelter.

Whether it is better diagnosis or increased prevalence, in recent years we have seen more cases of **cats with allergies**. Identifying and managing these is a slow process typically involving **food trials, faecal testing and repeated fungassay tests** (hair loss can be from ringworm or an allergic response). Until we can confirm the problem and identify the solution, we do not put these cats up for adoption. For **Bandit**, the challenge was food and he is enjoying a low-allergen diet in his forever home, likewise for **Milly**.

Poor **Salem** has both food and flea allergies (and recurring herpes virus) but this is all now being managed and he's very happy in his new home. **Betty** was treated for **flu**, had multiple teeth removed and has been prescribed a **low-allergen diet**. This once stray cat is now healthy and enjoying the comforts of her own home.

Seabert's diarrhoea was so severe investigations included **ultrasound** and **X-ray** but eventually food trials identified a diet that resolved the issues and he's content and healthy with his loving family. **Abbie** had **severe lip ulcers** caused by allergies as well as flu, both were treated and she maintains a special diet in her new home. **Winnie** had persistent vomiting caused by allergies, she too has a new special diet and a new special home.

Puffin had an extremely rare allergic reaction to the anaesthetic during desexing surgery, causing **ataxia** (a neurological condition affecting muscle coordination). The symptoms lessened after some weeks and she is independently mobile and happy in her forever home.

Stoic **Stella** came to us suffering **allergies, gastrointestinal infection, ringworm, gingivitis, flu and ingrown hair on her abdomen**. Dental surgery, much veterinary treatment, a low-allergen diet and patient loving care in a foster home saw this little lady recover and find a great home.

Gin Gin is another senior lady; her person had passed away. She needed dental extractions and a scale and polish but her blood tests were good. However, she needs ongoing treatment for **age-related arthritis** and a sensitive stomach diet. After the reporting period this sassy and very vocal tortie found a new home.

Princess arrived as an injured stray cat; X-rays showed she had a fractured pelvis. The team at **SASH** expertly repaired her pelvis and Princess reigns supreme in her forever home. Sadly for **Angel**, who was surrendered with a broken leg, repair surgery was not possible but she is getting along perfectly well on three legs in her new home.

Claude de Bussy and **Esmerelda** both had severe matting of their fur so received majestic lion clips ... and are enjoying the benefits of regular grooming in their new homes.

When a heart murmur was detected in **Sheba**, **SASH** performed an **echocardiogram** which found there were no abnormalities of concern and she is content living in her new home. **Sherbie** had tests and monitoring following a seizure but nothing more than calicivirus and gastrointestinal infection was diagnosed so when she recovered, she was happily adopted.

Soapy was surrendered when his person was too ill to care for him. Our vets found **skin cancer on both ear tips**, which has now been surgically removed. He is continuing to receive behaviour therapy to help him with stress and socialisation issues.

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Princess

As well as malnutrition, calicivirus and gastrointestinal infections, **Bojack** had suffered a past injury which had caused **de-gloving of his tail**. The immediate priority was to nourish Bojack and clear the infections. He was tenderly nursed back to health in foster care and then his tail was amputated at the time of his desexing surgery. This brave boy now enjoys a safe and loving home.

Shy stray **Ed** was successfully treated for **spongy foot** (an inflammatory skin disease). **Squeak**'s unusual gait caused concern; X-rays and specialist investigation found an old fracture was causing her strange walk but was not causing her pain so no treatment was necessary. Ed and Squeak have been adopted.

Five kittens had surgery for umbilical hernias and four male kittens had inguinal testes removed.

Gracie was malnourished and suffering from flu – she spent **a week on a drip**, receiving fluid and antibiotic therapy and fortunately her health improved and she made a full recovery, now living life to the fullest in her new home.



Angel

Poppin and her babies must have been living in an engine as they came to us **covered in oil and grease** ... naturally we cleaned them but were concerned they might have ingested some of the substance prior to being brought to us. This little family was nurtured and monitored in foster care. Fortunately they did not appear to suffer any long-term effects and have all found permanent homes.

Despite the best efforts of our vets to surgically correct an anatomical fault in her urinary tract, **Uma faced a life of continual painful infection and incontinence**, so we made the heartbreaking decision to have her peacefully put to sleep. We also made this decision for **Kiki**, who suffered from a **severe neurological condition**. As we do in all cases where there is a possibility that learnings for other cats may arise from studying these cats' conditions, her earthly body was given to the University of Sydney Veterinary Hospital. We also said goodbye to little **Harry**, who suffered **continual seizures** that did not respond to medication.

On the advice of our vets, for the safety of feline population health we do not knowingly adopt FIV positive cats. Sadly in the year, seven cats tested positive and **we take some solace from their contribution to the research** being undertaken into this terrible disease by **Professor Julia Beatty at the University of Sydney**.

One cat was euthanased due to severe and untreatable mouth cancer. Heart, liver and kidney disease/failure were the reasons for six cats and kittens to be euthanased and one kitten had FIP. **We remember every cat and kitten whose lives we were privileged to be a part of**, even if only for a short time. They were given respect, dignity and love, and did not die alone. **We thank all the foster carers, vets and vet nurses who shared in our efforts for these courageous little souls.**



Bojack



Squeak



Soapy



IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CATS BY EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT SOCIALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE CAT CARE

In December 2016, we launched three major initiatives: **The Good Neighbour Project**; our new website for people who work with cats, www.catcare.org.au; and an **education package for veterinarians** on early-age desexing (EAD).

The (then) Minister for Local Government, **the Hon Paul Toole MP**, Member for Bathurst, launched The Good Neighbour Project for us at the Stewart Street Vet Hospital in Bathurst. Our special guest speaker was animal behaviourist, **Dr Jo Righetti**, and we followed up with an information stand the following day at the **Bathurst Pet Expo**.

Being a responsible cat owner means ensuring the welfare and wellbeing of your cat as well as protecting the local fauna and neighbour amenity. Put simply, it means being a good neighbour.

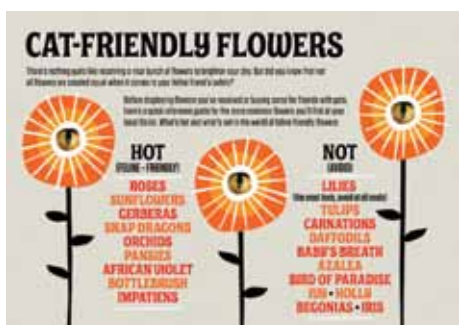
The Good Neighbour Project has been created to help cat owners provide the best possible care for their pets while minimising the impact of cat ownership on the local community, including wildlife.

The Project provides a number of resources including factsheets on how to train your cat to **adapt to curfews**, building **cat-proof enclosures** and how to keep **indoors-only cats happy** and healthy. There is also a **video on the health and welfare benefits of early-age desexing**, and a brochure covering the key factors in being a “good neighbour”.

These are all available on Cat Protection’s website www.catprotection.org.au and copies of the brochure were posted to councils, vet clinics and have been shared with **WIRES** and the **Pet Industry Association of Australia**. Good Neighbour is a long-term project which also includes community campaigns such as discount desexing and **Operation Cat** (discount desexing campaigns run jointly with local councils).

It was very exciting for Cat Protection to extend our reach into a regional area for the first time, and we are grateful to the assistance of **Bathurst Regional Council** (in particular, the wonderful **Margaret Gaal** whose unflinching commitment to animal welfare spans decades) and local vets **Stewart Street Veterinary Hospital**; **Durham Street Veterinary Clinic**; **Claws and Paws Veterinary Clinic**; and **Dr Tom’s Veterinary Practice**. Cat Protection, Council and these vets combined to offer a program of **discounted microchipping and desexing which benefitted 78 cats and kittens**. Partnership with some of the vet clinics is now ongoing as they have agreed to be a part of our referral program.

In March 2017, we held a **Good Neighbour workshop at Bunnings Alexandria** (where the wonderful Nick even demonstrated how to make your own scratch post). Speakers included **Sydney University Professor Vanessa Barrs** on veterinary issues including diet and the importance of EAD and vaccinations; **Kristie Harris, Rescue Office Manager, WIRES**, NSW Wildlife Information Rescue & Education Service, who gave an overview of the diversity of wildlife in Sydney and how we can protect it; **Michelle O’Brien, Companion Animals Liaison Officer, City of Sydney**, who explained the Companion Animals Register and NSW Pet Registry and the importance of identification of pets, particularly in helping to reunite lost pets with their people; and **Nerida Atkin, Cat Protection’s Feline Services Manager**, who discussed environmental enrichment, behavioural issues and how to keep indoor cats happy and healthy. It was here we launched our **Cat-Friendly Flowers** postcard and Bunnings put on a display table of feline-friendly plants.



Jen Maclaughlan and Natalie Kull from the Deaf Society provided Auslan interpretation and we engaged **Anvil Media** to create eight professional videos from the event. These are available (featuring the Auslan interpreters) on our YouTube channel.

Our website, YouTube channel and Facebook page are all important communication vehicles for us – for immediacy, Facebook notifications are invaluable (for example, in warning people of cat food product recalls, or the parvovirus outbreak). The website and YouTube are great sources of information: we have **more than 40 factsheets and a dozen videos on cat care and health**. Our website has an average of **6,000 visits every month**, 60 per cent of whom are new visitors. Our Facebook popularity grew in the reporting year from 18,715 to 20,333 likes.



IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CATS BY EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT SOCIALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE CAT CARE

For members and supporters, **Cat Affairs** continues to meet a balance between the simple joy of seeing cats and kittens in their new homes and the more serious issues affecting cats. In the past year we published an article on 'cat flu' by **Dr Maddie Roberts**; an overview of what **clinical research** means for cats by **Professor Julia Beatty**; **Dr David Hughes** presented a variety of 'lumps and bumps' from the benign to dangerous; **Sydney Animal Hospitals** provided essential information on **paralysis ticks**; and **Dr Anne Fawcett** examined the **pros and cons of consulting "Dr Google"**.

Over the years we've received (and fulfilled) many requests for support and advice from shelters, pounds and rescue groups. We recognise that as an experienced, professional feline-only shelter we have a lot to offer. Thus we decided to create **catcare.org.au**, a **platform from which we can share our expertise**. The site includes a section on desexing, including a professional video on the benefits of EAD; the veterinary education package; and a section on cats in the community, which includes a template to help organisations run their own Good Neighbour event in their community. The shelter health section was launched after the reporting period.

The Cat Protection Society of NSW was one of the first shelters in Australia to introduce EAD more than 20 years ago. Before the introduction of EAD, shelters would release young kittens to homes on the proviso that the new owners would take them to their veterinarian to be desexed. Even with voucher systems, there is a significant rate of failure to desex kittens/cats prior to them having (or fathering) kittens, if at all. EAD ensures that all kittens can be desexed prior to adoption so they cannot contribute to the unwanted and stray cat population.

EAD of kittens is recognised as safe and appropriate, and also as a feline welfare strategy. Reflecting this, the registration age requirement for cats is now four months, compared with six months for dogs, a policy change championed by Cat Protection.

The **vet professional education package on EAD is worth two structured CPD points** (continuing professional development) for registered veterinarians and includes a written guide, **narrated videos of surgery** including midline and flank surgeries for female kittens and castration for male kittens, a video on the health and welfare benefits of EAD and a self-assessment. There is a **supplementary video for vet nurses**.

The EAD package was produced in memory of June Bullock and Mabs Melville, who loved cats, were passionate about feline welfare and whose legacy gifts made the project possible.

Veterinarian Dr Norm Blackman led the development of this project for Cat Protection and **Anvil Media** are the team behind the superb filming.

Grateful thanks also goes to all the generous clinics, vets, vet nurses and other experts who gave their time freely:

Australian Veterinary Association

Dr Robert Johnson

Concord Veterinary Hospital

Dr David Hughes
Dr Fiona McKenzie
May Chin

Sydney Animal Behavioural Service

Dr Kersti Seksel

Crookwell Veterinary Hospital

Dr Rob Churchill
Dr Peter Gibbs
Nicola Milson

Sydney Animal Hospitals – Inner West

Dr Angela Phillips
Dr Anne Fawcett
Jenna Moss-Davis

University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, University of Sydney

Professor Vanessa Barrs





IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CATS BY EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT SOCIALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE CAT CARE

We maintained our regular schedule of education events such as **kitten kindy (eight classes)** and our excellent **Winter Cat Care talks**: seven sessions, including NSW Trustee and Guardian solicitor **Ruth Pollard's** always popular **"who will take care of my cat"** presentation on guardianship, power of attorney and wills; and **"what's normal and what's not"**, another perennial favourite, presented by **Dr David Hughes** of Concord Veterinary Hospital. We also thank **vet nurse Samantha Kelly** and veterinarian **Dr Penny Dobson** for their seminars.

Our school holiday program **Spend time with the cool cats** is a hit with children and parents alike. In the reporting period we held a dozen sessions and helped more than 50 students learn more about feline care and welfare. The sessions are free, ensuring they are widely accessible. We also hosted groups from the **Future Vet Kids Camp** holiday program, a fantastic initiative of **Dr Scott Bainbridge** and **Andra Abolins**, supported with scholarships provided by **PetSure Australia**.



In 2016 our **Open Day** theme was **Careers with Cats** ("think outside the [litter] box") our most popular ever! We were delighted to have so many special guests to chat with our visitors, including **Dr Kim Kendall** from **The Chatswood Cat Palace**; **Dr Penny Dobson** from **Hill's Pet Nutrition**; **Dr Susan de Burgh** from **Bayer**; **Grant Astill** from the **Office of Local Government**; **Dr Rebecca Brady** and **Dr David Hughes** from **Concord Veterinary Hospital**; **artist Suzy King** from **Painted Pets** (who painted, and donated to us, a stunning portrait of one of our cats, **Tiger**, that is on display in our adoption centre – the real **Tiger** found a home); and **Julie Baines** from **Pampurring Cat Sitting**. It was a very successful and inspiring day.

In April 2017, we held a **Feline Research Symposium** which is discussed elsewhere in this report.



We had a busy calendar attending fair days and events, these included the **Camden Pet Fair**; **Willoughby Fauna Fair**; **Royal Easter Show**; **Northcott Pets Day**; **Pet Fest Holroyd**; **two Penrith Microchip Days**; **Cruelty-Free Festival**; **Super Furry Festival**; **Mission Australia Common Ground**; and we also had a presence at the information and enrolment day at **Richmond TAFE, Animal Science**.



We supported the City of Sydney's inaugural **Waterloo-Redfern Pet Day** with an information stall, free microchipping and booking discount desexing. Dozens of locals visited with their cats. We provided **free F3 vaccinations**, which were administered by a wonderful team of vets and vet students led by **Professor Vanessa Barrs**. They also provided free health checks. It was an amazing day that saw **55 cats health-checked, 43 vaccinated, 22 microchipped and 14 booked for Operation Cat desexing** (this is the program where Cat Protection staff transport the clients' cats to and from the vet). While the desexing number appears low compared with the cats who presented, it was in fact only because most residents had already had their cats desexed. These programs are so important to helping people on low incomes keep their cats healthy and safe, and **we applaud City of Sydney for their outstanding work in supporting the bond between people and their pets**.

We also participated with **City of Sydney's All About Cats workshop**; this was run in conjunction with another Operation Cat campaign. Cat Protection gave presentations on **The Good Neighbour Project** and **environmental enrichment** for indoor cats. The event was also supported by **Paddington Cat Hospital**. Cat Protection provided **free F3 vaccinations** for all cats booked in for Operation Cat.



When **Liverpool City Council** held an Open Day at the **Liverpool Animal Shelter**, we took the opportunity to again partner with our friends at the **University of Sydney** to offer free vaccinations and microchipping – we thank **Boehringer Ingelheim** for donating 50 doses of the F3 vaccine; we used all these plus 42 more to meet the enormous demand! **A total of 100 cats and kittens received health checks, 92 were vaccinated, 67 were microchipped and 38 received referrals for discount desexing.**

Cats matter to people

Cats have been companions to people for some 10,000 years, supporting the development of human settlement and agriculture by protecting grain stores from rodents.

The unique bond between human and feline continues to evolve, and now for many of us the humble moggy is a buffer against the stress and strain of modern life, providing companionship, relaxation and purposeful caring.

People who live with feline friends tend to have well-honed communication skills, possibly because they are more attuned to non-verbal cues they have learned to observe in the subtle body language of their cats. Children who grow up with pets are more empathic and have better social skills. Pet ownership is positively associated with social contact and neighbourhood friendliness.

Living with a companion animal provides a bridge to the greater natural world, reminding us how precious all life is and of the importance of looking after all our fellow creatures: human and non-human.



IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CATS BY EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT SOCIALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE CAT CARE

The promotion of desexing is a key strategy in feline welfare. In the reporting period we invested in desexing advertisements in a number of local newspapers including the **Fairfield City Champion; Macarthur Chronicle; Canterbury-Bankstown Express; Parramatta Advertiser; Mt Druitt-St Mary's Standard; Liverpool Leader; Liverpool Champion; Fairfield Advance; Blacktown Advocate and Penrith Press**. We also advertised on radio stations **2GB** and **2CH**.

We continue to advertise (in Arabic) with **El Telegraph** who have been great supporters, providing us with discounted rates, as do our friends at **LOTL**, and **Alt Media**, where we advertise desexing, adoptions and our Op Shop in **City Hub** and **City News**. The wonderful team at Universal Magazines continue to sponsor us through the beautiful family magazine **PETS**.

Three of our lovely kittens featured in a segment on cat personalities on **Channel 9's Today Show**; we discussed stray cats with **James Valentine, ABC 702** and **2SER's Razor's Edge** and we had print media coverage in the **Daily Telegraph** (importance of night time curfews); **Inner West Courier** (Op Shop; feline parvovirus outbreak); **City Hub** (stray cats); **Ciao!** (rescue pets and Op Shop). **Lithgow Mercury** ran a story about our Operation Cat program for Lithgow. (Operation Cat Lithgow was held in June 2017, after the reporting period).

The Good Neighbour Project was covered in the **Western Advocate; Bathurst City Life; Sunday Tasmanian**; and also in radio interviews on **2UE Talking Pets** with **Jo Righetti** and Bathurst radio station **2BS**.

Photo below, from left, Dr Anne-Maree Shearer, Margaret Gaal, The Hon. Paul Toole, MP, and Kristina Vesk



ACTIVELY WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROMOTE AND IMPROVE CAT WELFARE



The **Responsible Pet Ownership Reference Group** provides advice to the NSW Government on strategic cat and dog management issues. Members are appointed by the Minister for Local Government. The **Hon Paul Toole MP** was the Minister until a reshuffle of cabinet in January, after which the **Hon Gabrielle Upton MP** became Minister for Local Government. Chairmanship of the Group also changed, from the **Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC** to **Mr Adam Crouch MP**.

Cat Protection CEO Kristina Vesk continues to serve on the Group which met four times in the reporting period. **The Group provides an invaluable forum** for the development of both government and non-government policy and practice. Cat Protection thanks the Group for their support and assistance in the development of The Good Neighbour Project.

As a registration agent, Cat Protection has also worked closely with the **Office of Local Government** in relation to the work being undertaken to improve the Companion Animal Register and with the launch of the NSW Pet Registry.

We are grateful for the grant of \$15,500 received from the **Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon Niall Blair MLC**, which we apply to our feline welfare work in the community.

We have provided information on supporting the **pet-care needs of people receiving home care** to a North Coast provider of disability and aged care services and supported another North Coast council with a grant application for cat owner education and culture change.

Along with **Vanessa Barrs, Professor of Feline Medicine and Infectious Diseases**, we have been working with staff and volunteers at the **Blacktown City Council Animal Holding Facility** to help them improve infection control procedures, including drafting protocols and providing feedback. We have given **presentations on infection control** at Blacktown and also at a seminar on feline parvovirus organised by Professor Barrs at Sydney University.

We assisted volunteers for **Forbes Pound** with information and advice, as well as donating surplus items to assist with cat care, and some cats even came all the way to Newtown to be rehomed through our adoption centre.

We continue to enjoy relationships with **City of Sydney** (67 cats desexed under Operation Cat); **Fairfield City** (87 cats desexed under Operation Cat); **Liverpool City**; and **Willoughby Councils**. Our Feline Services Manager Nerida Atkin continues to serve on Willoughby's Companion Animals Advisory Committee, and she also keeps in touch with various council companion animal officers through a network called CUPS.

Whenever we have surplus stock that is suitable, we donate to the good people at **Project HoPe** and **Pets in the Park**, organisations that help to support homeless people with pet care.

Our cats have also contributed to research: we assisted a University of Sydney **study on bilby conservation** by providing bedding that cats had used (and so was imbued with their scent). We also assisted a **study into non-lethal rodent prevention** by collecting cat fur as we groomed our cats, and bagging this for the research.

Our partnership with the **University of Sydney** has a long history and grows stronger each year. Whether it is our sponsorship of the Feline Welfare Prize for vet students, our **employment of students of veterinary science**, working in the field helping to vaccinate cats, or participating directly in research studies by providing faecal and blood samples, we strongly value this relationship and all that it means for cats.

We were delighted to host **international visitors**, including **Jesper Nordengaard, VP Global Marketing and Innovation, Hill's Pet Nutrition**; and **Francesca Watson from Cats Protection in the UK**.

During the reporting period, we commenced an investigation into the **barriers to desexing**. This included commissioning **Ipsos** to undertake a **survey on cat ownership** in New South Wales which was released after the reporting period. The survey is available on our catcare.org.au website. Research on that project continues and will inform future strategies to encourage early-age desexing.



Bargain hunters get on trail again



HONOURING THE UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLE AND CATS



Thanks to some exceptionally generous bequests, we found ourselves in the privileged position of being able to make some strategic financial investments: not just to support our day-to-day operations (these constantly demand funds) but something more.

What else could we do that would **create a lasting impact on cats and the people who love them**? It was a natural choice to discuss this with the **feline research team at the University of Sydney**. Would they help us with researching the unique needs of feline shelter medicine in Australia? Did they have other priorities that aligned with our mission and how could we help? In short, yes – they had a number of research projects into feline infectious diseases (affecting owned and homeless cats) and were on a constant search to fund them. And they'd be glad to help us with shelter medicine.

This led to the decision in 2016 to make **a grant of \$225,000 over three years to support research to advance feline health and welfare and to combat the threat of feline infectious diseases.**

Julia Beatty is Professor of Feline Medicine at the University of Sydney. She is a clinical specialist in feline medicine, and a Fellow and past-president of the Feline Chapter of the Australia and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, and a Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons recognised Specialist in Feline Medicine.

Vanessa Barrs is a Professor of Feline Medicine and Infectious Diseases and a registered specialist in feline medicine. She has been Head of Small Animal Medicine since 2004 and was Director of the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital from 2013 to 2017. In 2013, Professor Barrs discovered a novel species of fungus, *Aspergillus felis*, in cats presenting to the Valentine Charlton Cat Centre.

Professor Barrs and Professor Beatty established the Valentine Charlton Cat Centre and manage an infectious diseases lab where they oversee an expanding research team of vets dedicated to the successful treatment and elimination of feline infections.

Our grant is supporting work in the feline infectious diseases lab, including research into **infectious respiratory diseases of cats, including Aspergillosis; feline calicivirus; and feline panleukopaemia virus** (parvovirus).

In April 2017 **we held a Feline Research Symposium so our members and friends could learn more about this amazing team's work**. Some 40 people attended the Saturday morning event held at the Centre for Veterinary Education at the University of Sydney's School of Veterinary Science.

Professor Beatty gave two presentations: "Why do we need clinical research and who does it help?" and "Viruses and vaccinations. Can we vaccinate against cancer?"

Professor Barrs spoke about "Preventing teenage pregnancies" and "Why should I vaccinate my cat? (Feline Panleukopaemia Virus)" and **Dr Joanna Whitney**, Lecturer in Small Animal Medicine talked about "Discovering new diseases and connections between old ones". Presentations were followed by audience questions and there was a panel Q & A session at the end with some interesting topics raised.

Managing infectious diseases matters to all cats but is of particular concern to cats in shelters and pounds, where the issue of population density increases disease risk. Sadly, it remains a fact that many pounds and shelters will simply euthanase rather than treat infectious disease. The cost to feline lives and the ethical cost to those working in such facilities is enormous. We don't accept it should be this way.

Our financial support of research into infectious disease is a material commitment to honouring the unique bond between people and cats, a bond that has a history of some 10,000 years and deserves our respect.



Our values: teamwork and partnership; community engagement; fairness; participation; honesty; knowledge; equality of opportunity; kindness; informed decision-making; respect; and sustainability



As you will see in the current and previous financial reports, we can boast steady expenditure on gas and electricity over the past three years (2015: \$7,796; 2016: \$7,266; 2017: \$7,619). For this we owe a debt of gratitude to **energy specialist Mark Facer, BE (Elec) MEngSc (PV & Solar Energy)** who has pro bono assisted us over many years with making changes to help us become more energy-efficient; monitoring our consumption, and identifying the best energy plans for the unique demands of our operations.

Another partnership we are pleased to highlight this year is the work we have achieved with our new **database system, Salesforce**.

Our cats and kittens are the reason we are here so when designing Salesforce we wanted to ensure they were the stars of the system. Each feline in our care has their own individual record (personalised with a photo) which gives staff a detailed report on their health – from how much (and exactly what) they ate for breakfast to their toileting habits. Any health issues, medications, surgery or behavioural traits are easily captured. We have a complete picture of the journey each cat or kitten has while they are with us plus whatever we know about their life before they came to us, and then with whom they find their forever home.

As well as an innovative and comprehensive feline shelter management tool, Salesforce has helped to reduce our administrative burden. **Information we used to record on paper and then manually enter into spreadsheets is now recorded just once, on computer or tablet.**

The **Salesforce Foundation** made their Non Profit Starter Pack available to us free of charge, and the Salesforce University waived the fees on their Salesforce Certified Administrator Course for our Community Development Officer, Carol Hanna, who has led this project.

Improving feline health and welfare was the primary goal for investing in a CRM. As well as being a day-to-day tool, our Salesforce CRM will, over time, build an **invaluable bank of data, creating enormous research opportunities**. In April, we were pleased to give a first-hand demonstration of our CRM to a number of researchers from the University of Sydney, and to discuss the system's potential to contribute to research on **individual and population feline health and welfare**.

Some of our collaborations are less esoteric but no less important.

In July 2016, we launched our **Craft Club**, which has been a resounding success. Participants gather on a Saturday at our shelter in the lunchroom and knit, crochet, sew, have a cup of tea and share tips and stories.

Our cats enjoy the fruits of their labour: **beautifully hand-made cosy blankets to snuggle into; cuddly toys to curl up with; hammocks to lounge in; cat carrier covers** to reduce the risk of infection. **That every piece is made with love is not lost on our cats** – the blankets make them feel 'at home' and make our cats' units warm and welcoming. The Craft Club's output has been so prolific that a special stall will sell some of their wonderful creations to raise funds for the cats.

Engagement, learning and knowledge go hand-in-hand. We are members of **ISFM (International Society of Feline Medicine)** and benefit from access to journal articles and webinars on feline health and behaviour which we use in staff training and to help us review and develop our policies and practices.

Our Feline Services Manager Nerida Atkin completed her **ISFM Feline Friendly Nursing certification** in the reporting period and commenced an ISFM certificate in feline behaviour. She already has a graduate certificate in animal welfare and is a qualified veterinary nurse.

We are also members of the **Institute of Community Directors, Associations Forum**, and **Animals Australia**. We engage with both the broader not-for-profit sector, for example some of the Board and staff attended the Third Sector Expo: Innovation for a Stronger Community; and animal-specific events, such as the **Voiceless Animal Law Conference** and the **Dr Robert Dixon Memorial Symposium**. Learning – and our commitment to learning – is continuous





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Thank you

We are sincerely grateful to everyone who has helped us and believed in our work.

Whether you have brought us old newspapers to line our kitty litter trays, remembered us in your will, been a donor or a customer, you all make a valued and appreciated contribution to our mission. Thank you.

We remember those who made legacies to help cats and kittens have better lives:

Trevor Browne; Lynette Campbell; Kay Dickson; Jack Gosling; Roma McGlinchey; Kerry McLeod; Barbara Morgadinho; Eric Nowak; Vida Porteus; Anthony Robertson; Elizabeth Ruddock; Lily Alice Smith; Joan Wallace; Judith Watkins.

Your kindness lives on and shines bright in the hearts and homes of the cats we have, with your good grace, served.

We are privileged to have so many **talented professionals** who generously give time to us – you are amazing:

Nick Bezzina, photographer

Kaz Childs, designer, kazchilds.com

Naomi Cole, Naomi Cole Designs

Mark Facer, energy specialist

Ben Fordham, 2GB

Alan Jones AO, 2GB

Darren Kane, Colin W Love & Company Lawyers

Cameron Moss, Ultra Vivid Design

Karress Rhodes, KL Graphics

Robyn Woods-Child, Rocketseed

And the **vets who give up their time to consult, advise and problem-solve** for us:

Professor Vanessa Barrs

Professor Julia Beatty

Dr Rebecca Brady

Dr Anne Fawcett

Dr David Hughes

Professor Richard Malik

Dr Kersti Seksel

Thank you to Bayer and to Hill's Pet Nutrition – our major sponsors. You keep our cats nourished and parasite-free! Thank you to **PETS** magazine for fostering a love and respect for animals in the next generation, and to **Oz-Pet** for providing eco-friendly litter and litter-trays for all our kittens.

Thank you to **Bova Australia** (veterinary medicine compounding) and **Boehringer Ingelheim** for your generosity.

Thank you to **The Travel Authority Group** for their continued sponsorship of a cat unit, and to the **Telstra Store Newtown** for their support over 2016-17.

To everyone who **donated raffle prizes and items for our cattery**, huge purrs: Animalyser; the Athena School; Concord Veterinary Hospital; Dendy Newtown; Gigi's Pizzeria; Louise Keable; Suzy King; Mara Waters; Natalie Assaad; Otto Ristorante; PetSure; Shenanigans Brewing; The Body Shop Macquarie Centre; The Gold Experience; Young Henry's Brewery; Youth off the Streets.

Thanks to all of you who participated in **Team Kitty2Surf** – your 2016 City2Surf efforts raised more than \$8,000 – and to all our donors; you are awesome, generous and make the world a better place.

We hope all our **corporate volunteers** enjoyed spending their time with us as much as we appreciated their efforts: AON Hewitt; Bayer; Deloitte; Deutsche Bank; Google; Lendlease; Paramount Pictures Australia; and The Body Shop – Burwood, Macquarie Centre, QVB and Bondi Junction.

To our **workplace givers** the companies who support staff giving: AMP Services Limited; AMP Foundation; PwC Australia; National Australia Bank; HSBC; Macquarie Bank; Macquarie Group Foundation; Westpac; Sydney Water; Ernst & Young; Deutsche Bank; Suncorp Group; Bank of Queensland; Good2Give.

Thank you to all our volunteers – we wouldn't be here without you.

Whether you're working in our Op Shop, raising foster kittens, helping with the (endless) laundry or assisting with the archives, you are making a world of difference to each and every cat who comes our way.

And finally **thank you to all the incredible vets and vet nurses** in our network of clinics who use their gifts of healing and surgical skills to help feline health and welfare every day of the year. You have our utmost respect and gratitude.

Abbotsbury Veterinary Clinic – Abbotsbury
All Natural Vet Care – Russell Lea
Animal Referral Hospital – Homebush
Bankstown Veterinary Hospital – Bankstown
Belmore Veterinary Hospital – Belmore South
Blacktown Veterinary Hospital – Blacktown
Boundary Road Veterinary Hospital – Peakhurst
Bowenfels Veterinary Clinic – Bowenfels
Campsie Veterinary Hospital – Campsie
Collaroy Veterinary Services – Collaroy
Colyton Veterinary Hospital – St Marys
Companion Animal Practice Menai – Menai
Concord Veterinary Hospital – Concord
Claws and Paws Family Veterinary Hospital – West Bathurst
Croydon Park Veterinary Clinic – Croydon Park
Double Bay Vet Clinic – Double Bay
Dr Tom's Veterinary Practice – Bathurst
Durham Street Veterinary Clinic – West Bathurst
Earlwood Animal Hospital – Earlwood
Five Dock Veterinary Hospital – Five Dock
Glenfield Vet Hospital – Glenfield
Great Western Animal Hospital – Wentworthville

Greystanes Veterinary Clinic – Greystanes
Hartley Vet and Animal Centre – Little Hartley
Hills Animal Hospital – Castle Hill
Leppington Veterinary Hospital – Leppington
Lithgow Veterinary Hospital – Lithgow
Macquarie Animal Hospital – Macquarie Fields
Macquarie Fields Vet Clinic – Macquarie Fields
Marrickville Vet Hospital (AMS) – Marrickville
Maroubra Junction Veterinary Clinic – Maroubra Junction
Moorebank Vet Hospital – Moorebank
Mt Druitt Veterinary Clinic – Mt Druitt
Peakhurst Vet Hospital – Peakhurst
Penshurst Veterinary Clinic – Penshurst
Princes Highway Veterinary Hospital – Kogarah
Rooty Hill Vet Clinic – Rooty Hill
SASH – Ryde
South Penrith Veterinary Clinic – Penrith
Stewart Street Veterinary Hospital – Bathurst
Strathfield Veterinary Clinic – Homebush
Sydney Animal Hospitals Inner West – Stanmore
University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Sydney – Camperdown
Vets at North Rocks – North Rocks



**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MAY 2017**

**THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC
A.B.N. 81 610 951 615**

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Board of Directors submit the financial report of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc for the financial year ended 31 May 2017.

Board of Directors

The names of Directors throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Nita Harvey
Angelika Elliott
Kaye Isbister
Grace Tam
Guy Farrands
Michael Madani – appointed 14 June 2016
Petra Dobrijevic – appointed 5 November 2016
Sue Schreiner – resigned 5 November 2016

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year, consistent with its objects under its constitution, were as follows:

- a) To provide short-term direct care to feline animals that have been lost or mistreated or which are without owners.
- b) To rehabilitate orphaned, sick or injured feline animals that have been lost or mistreated or which are without owners.
- c) To provide care for lost, abandoned and unwanted feline animals.
- d) To provide care for injured feline animals and such animals without an identifiable owner.
- e) To find the original or, in the alternative, new owners for the animals described above.
- f) To provide education regarding socially and environmentally responsible care for feline animals.
- g) To foster, develop, improve and promote issues relating to feline welfare.
- h) To prevent homelessness of feline animals by providing temporary accommodation and care for cats and kittens owned by people who find themselves in crisis situations.
- i) To provide information, goods and services that promote and improve feline welfare, including without limitation the desexing of feline animals.
- j) To promote and encourage either directly or indirectly animal welfare initiatives.
- k) To promote and encourage either directly or indirectly animal health initiatives.
- l) To maintain and administer the Gift Fund, which must be maintained strictly in compliance with all relevant Commonwealth and State laws.

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The surplus after providing for amortisation and depreciation amounted to \$478,080.

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Events Subsequent to the End of the Reporting Period

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.

Future Developments

The association expects to maintain the present status and level of operations, and hence there are no likely developments in the entity's operations.

Indemnification of Officers

During or since the end of the financial year, the association has given an indemnity, or entered into an agreement to indemnify, or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums as follows:

- the association has paid premiums totalling \$3,775.00 (ex. GST) to insure each of the Board Directors against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of a Board Director of the association, other than for conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the association.

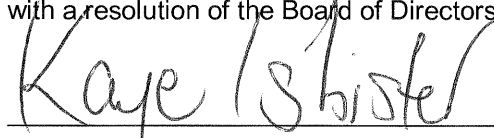
Proceedings on Behalf of the Association

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the association or intervene in any proceedings to which the association is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the association for all or any part of those proceedings.

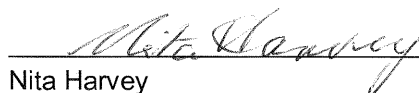
The association was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

President:


Kaye Isbister

Vice President:


Nita Harvey

Dated this 9th day of September 2017

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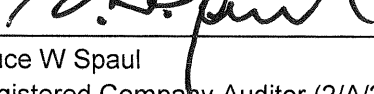
AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 May 2017 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Name of Firm: Munro Spaul
Chartered Accountants

Name of Director: 
Bruce W Spaul
Registered Company Auditor (2/A/2307)

Address: 1st Floor, 33 MacMahon Street HURSTVILLE NSW 2220

Dated this 13th day of September 2017

THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC
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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue		3,506,909	7,390,878
Other income		<u>5</u>	<u>596</u>
		3,506,914	7,391,474
Advertising expenses		(88,612)	(85,186)
Auditor's remuneration		(11,952)	(12,444)
Cattery expenses		(99,606)	(76,419)
Donations / Grants		(75,000)	-
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(85,516)	(48,600)
Employee benefits expenses		(1,499,530)	(1,168,781)
Merchandise		(188,022)	(178,733)
Opportunity shop expenses		(52,038)	(53,083)
Veterinary expenses		(549,526)	(359,896)
Other expenses		<u>(379,032)</u>	<u>(371,984)</u>
Surplus for the year	3	<u>478,080</u>	<u>5,036,348</u>
Other comprehensive income:			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
Net gain on revaluation of land and buildings		-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of financial assets		<u>124,182</u>	<u>(18,113)</u>
Total other comprehensive income for the year		<u>124,182</u>	<u>(18,113)</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u><u>602,262</u></u>	<u><u>5,018,235</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MAY 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	9,693,154	11,477,736
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	49,854	34,883
Inventories	6	39,289	33,093
Other current assets	7	145,462	24,033
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>9,927,759</u>	<u>11,569,745</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets	8	3,199,667	825,612
Property, plant and equipment	9	1,938,883	1,994,389
Investment property		26,782	26,782
Intangible assets	10	73,973	73,360
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>5,239,305</u>	<u>2,920,143</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>15,167,064</u>	<u>14,489,888</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable and Other Payables	11	196,463	117,416
Provisions	12	6,111	25,107
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>202,574</u>	<u>142,523</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	12	35,562	20,700
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>35,562</u>	<u>20,700</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>238,136</u>	<u>163,223</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>14,928,928</u>	<u>14,326,665</u>
EQUITY			
Reserves		1,494,555	1,370,373
Retained surplus	13	13,434,373	12,956,292
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>14,928,928</u>	<u>14,326,665</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017

	Note	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$	Accumulated Surplus \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 June 2015		1,388,486	7,919,944	9,308,430
Other comprehensive income		(18,113)	-	(18,113)
Surplus attributable to members		-	5,036,348	5,036,348
Balance at 31 May 2016		<u>1,370,373</u>	<u>12,956,292</u>	<u>14,326,665</u>
Other comprehensive income		124,182	-	124,182
Surplus attributable to members		-	478,080	478,080
Balance at 31 May 2017		<u>1,494,555</u>	<u>13,434,373</u>	<u>14,928,928</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017

		2017 \$	2016 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		590,145	595,789
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,996,032)	(2,316,032)
Dividends and distributions received		111,296	56,954
Interest received		250,181	218,303
Donations and bequests received		2,494,121	5,674,242
Net cash provided by operating activities	16	<u>449,711</u>	<u>4,229,257</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments		499,385	1,611
Proceeds from property, plant and equipment		5,315	
Payments for investments		(2,706,230)	
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(1,353)	(44,058)
Payments for intangibles		(31,410)	(73,360)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(2,234,293)</u>	<u>(115,807)</u>
Net increase in cash held		(1,784,582)	4,113,450
Cash at beginning of financial year		11,477,736	7,364,286
Cash at end of financial year	4	<u>9,693,155</u>	<u>11,477,736</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of the Board of Directors, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)*.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals 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.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and cessation of all involvement in those goods.

Interest revenue is recognised in respect of fixed-interest securities, and cash and cash equivalent balances. Interest revenue is recognised upon receipt.

Dividend revenue is recognised upon receipt.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Grant income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

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

Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on a first-in first-out basis.

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Property, Plant and Equipment

Classes of property, plant and equipment are measured using the cost or revaluation model as specified below.

Where the cost model is used, the asset is carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. Costs include purchase price, other directly attributable costs and the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and restoring the asset, where applicable.

Land and buildings

Freehold land and buildings are shown at their fair value (being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction), based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to a revaluation reserve in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the statement of profit or loss.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including capitalised leased assets, is depreciated on a straight line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

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

<u>Fixed Asset Class</u>	<u>Depreciation Rate</u>
Buildings	2.5% PC
Plant and Equipment	10 - 20% PC
Motor Vehicles	25% DV
Office Equipment	10 - 40% PC

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.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to the retained surplus.

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Financial Instruments

Initial Recognition and Measurement

Investments held are originally recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at fair value, which is equivalent to their market bid price at reporting date. Movements in fair value are recognised through other comprehensive income.

Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will consider both external and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of that asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is immediately recognised in profit or loss.

Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the association's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The association's obligations for short-term employee benefits are recognised as a part of accounts payable and other payables in the statement of financial position.

Contributions are made by the association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable are recognised initially at the transaction price (i.e. cost) and are subsequently measured at cost less provision for impairment. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

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Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities, which are recoverable from or payable to the ATO, are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

Intangibles

Other intangibles

Software is recorded at cost. It is carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liabilities at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association that remain unpaid.

Accounts payable are recognised at their transaction price. Accounts payable are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms.

Comparative Amounts

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

Where a change in comparatives has also affected the opening retained earnings previously presented in a comparative period, an opening statement of financial position at the earliest date of the comparative period has been presented.

Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

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Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the association is exempt from income tax under Div. 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth)*.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Board of Directors evaluates estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

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	2017 \$	2016 \$
3 Profit for the year		
Surplus before income tax from continuing operations includes the following specific expenses:		
Expenses		
Employee benefits expense:		
contributions to defined contribution superannuation funds	122,767	93,332
Depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and equipment	85,516	48,600
Auditors Remuneration - Fees	11,952	12,444
Revenue and Other Income		
The following significant revenue items are relevant in explaining the financial performance:		
Legacies/Bequests	2,217,772	6,239,406
4 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash in Hand	550	550
Cash at Bank	2,400,044	2,063,139
Interest Bearing Deposits	7,292,560	7,413,408
Perpetual Cash Account	-	2,000,639
	9,693,154	11,477,736
Reconciliation of cash		
Cash and Cash equivalents reported in the cash flow statement are reconciled to the equivalent items in the balance sheet as follows:		
Cash and cash equivalents	9,693,154	11,477,736
	9,693,154	11,477,736
5 Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors		
Current		
Accounts Receivable	592	576
Other Debtors	14,928	16,204
GST on Acquisitions	28,144	11,913
Deposits on Hand	6,190	6,190
	49,854	34,883

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	2017 \$	2016 \$
6 Inventories		
Current		
Stock on Hand - at Cost	39,289	33,093
7 Other Non-Financial Assets		
Current		
Prepayments	145,462	24,033
8 Financial Assets		
Non-Current		
Shares in Listed Companies	-	820,026
Shares in Non-Listed Companies	5,000	5,000
Perpetual Managed Investment Portfolio	3,193,869	-
ANZ Private Portfolio	798	586
	3,199,667	825,612
9 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Land and Buildings		
Land - at fair value	1,000,000	1,000,000
Buildings - at fair value	855,000	877,500
Total Land and Buildings	1,855,000	1,877,500
Plant & Equipment - at Cost	122,655	121,302
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(92,145)	(80,797)
	30,510	40,505
Motor Vehicles - at Cost	38,573	76,167
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(11,473)	(37,824)
	27,100	38,343
Office Equipment - at Cost	110,700	110,700
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(84,427)	(72,659)
	26,273	38,041
Total Plant and Equipment	83,883	116,889
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	1,938,883	1,994,389

Freehold land and buildings located at 103 Enmore Road, Newtown NSW, has been estimated by Sydney Suburban Property Valuations as at 20 June 2015. The revaluation surplus was credited to the asset revaluation reserve in equity.

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	2017	2016			
	\$	\$			
Movements in Carrying Amounts					
Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.					
	Freehold Land and Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Office Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 June 2015	1,900,000	52,280	2,947	43,705	1,998,932
Additions	-	-	38,573	5,485	44,058
Depreciation expense	(22,500)	(11,775)	(3,177)	(11,149)	(48,601)
Balance at 31 May 2016	1,877,500	40,505	38,343	38,041	1,994,389
Additions	-	1,353	-	-	1,353
Disposals	-	-	(2,142)	-	(2,142)
Depreciation expense	(22,500)	(11,348)	(9,101)	(11,768)	(54,717)
Carrying amount at 31 May 2017	1,855,000	30,510	27,100	26,273	1,938,883

10 Intangible Assets

CRM Software - at Cost	99,770	73,360
Less Written Off	(30,011)	-
Website Development Costs	5,000	-
Less Written Off	(786)	-
	-	-
Total	73,973	73,360

11 Accounts Payable and Other Payables
Current

Accounts Payable	76,395	323
Other Payables	19,237	48,062
Business Credit Card	367	1,615
Accrued Expenses	48,211	25,766
GST on Supplies	4,135	3,866
Provision for Annual Leave	48,118	37,784
	196,463	117,416

THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
12 Provisions		
Current		
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	6,111	25,107
Non-Current		
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	35,562	20,700
13 Accumulated Surplus		
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of financial year	12,956,293	7,919,944
Net surplus attributable to the association	478,080	5,036,348
Accumulated surplus at the end of the financial year	13,434,373	12,956,292
14 Capital and Leasing Commitments		
Operating Lease Commitments		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:		
Payable - minimum lease payments		
Not later than 12 months	78,350	64,475
Between 12 months and five years	64,800	35,000
	143,150	99,475

15 Contingent Assets

Estimates of the potential financial effect of contingent assets that may become receivable:

Contingent Assets

Interest in property

During the 2013 year, the association received an interest in a property, as to an estate in remainder. Given the uncertainty surrounding whether the association will receive the asset at this time, we have not sought a valuation on the property for the end of the reporting period.

THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC
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	2017 \$	2016 \$
16 Cash Flow Information		
Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Surplus for the year		
Surplus for the year	478,080	5,036,348
Non-cash flows in surplus		
Depreciation	54,718	48,601
Gains/(losses) on investments	(43,029)	(596)
Amortisation	30,798	-
Shares donated/bequeathed	-	(838,139)
Profit on sale of non current assets	(3,173)	-
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposals of subsidiaries		
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable and other debtors	(14,971)	(7,451)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(6,196)	(216)
(Increase)/decrease in other current assets	(121,429)	8,969
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable and other payables	79,048	(3,713)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(4,134)	(14,547)
	449,711	4,229,257

17 Winding up of Gift Fund and Surplus Assets on winding up or dissolution

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association or if the endorsement of the Association as a Deductible Gift Recipient is revoked, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any funds and property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the Members of the Association but shall be dealt with as follows:

- (a) Subject to clause (b), the funds and property of the Association shall be given or transferred to an institution, fund or authority with similar objects to that of the Association and to which income tax deductible gifts can be made, and whose constitution prohibits the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their Members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Association under clauses 8 and 9 of the constitution, such institution or institutions to be determined by the Members unanimously, and in default thereby the Chief Judge in Equity of the Supreme Court of New South Wales or such other judge of the Court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.
- (b) If the Australian Taxation Office or some other authority with requisite powers directs that the assets of the Gift Fund be transferred to a specific recipient then those assets shall be transferred accordingly.

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	2017 \$	2016 \$
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18 Members' Liabilities

The liability of a member of the association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the association or the costs, charges or expenses of the winding up of the association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the association, or \$5.00, whichever is the lesser.

19 No Distribution of Surplus

No income or property of the association may be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly to any member.

20 Fundraising Activities

The total gross income from fundraising appeals and the Opportunity Shop was in excess of \$100,000 during the financial year. Details showing how the funds were received and applied are as follows:

Income

Opportunity shop sales	131,369	132,920
Fundraising	145,076	1,125
Total fundraising income	<u>276,445</u>	<u>134,045</u>

Expenses

Opportunity Shop – Amenities	411	428
Opportunity Shop – Electricity	1,364	1,531
Opportunity Shop – Rent	41,053	44,621
Opportunity Shop – Repairs & Maintenance	7,946	5,684
Opportunity Shop – Telephone	1,100	632
Opportunity Shop – Water	164	186
Fundraising Expenses	7,512	6,923
Total fundraising expenses	<u>59,550</u>	<u>60,005</u>
Total Surplus from Fundraising Activities	<u>216,895</u>	<u>74,040</u>

21 Association Details

The registered office and principal place of business for the association is:

The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc
103 Enmore Road
Newtown NSW 2042

THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC
A.B.N. 81 610 951 615
STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board of Directors, the financial statements as set out on pages 1 to 18:

1. Present a true and fair view of the financial position of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc as at 31 May 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

In respect of fundraising appeals, we declare that in our opinion:


- a. The accounts give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc with respect to fundraising appeals; and
- b. The balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs with respect to fundraising appeals; and
- c. The provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations under that Act, and the conditions attached to the authority to fundraise have been complied with; and
- d. The internal controls exercised by The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the entity from of its fundraising appeals.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

President:


Kaye Isbister

Vice President:


Nita Harvey

Dated this 9th day of September 2017

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC A.B.N. 81 610 951 615

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 May 2017, profit and loss statement and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc for the year ended 31 May 2017 presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth).

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

We also report that:

- a. The financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year;
- b. The accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW)* and the regulations under that Act;
- c. Money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW)* and the regulations under the Act; and
- d. At the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of 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 our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the code.

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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

We draw attention to note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the association in to meet the requirements of the Association Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and are also appropriate to meet the needs of the members. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the association and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the association. Our opinion is not modified in respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee and those Charged with Governance

The committee of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our 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 auditors' 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 this financial report.

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As part of an audit in accordance with the 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 company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of 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 the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company 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 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 we identify during our audit.


We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

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From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation preclude public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Name of Firm: Munro Spaul
Chartered Accountants

Name of Director: 
Bruce W Spaul
Registered Company Auditor (2/A/2307)

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Dated this 13th day of September 2017

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AUDITOR'S DISCLAIMER

The additional financial data presented on pages 24-27 is in accordance with the books and records of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc ('our client') which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the association for the year ended 31 May 2017. It will be appreciated that our audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of our firm undertakes any responsibility or accepts any liability in any way whatsoever to any person (other than our client) in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein however caused.

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Name of Director:


Bruce W. Spaul

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Dated this 13th day of September 2017

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
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	2017 \$	2016 \$
CASH INCOME		
Donations / Fundraising	276,349	274,100
Government Grants	15,500	15,500
Insurance Recoveries	-	19,817
Interest Received	250,181	218,303
Legacies	2,217,772	5,401,267
Desexing & Microchipping	34,993	38,677
Distributions Received	60,606	-
Dividends Public Companies	50,690	56,954
Realised Gain on Investments	43,023	-
Sales - Cat Adoption Fees	129,406	120,049
Sales - Merchandise	268,308	253,598
Sales - Opportunity Shop	131,369	132,920
Subscriptions	14,041	16,802
Other Income	14,671	4,752
	3,506,909	6,552,739

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	2017 \$	2016 \$
CASH EXPENSES		
Advertising & Promotion	88,612	85,186
Auditors Remuneration - Fees	11,952	12,444
Bank Charges	4,067	4,440
Bookkeeping	34,678	31,660
Cattery Expenses	86,684	76,419
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	31,727	27,063
Community Information	1,892	512
Donations	75,000	-
Electricity & Gas	7,619	7,266
Freight & Cartage	2,566	2,111
Fundraising Expenses	7,512	6,923
Insurance	22,700	20,210
Insurance – Workers Compensation	6,414	10,072
Legal Costs	2,008	16,692
Management Fees (Perpetual)	21,851	-
Merchandise	188,023	178,733
Microchips	3,982	4,932
Motor Vehicle Expenses	2,979	6,697
Office Expenses	47,227	51,516
Opportunity Shop Expenses	52,038	53,083
Permits, Licences & Fees	5,267	2,254
Postage	13,773	11,221
Printing & Stationery	27,627	34,776
Prov'n for Annual Leave	108,614	77,656
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	19,029	8,025
Rates & Taxes	1,537	1,733
Rent	46,985	43,879
Repairs & Maintenance	28,986	39,152
Salaries	1,224,073	958,916
Security	4,126	2,886
Satellite Rehoming	12,922	-
Staff Amenities	2,938	3,288
Staff Training	18,633	20,781
Superannuation	122,767	93,332
Telephone, Fax & Internet	7,148	5,264
Travelling Expenses	1,843	3,197
Volunteer Expenses	2,694	3,429
Veterinary Expenses	549,526	359,896
Welfare Program	45,299	40,882
	<u>2,943,318</u>	<u>2,306,526</u>
Surplus before non-cash items	<u>563,591</u>	<u>4,246,213</u>

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	2017 \$	2016 \$
NON-CASH INCOME		
Donations	-	-
Legacies	-	838,139
Revaluation Non Current Assets	5	596
	<u>5</u>	<u>838,735</u>
NON-CASH EXPENSES		
Amortisation - Intangibles	30,798	
Depreciation	54,718	48,600
	<u>85,516</u>	<u>48,600</u>
Net surplus for the year	<u><u>478,080</u></u>	<u><u>5,036,348</u></u>

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