

Annual Report **2015-2016**



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.



*Clockwise from bottom right: Kaye Isbister; Guy Farrands; Nita Harvey; Angelika Elliott; Kristina Vesk; Michael Madani; Grace Tam; Sue Schreiner
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Creative, kind and making the world a better place

If 2014-15 was a bridge between our past and our future, then 2015-16 has been an exercise in laying foundations on the future side of that bridge while still doing what we do best, finding loving homes for cats and promoting feline welfare.

We have yet again been extraordinarily blessed with generous bequests, this year totalling some \$5.4m plus approximately \$840,000 in shares.

There are some very important points to make here: firstly, other sources of income were reasonably consistent with previous years, meaning this is an extraordinary profit, not a normal surplus: without bequests, we would have suffered a deficit.

Secondly, as we noted in last year's report, the challenge is to find the right balance between expenditure on mission and keeping funds in reserve to ensure a

sustainable future: the need to ensure we are prudent but not conservative.

Finally, as you would expect, the Board has devoted a lot of consideration to the issue of protecting and investing these funds. We reviewed our investment policy, sought external expert advice and proposals from funds managers, and ultimately appointed Perpetual to manage two investments for us, separate from the operating reserves and term deposits we have with Westpac. We have two funds now with Perpetual: a building fund (approximately \$2m) and a future fund (approximately \$1m).

The Future Fund is a very, very long term proposition. All things being equal and there being no need to draw on its funds, its dividends will be reinvested with the aim of the fund to deliver an income stream for Cat Protection in some 20 years' time. It is designed quite literally as

a perpetual fund. The decision made 30 years ago to purchase 103 Enmore Road was wise and forward-looking; equally this is a strategic investment in securing our charity's future.

Many of you will remember that in 2013 we launched a campaign to raise funds for a rehabilitation centre. Our shelter is at capacity and we need more room to provide best practice rehoming and rehabilitation. We've freed up some space by moving some of our people into rented office accommodation but we'd still like to improve our facilities.

Members gave – and continue to give – to the rehabilitation centre fund (if you wish to donate online, we have a dedicated fundraising page: www.givenow.com.au/catprotectionsocietynswrehab) As we advised in last year's annual report, it is still our goal to save for this purpose.



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The Perpetual Building Fund is a short to medium term investment vehicle that, combined with our term deposits and cash reserves, will allow us to move swiftly if needed to purchase a property, but to grow our money if nothing suitable becomes available in the short term. It is very exciting to know that we are many steps closer to realising this particular dream and we thank all of you who have already given this project your support.

The nature of our work – providing shelter and care for cats – means we need bricks and mortar infrastructure. But in the 21st century, we also need digital infrastructure. The tight financial circumstances of the past limited the extent to which we could invest in this. Of course this has now changed and establishing digital programs to help us manage our operations is one of the foundation stones we've now been able to lay for our future.

Just as the financial investment decisions involved research, advice and expressions of interest so did our decision to invest in the Salesforce database system, tailored for us by Morphate. The process – to scope, design and implement the project – has been thorough and long but the dividends will be paid well into the future.

There are the features one would expect of a CRM (client/customer relationship

management program) such as streamlining administrative processes, for example, membership renewals. However for us, the “C” also stands for “cat” ... well, it would, wouldn't it?

At Cat Protection, the Salesforce CRM has been adapted to be an innovative and comprehensive feline shelter management tool. Its potential for research is enormous. Every cat's data – from how much (and exactly what) they ate for breakfast, to their toileting (more detail than some might like to read about), to details of surgery to behavioural traits and coat colour and length – forms a part of their record. From admission to adoption, all the information which we used to record on paper (and which we then manually entered into spreadsheets) will now be recorded just once, onto a tablet, and stored in a database that will provide not just valuable information about individual cats, but also a wealth of information about populations of cats.

Whether about shelter medicine, feline behaviour or characteristics of stray cats, prevalence of disease burden or examining relationships between coat colour and personality, the scope for study using this data will be amazing. We certainly anticipate some interesting collaborations with our good friends at the University of Sydney in the future.

As you may be aware, directors are not paid and while it is a privilege and a pleasure to serve such a deserving and dynamic charity, it is nonetheless a significant impost on time. Business and family commitments saw former President John Holland and director Simon Stevenson resign from the Board after many years of service. We wish them all the best and thank them for their invaluable contributions.

It's been our honour to welcome onto the Board distinguished former magistrate Sue Schreiner; treasury and risk expert, Grace Tam; Guy Farrands, who has more than 30 years' experience in direct and listed property markets; and Michael Madani, an actuarial and data analyst. Nita Harvey, our Vice-President and director Angelika Elliott between them have served for more than 30 years on the Board and their knowledge and experience is unmatched.

On behalf of the Board, congratulations to our CEO Kristina Vesk who was awarded an OAM for service to animal welfare in the 2016 Australia Day honours list, and thank you to all the staff and volunteers who make Cat Protection successful. You are creative, kind and you make the world a better place.

Kaye Isbister
President



Banjo



Squeak

Home sweet home

Following the storm damage to our adoption centre in financial year 2014-15, repairs and insurance were finalised in this financial year 2015-16. As well as the essential ceiling repairs, while the cats were boarding we took the opportunity to replace the 10-year old floor covering and to repaint the walls and window frames. We moved the staff work units out of the adoption centre so the whole space is now dedicated to the cats and potential adopters. Once again we thank our friends at **Sydney Animal Hospitals Inner West** for hosting our cats while the adoption centre was being renovated.

Despite the challenges we succeeded in finding **loving homes for 830 cats and kittens**, a small increase on the previous year (812 cats and kittens) supported by our satellite adoption agencies **Divine Creatures at Willoughby** and **Concord Veterinary Hospital**. Consistent with previous years, about 70 per cent of adoptions were kittens but it was heartwarming that in raw numbers, we rehomed 38 more adult cats in 2015-16 than the previous year. We never separate bonded pairs of cats or kittens and again, as in previous years, some 10 per cent of our adoptions comprised two feline friends.

We assisted with the **desexing of 2011 cats in the community**, an increase of 7.5 per cent on the previous year, and we **reunited six lost cats** with their people.

2015-16 was the first full year Cat Protection had the authority to act as a registration agent and in that time we **lifetime registered 750 cats and kittens** (noting that some cats surrendered to us are already registered; for these cats we are simply changing their owners' details).

Cats and kittens in our care are microchipped to us and then lifetime registered to their new owners on adoption. This means that **every cat and kitten adopted from Cat Protection is desexed, vaccinated, microchipped and registered before they leave our shelter with their new family**.

Registration is a key component of feline welfare. As long as owners keep their contact details up-to-date, it means lost cats can always be reunited with their people. For this reason, Cat Protection does not impose any charge for this service other than payment of the government registration fee itself.

Keeping people and their cats together – **working to prevent the surrender of pets** – is also a very important part of our work. It is impossible for us to count how many cats we have helped to stay with their people but we know that there are many, and that **we support more than 5,000 human clients each year** with information and advice about cat issues, including **help with finding lost cats**. In addition, the information on our website is accessed by thousands of people. Whether we're helping a person with a pet agreement that will convince a new landlord to permit the tenant to keep their cat, or whether we're able to solve an inappropriate behaviour issue with their cat, **every cat who gets to stay with their person is one less cat in a shelter and one more happy home**.

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Through our mission, we work towards our vision, which is that every cat has a loving and responsible home. **Cats in need come from many different circumstances:** owned and loved cats whose people have died or moved into care; cats abandoned when their owners are confronted with economic stress; orphaned kittens; homeless mother cats seeking desperately to ensure the survival of their babies; frightened street cats who have never known the comforts of regular meals and a warm bed; litters of unplanned kittens surrendered or, in the worst case, dumped.

Wherever they came from, they need **individualised veterinary attention, love and a care plan**. All our cats and kittens are assessed by a vet within 24 hours of admission (obviously in the case of an emergency, the cat is taken to the vet immediately).

What happens next depends on the outcome of this veterinary health check: a foster care home will be found for a nursing mum and babies or orphaned kittens; a healthy feline older than 8 weeks and weighing more than 1 kilogram will be desexed and then placed for adoption; **a sick cat will be treated, whatever that entails, as long as the illness is treatable and in the best interests of the cat**; if surgery is indicated, it will be scheduled, and rehabilitation arranged.

Some cats are extremely frightened and will require **weeks or even months of socialisation support**. We develop **structured plans** for them and give them the time they need to feel secure with people; when they are ready, they move into our adoption centre ready to be adopted by the right patient person.

Interventions range from **lavender pillows** and **rescue remedy** drops in the water, **igloo beds** and hiding places, additional use of **Feliway** (we routinely use Feliway diffusers throughout our cat accommodation areas) **soft toys** and **heat pads**, to **prescription medication**. Staff and volunteers also spend time with these cats, talking softly or even reading to them.

As the cats become more confident they might seek greater contact such as pats and cheek rubs; the process can be slow but it is incredibly rewarding, as it was with our dear **Dualia** who came to us as **a very shy mum with her kittens**. After raising her little ones in foster care, Dualia had to have some **dental work** at the vet and then spent several weeks in our isolation unit before moving to the adoption centre. In time, **she became more adventurous**, spending increasing amounts of time outside her own unit until she became so bold that she would walk straight up to her favourite scratch pole or day bed and lay claim to it, unafraid of the other cats and happily accepting pats from staff and volunteers she knew. After the reporting period, Dualia was adopted.

Delilah came to us via another facility where she had been placed on an off-label behaviour medication after being taken from a hoarding situation. She needed a number of teeth extracted and antibiotics for gum disease. Her mental health was definitely not good but we worked with our vets to see what we could do for Delilah without using this very potent drug. To avoid adverse reactions, she was weaned off the medication over a six-week period, while being **supported by non-drug interventions**. Although she remained a shy cat, this is normal within the spectrum of all cats' personalities, and she will doubtless continue to grow in confidence in her loving new home.

Nigella also came from a **hoarding case**, with poor nutrition the underlying reason for all the dental work she needed. She was also very shy but with patience and kindness she learned to trust people and is now much loved in a good home.

Cat Protection does not have powers under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act to investigate and prosecute cruelty cases, including hoarding. However, it should be noted that **many of these situations arise from mental health crises** rather than deliberate acts of cruelty. Where there is suspected cruelty, we will report this to the RSPCA. In situations where there is not deliberate cruelty involved, Cat Protection's help will often be sought by human health and welfare service providers, animal welfare agencies or councils. These situations are delicate and require sensitivity. **Our focus is on getting the cats to safety**, and then rehabilitating them to the best possible state of health and wellbeing.



Dualia



Delilah



Nigella

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Persephone

Persephone was a super-scared stray cat who came to us underweight and in very poor body condition. She was boosted with **B12 injections** and placed in foster care, put on a **high-nutrient diet** for eight weeks with regular weigh-ins before returning to the vet for a further check-up to give her the all-clear for adoption. She now has a loving home.

Lulu's shyness manifested as aggression which non-medication interventions did not resolve so **behavioural medication was trialled and succeeded**. Although she required six-months of intensive care, this former street cat can now boast her very own home.

Arthritis is reasonably common in older cats but cats can hide it well so it pays to be an astute observer of your own cats as they age and ensure they receive regular vet checks. **Arthritis is very painful but also very treatable**, so good care will give your cat many more years of quality living. All our cats eight years and older are given full **geriatric blood tests** and a **senior health check**.



Lulu

Mia was 16 years of age when her person passed away. She required **multiple tooth extractions, treatment for ear mites, and medication and a special diet for osteoarthritis**. Otherwise she was in pretty good health for a geriatric cat. She is a very sweet and gentle soul, and blessed to have been adopted by a family who were actively looking for an elderly cat.

We don't know Sweep's background as she was dumped in a carry basket at our door but she was estimated to be quite young. Unusually for a young cat, she was found to have arthritis, but a **course of injections** over a month plus the j/d Prescription Diet relieved her pain, and she is now healthy and happy in her new home.

Allergies are increasingly common in people and **increasingly diagnosed in pets**. Whether this is simply due to better diagnosis or an actual increase in prevalence we can't say, but we certainly do see a number of cats with **food or chemical sensitivities**, as well as cats with **flea dermatitis**. As in all allergy cases, human and non-human, the path to identifying the allergen is typically a long one, often involving **elimination diets and trial and error**. All cats with suspected food allergies are placed on a six week food trial and cats are not available for adoption until we have their allergies – and a suitable response – worked out.



Tilly

Tilly and Snowy needed special diets to control fur loss and gut issues; **Shibella** needed **Omega-3 supplements** for her skin issues; and **Squeak** has such a bad flea allergy she needs fortnightly flea treatment. **Melba's** food allergies were so bad they caused blood in her stools, and **Torpedo's** food allergy caused skin issues. In each case, working with our vets, we were able to identify the problems as well as a suitable diet to keep the cats healthy.

Little Banjo was allergic to having a broken heart: after being surrendered because of pet-unfriendly accommodation, he developed diarrhoea which was diagnosed as a **stress condition**. Happily the stress is now over, and Banjo is secure and happy in his new home.

Porchie was another victim of pet-unfriendly accommodation rules. Her diarrhoea was a symptom of a much more serious condition, **pancreatitis**. She was treated with medication and put on a weight loss diet to improve her health and reduce the risk of recurrence, and she is now happy in her new home. **Ziggy's chronic diarrhoea** was not resolved by food trials; further investigations showed **thickening of the intestines which was treated with medication** and she is also happy in her new home.



Porchie

Feline obesity carries many risks including diabetes, arthritis, liver disease and skin conditions (because the cats cannot groom themselves properly). One very special cat who came to us in the reporting period was so morbidly obese we had to accommodate her in an **extra-large unit at boarding cattery Divine Creatures**. Under veterinary supervision, **Venus was placed on a special diet and exercise program**, which was carefully (and lovingly) implemented by our great friends at Divine Creatures. We took Venus to the vet for **monthly check-ups and weigh-ins, as well as blood tests** (weight loss in cats must be very gradual as rapid weight loss can cause liver failure). **Getting Venus healthy has taken teamwork and a full 12 months** but, not surprisingly, during this time lovely Venus won the heart of one her carers. After the end of the reporting period, a slimmed-down Venus proudly joined the family of her vet nurse.

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Sparkle



Tinkerbelle and Lilli Pilli



Nubie

Sadly, many people don't realise that **'simple' conditions in cats – such as being overweight, or ungroomed – can cause serious health problems.** Frequently we need to arrange full clips under sedation for long-haired cats admitted to the shelter.

Long hair requires attention: daily brushing, hairball diet to prevent constipation and furballs, and clips as needed, especially around their tail to prevent faeces being caught in the fur. Matting drags on the skin and can cause infection as well as pain; hair that is not easily passed through normal toileting can cause intestinal blockages. Long-haired cats need owners who will groom them daily. Fluffy kittens are all very pretty but there's nothing pretty about a cat with skin sores, matting and pain so bad they don't want people near them.

Many of our new arrivals needed full clips, including **Sparkle, Lilli Pilli, Tinkerbelle, Shaina** (whose condition had caused her to over-groom, which led to problems with constipation which needed to be treated with medication) and **Konoko** (whose condition had caused faecal impaction). Konoko also required **ultrasounds to check her intestines** were not blocked. **Michelangelo** did not need a clip but did need to be treated for constipation and hairballs due to over-grooming of his fluffy coat. These lovely felines now have owners who understand their ongoing needs.

Because we take in up to 1,000 felines every year – and because many of them come from backgrounds of malnourishment and neglect – we are bound to see cases of rare conditions as well as common opportunistic diseases and parasites.

It's not always as sinister as it might seem, fortunately. **Nubie** was a friendly stray with **a scar on his eye.** Veterinary investigations showed this was from an old injury which could no longer be healed, however, he was not in pain, and no further treatment was necessary. He is very happy in his new home, as is **Smuggle**, who needed **a biopsy to analyse a mass in her abdomen.** This turned out to be soft tissue only and as it did not cause pain, no surgery was required.

Missy Bella had experienced some seizures prior to her admission but no abnormalities were detected and she had no further events during her time with us. Her new owners were informed of her history.

As a young kitten in foster care, **Pee Wee** displayed a very odd habit of preferring to urinate into water bowls and even water fountains. Veterinary tests ruled out any medical reason for this, and various interventions were tried without success. A specialist behaviourist was consulted who determined that, given the training interventions and the cat's determination to continue the habit, it would need to be considered as an issue to 'work around' as it was unlikely to be solved. Fortunately an understanding person (with the right kind of easy-to-look-after living environment) adopted this quirky little cat.

Bobby's teeth needed a dental due to tartar build-up but no further veterinary work was needed after X-rays revealed the horn-like growths on his little feet were benign and not causing any discomfort. We were worried that **Jaffa** might have infection of the pads on her feet but the vets ultimately diagnosed **a condition called 'spongy foot' which is caused by stress.** A growth on one foot was removed and the spongy foot was treated; Jaffa is now in a loving home.

Eggnog, Fredo and Kali were all diagnosed with **mild heart murmurs.** Their new people have been advised to ensure their vets **monitor the condition** but at this stage, there is no intervention required and the cats should go on to live long and happy lives. **Kali was found dumped in a box with 11 kittens** – this would cause any mother some heart stress! Thankfully, six of those kittens were big enough to be fostered without her, and she nursed the remaining five in a fantastic foster home where she received the love, nutrition and care she needed to raise her babies and get well herself.

We are always impressed by the strength and determination displayed by stray mother cats. Equally, our foster carers demonstrate a loving commitment to nurturing life. **Foster carers look after hundreds of kittens every year,** helping to socialise them, making them strong and healthy and ready to imbue their new homes with all the joy and laughter only a kitten can bring.

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This involves countless changes of litter trays, endless washing of bedding and bowls and floors, sometimes sleepless nights trying to coax a sickly kitten to feed and occasionally, emergency visits to the vet. **A lot of the time it's playing and cuddling and fun. But sometimes it is simply heartbreaking.**

In the reporting period eight kittens died from no apparent/unknown cause; two from 'fading kitten' syndrome; one passed due to internal abscesses and one due to a herniated abdomen; one died and two were euthanased due to heart defects. One kitten was euthanased due to FIP (which is fatal and untreatable) and three were euthanased due to severe Parvovirus. Biopsies were provided to the **University of Sydney** for research.

Magda came to us with her seven kittens via a vet clinic before going into foster care. She was in very poor condition and was placed on kitten food for extra nourishment however she continued to be in poor health. When her kittens were six weeks old she was put into veterinary care including Vitamin B12 treatment but she continued to vomit and have diarrhoea. **Ultrasounds found unusual kidney formation and Professor Richard Malik was consulted. He found that Magda had late stage, untreatable Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD). The post-mortem showed extremely large cysts on this brave little mother's kidneys.**

Because the disease is heritable, **Professor Malik advised all the kittens be tested.** The **amazing Meredith and her family were fostering these little felines.** They'd had to deal with the loss of Magda but now it seemed all the kittens could suffer the same fate. The stress of the uncertainty can only be imagined. Meanwhile, nothing but love and attention were showered on these kittens.

On the recommendation of Professor Malik, and with his assistance, **tissue samples were sent for genetic testing to a specialist laboratory in the United States. Six of the seven kittens were found to have mild PKD** – this means they will have a shortened lifespan, perhaps about six years, but generally **until the disease develops, they should have a happy and normal life.**

Cat Protection is delighted to say five of the kittens: **Mr Big, Sam, Miranda, Carrie and Harry, found homes with understanding owners who know what to expect.**

The remaining two, **Charlotte and Steve, are still at the adoption centre.** Charlotte strangely enough was the only kitten who seemed to escape PKD (tests so far show her to be free of the disease, though it might still develop later). However, she had been exposed to Parvovirus either in-utero or at birth, causing **neurological damage.** Samples were sent to **Professor Julia Beatty** for her parvo studies.

Charlotte developed a shake when eating and learning to walk, and **she has balance issues but her beloved brother Steve is always there for her.** He is very protective and her constant companion. So while Steve will one day develop PKD, and while Charlotte has a tendency to fall and shake, these two felines love life and will bring much happiness to their new people, just as they did to Meredith and her family.

This story illustrates so much of what makes Cat Protection special: **our kind-hearted vet clinics** who help with our admissions; our **hardworking and compassionate foster carers** who risk heartbreak every time they take on a foster, but do it anyway; and the **world-class feline veterinary specialists and researchers** who so generously give their time and expertise to our cats. And of course, **it reflects the values of our members and supporters,** who agree that **every cat matters,** and that **every cat should be given the best chance possible to fulfil their feline potential.**

Even the saddest of circumstances give us opportunities to learn and to contribute to knowledge, and sometimes even still afford happiness. **We remember Magda as a warrior of a mother who made sure her kittens lived.** We hope that other cats in the future will benefit from research into Parvovirus and PKD. We honour Meredith and her family, and all the adopting families, for their faith and courage.



Eggnog



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Bella

Embodying inspiration also was **darling little Bella**, the street cat who came to us **blind due to severe corneal, iris and whole eye disease** (including eyelids) and who was in extreme pain due to these conditions. In December 2015, Bella had surgery to remove both eyes – and thus remove the cause of the pain. Almost immediately Bella was a happier cat and she flourished in our adoption centre, making **magnificent use of her remaining senses to negotiate space and people** (and cats, of course!)

There are some beautiful videos of Bella playing and getting on with being a cat, her blindness being no impediment to feline fun. We thank **Dr David Hughes and the team at Concord Veterinary Hospital** for ensuring this little girl could enjoy a full and happy life (she even has her own Facebook page).

She-ra arrived as a friendly stray but we noticed that she was drinking and urinating a lot. Tests found she has **a rare but treatable condition called Central Diabetes Insipidus**. This means her brain does not produce the hormone that signals to her kidneys to start concentrating urine and therefore, retain water. This means she has to drink a lot of water and, without treatment, is at risk of urinary tract infections and dehydration.

It is most likely a congenital problem and most likely will be a lifelong condition **but it can be managed with medication** that is a synthetic version of the deficient hormone. The medication is **administered daily via eye drops** and should provide She-ra with relatively normal health and a good prognosis. Her new owners are devoted to caring for her and ensuring she stays in the best of health.

Central Diabetes Insipidus is not related at all to Diabetes Mellitus where insulin is required to control blood glucose levels. There is no link between the two diseases.

Another unusual congenital issue we came across was a kitten who was **missing a foot on one leg**. The vet advised **amputation** of the whole leg once the kitten was old enough. The surgery was successful and **Souxie** is happy living with one of her littermates and her new human family.

One of our foster carers noticed that shy mum **Eleanor** sat oddly. X-rays revealed a **previous untreated injury** which could not be repaired. **Amputation was considered the best option for Eleanor, as it was for Max**, whose underlying problem was genetic but for whom the solution was the same. Our little three-legged friends each found their own happy and loving home.

Poor **Stella** is an optimistic and friendly cat but she had **one of the worst disease burdens we've seen**, with **ringworm, calicivirus, Bordetella, herpes and mycoplasma**. Life as a stray is hard. Fortunately she does not have FIV and she had an amazingly **patient foster carer who nursed her back to health**.

Boris also paid a heavy price for being homeless. Thankfully **Inner City Strays** rescued him and, working with **City of Sydney**, brought him to us for treatment and care. He was diagnosed with an **unusual bacteria growth** in his nasal cavity which was treated along with his **conjunctivitis**. His skin was treated with **antibiotic injections for flea allergies** and he was given B12 injections to help improve his body condition. A food trial for six weeks did not resolve his **diarrhoea** so X-rays and ultrasounds were done. These showed some **thickening and swelling of the intestines and pancreas**, so he was placed on a hypoallergenic diet and Prednisolone, which he was weaned off after four weeks. However the diarrhoea and vomiting started again. Further tests confirmed **Inflammatory Bowel Disease**. When his condition was stabilised, Boris was made available for adoption. **Boris will have to stay on medication and a special diet**, but after so much hardship this nuggetty, personality-plus cat **finally has a home to call his own**.

In a very delicate operation, **Dinah the stray had part of her lip removed and transplanted to her eye to form an eyelid**. This tiny little cat had no eyelid on one eye but was too small for the surgery when she first came to us so she was looked after in foster care, and then returned to her foster care home to recover from the surgery, which was a great success. She now has a permanent home.



She-ra



Boris

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Randy



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Serana

Randy was put under anaesthetic to have an **abscess under his eye** lanced and flushed; he also needed dental extractions and a course of antibiotics. He has a loving new home, as does **Qu**, who was treated for **severe infection in both ears**; **Mumma Grey**, who was treated for **mastitis** and **ear mites**; and **Emma**, who was treated for a **blocked tear duct**.

Jonah needed **extensive dental work** as well as treatment for a **urinary tract infection** and **constipation**. After he had recovered he found a loving home, as did **Indie**, who needed **one eye removed** due to pain caused by a **previous injury and glaucoma**.

Fig has found her forever indoor-only home. She was **treated for sun damage on her nose and ears to prevent it developing into cancer**. She was also treated for **conjunctivitis**.

Two kittens had surgery for **umbilical hernias**, two kittens had **inguinal testes** removed, and one kitten had a **leg amputation** due to injuries present at the time of surrender. In no time, all bounced back to full kitten health and playfulness (and found homes).

Some **50 dentals** were carried out, from **minor scale and polish to major surgeries and multiple extractions**. Poor nutrition contributes to poor dental health and even young cats are affected. **Blizzard** was **only six months old** but needed a full extraction due to **severe stomatitis**. **Demo** needed just **one tooth removed** and was placed on a dental care diet to deal with **gingivitis**. **Freddy** needed a tooth removed because it had not fallen out with the kitten teeth and was digging into his gums causing pain and bleeding. All have happy new homes.

A number of special case cats discussed in last year's annual report were still awaiting homes at the time of publication of that report. All those cats are now happily ensconced with their forever families, with two very sad exceptions.

We said goodbye to Nan, who was found to have untreatable kidney cancer; **and to Sylvester**, who had been treated for feline geriatric dementia and arthritis in foster care and was estimated to be about 20 years of age.

This year we had two cats, **Serana** and **Maddy**, who came to us with **late stage kidney cancer**. One poor stray cat had a hernia so severe all internal organs were misplaced, another was severely compromised in liver function (and so stressed they were self-harming). Euthanasia was the only kind option for these souls.

A kitten came to us with a shattered pelvis, dislocated tail in multiple places, fractured leg and severe bruising. Although we rushed them to the vet, we were advised the **extent of injuries meant the kitten could not be treated**. Another kitten rushed to the vet immediately on admission was put to sleep due to **severe lungworm infestation** and pneumonia. A very sick kitten who was left at our reception was rushed to the vet who identified **severe anaemia due to excessive flea burden**. Despite treatment including sub-cutaneous fluids and heat therapy, the kitten passed away.

We do not routinely test all cats for **FIV** but apply a risk matrix. We utilise a new test (and contributed to **Dr Mark Westman's study** of the same) which helps to distinguish between FIV+ due to vaccination and FIV+ due to actual virus. For reasons of community feline health, we do not knowingly rehome FIV+ cats (but please see our factsheet about FIV to understand more about the issue. Cats with FIV can live long and happy lives.) Sadly, 15 cats and one kitten were euthanased in the reporting period. We ensure these cats are always sent to the University of Sydney to **contribute to research into FIV being conducted by Professor Julia Beatty**.

We noticed an increase in gut issues in the previous year so we now **routinely take faecal samples from all kittens who are admitted before they are put into foster care or placed for adoption**. In the reporting period we managed 32 cases of **Campylobacter**, 20 of **Coccidia**, 17 of **Cryptosporidium**, 14 of **Giardia** and four of **Salmonella**. All were successfully treated. One cat was put to sleep after being hospitalised with haemorrhagic diarrhoea and fever, and found to have a fatal strain of **Salmonella**.



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



Kali

On entry, all cats and kittens are **treated with Baycox** to prevent Coccidia and are washed in an **antifungal shampoo** (Imaverol) to reduce the risk of ringworm. Canesten **antifungal rinse** is used in all our laundry. Cats suspected of having ringworm will have **two fungassays done seven days apart to confirm a diagnosis**. They are treated with oral and topical medications. Ringworm is very common in Sydney thanks to our humid and warm climate, and stray kittens are susceptible due to their immature immune systems. Ringworm is an annoying but treatable fungal disease. **We thank our wonderfully patient foster carers** who invest the time and energy needed to look after kittens with ringworm.

Probiotics, L-lysine and Chinese herbs (formulated for us by **All Natural Vet Care** at Russell Lea) are used to boost immunity. **Feliway** is used throughout our cat-living areas, and all cats have soft bedding, including igloo beds for shy cats. Bedding and soft toys are only changed as needed, to keep the cat's scent in their unit, helping them feel secure. Adopted cats and kittens always take with them **an item of their own bedding to help them settle** in their new homes.

Infection control protocols are strict and include **head-to-toe disposable scrubs** in our quarantine and isolation units. **Steam-cleaning** is employed on cat accommodations and floors. **Equipment is colour-coded** for each area, and cats travelling to the vet have **colour-coded carrier covers** to minimise infection risk.

Environmental enrichment is provided to all our cats and kittens: toys, scratching poles and in-unit cardboard scratch pads, teddy bears, and appropriate bedding.

Importantly, **every feline who comes to us is given love, dignity, care and respect.**



Shaina

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

Many of our education efforts are continuing programs. While we're always looking for ways to improve and expand, we have developed some very successful events and these are scheduled regularly.



Kitten Kindy classes are presented throughout the year, with an obvious focus on the warmer months when adoptions are highest. In the reporting period we held seven kindies. **Every adopter receives a copy of *Your New Cat*** plus any additional information relevant to their cat. This year we published our third edition of *Your New Cat* and created a new factsheet ***Caring for cats with vision impairment***.

Our kids program **Spend time with the cool cats** is always popular, and we ran both morning and afternoon sessions over six Tuesdays in the July, September, January and April school holidays. **These activities are free so they can be enjoyed and available to all children.**

We also partner with the **Future Vet Kids Camp** which offers a rich program of experiences for children interested in animals, appropriate to their age group. We've hosted dozens of future vets, who also took part in the **Kitty Litter-a-ture** program, reading to our cats. Thanks to **PetSure** for sponsoring this program, which saw the children go home with their own copy of ***Feline Friends***.

Cat Affairs is an important source of information for our members and friends, and we are privileged that so many vets freely share their knowledge with us. Articles in this period included: **Skin diseases in cats** by **Dr Maddie Roberts**; **Dementia in cats** by **Dr Anne Fawcett**; a thoughtful consideration of the debate about feral cats by **Dr Andrea Harvey** and dispelling **myths about cats** by **Dr David Hughes**. This followed up on the theme of our **2015 Open Day, "Myths: busted"**. As always, the event was a great success and we welcomed some 100 people to our shelter on the day. Thank you to our guest presenters **Dr David Hughes** and **Dr Penny Dobson**.

In September 2015 we held **free cat seminars** on the topics of **Babies and cats**, **Multi-pet households** presented by **vet nurse Samantha Kelly**; **First aid for cats** presented by vet **Dr Adam Woolf** and how to recognise **What's normal, what's not** by our **Feline Services Manager** and **vet nurse, Nerida Atkin**. One of the more unusual events we have hosted was a **Reiki workshop** presented by **Kathleen Prasad** in our adoption centre. Our cats thoroughly enjoyed this as did many of our volunteers who participated.

City of Sydney organised **All About Cats workshops** with presenters from various community groups including **Inner City Strays** and Cat Protection, and topics ranging from the basics of feline health, to environmental enrichment and the human-feline bond, to regulations and broader issues of feline welfare. The workshops were supported by discount desexing and microchipping.

Fair days and public events included the **Royal Easter Show** (we even won the popularly-voted 'best display' on 23 March!), **Pets Day Out Bankstown**, **Cruelty Free Festival**, **Liverpool Spring Expo**, **Willoughby Fauna Fair**, **Penrith Microchipping Day**, **Sydney Family Show**, **Super Furry Festival**, **Northcott Pet Day**, and the **Holroyd PetFest**.

We invested in a **comprehensive desexing campaign** which included print ads in the **Penrith Press**; **Blacktown Advocate**; **Fairfield Advance**; **Liverpool Leader**; **Mt Druitt-St Mary's Standard**; **Parramatta Advertiser**; **Canterbury-Bankstown Express**; **Macarthur Chronicle**; **Liverpool City Champion**; **Fairfield Champion**; **Inner West Courier**; **City Hub** and **City News** as well as our radio advertisements on **2GB** and **2CH**. Once again we thank **Alan Jones AO** for his generous support.

We also promoted our **discounted desexing services** with **our ad translated into Arabic in *El-Telegraph***, both on-line and in their newspaper. This has been very successful and we are grateful to **El-Telegraph** for their assistance.

In the reporting period **we assisted with desexing 2,011 cats and kittens in the community** (that is **in addition to desexing all our own shelter felines** who were not already desexed, ie some 800 cats and kittens). The impact of this is significant because a single female cat can produce up to 40 kittens a year. **Every cat desexed makes a positive contribution to feline welfare.**





Sun-Herald 13 Dec 2015



ABC 24, 9 Feb 2016
Kristina Vesk and Dr Anne Fawcett



Sydney Morning Herald 9 Feb 2016

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Our wonderful friends at the *Inner West Courier* showcase our lovely 'cats of the week' (and we also had several feature in the *Southern Courier* and *Wentworth Courier*) and our cats also feature in the *Spectator* group of papers in the Eastern Suburbs, and *SX Magazine* and *LOTL*. We ran a brief campaign to promote adoptions on the Fitzy and Wippa breakfast program on **NOVA 96.9**, in addition to our year-long promotions on **2GB** and **2CH**.

Thanks to our sponsors, adoptions at Cat Protection are promoted in every issue of the beautiful and information-rich family magazine **PETS**.

Playwright and actor **Kate Mulvany** was interviewed for the *Sydney Morning Herald's Spectrum* column "My secret Sydney". We were absolutely thrilled that she chose to share her experience of Cat Protection, saying "They take such care of the cats and they really make sure the cats go to the right owners. It's a beautiful place to spend time with a lot of felines that are looking for some love."

News stories quoting/interviewing Cat Protection ran in the *Daily Telegraph*; *Sun-Herald*; *Sydney Morning Herald*; *Huffington Post*; *City Hub & City News*; *Southern Courier*; *Pets4Life*; *Inner West Courier*; *Canterbury-Bankstown Express*; as well as **2SER**; **ABC TV**; **AM program on Radio National** and **ABC local radio**; **ABC 702**; **ABC local radio Adelaide**; **ABC local radio Perth**; **ABC News 24**; **2UE Stuart Bocking program** and **TEN Eyewitness News**.

CEO Kristina Vesk joined the lovely **Susie Elelman** live in the studios at **2GB** for an hour of talkback on **Overnight with Susie Elelman** on two occasions, 31 October and 13 February.

Feline Services Manager Nerida Atkin and one of our cuter-than-cute kittens appeared on **Channel 7's Sunrise** program from our satellite rehoming facility **Divine Creatures, Willoughby**. Weatherman **Sam Mac** was broadcasting every half hour from Divine Creatures, chatting to owner and vet nurse, **Jules dos Santos** with one segment devoted to talking with Nerida about the **benefits of adopting a Cat Protection kitten**.

The two biggest stories in the past year were both about the **importance of early-age desexing (EAD)**. On 6 November 2015, the **University of Sydney** issued a media release about the results of a study on EAD: **Study backs cat welfare expert calls for early-age desexing ...** "The traditional age for desexing is around five to six months, but some females come into heat around four months of age, and hence unwanted pregnancies can occur," Associate Professor Barrs said. "We performed a retrospective study with the Cat Protection Society of NSW, who granted us access to records of cats that had been desexed at an early age during their care. We found no increased risk of complications."

The media release included comments from the **Australian Veterinary Association** and Cat Protection, and quoted the study paper **Effect of age and surgical approach on perioperative wound complication following ovariohysterectomy in shelter-housed cats in Australia** finding that: "There is increasing evidence that early-age desexing is not only safe in the short and long term, but also offers advantages, including reduced surgical time and rapid recovery." The story received nationwide coverage which was great news for cats around Australia.

The paper, by **Madeleine L Roberts, Julia A Beatty, Navneet K Dhand and Vanessa R Barrs**, is published by **JFMS Open Reports** and is available via our website under 'cat care and health' – 'responsible cat ownership'.

A story about the impact of warmer winters on cats' breeding cycles in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 9 February 2016 was picked up by a number of news outlets, including ABC radio's **AM program**, which interviewed **University of Sydney Professor Vanessa Barrs** and **Cat Protection CEO Kristina Vesk** and **ABC 24**, where Kristina joined **veterinarian Dr Anne Fawcett** in the studio to discuss the importance of early-age desexing in Australia.

In the reporting period, work commenced on a **professional education package for vets about early-age desexing**. This is a significant project, made possible with the bequest gifts of **June Bullock** and **Mabs Melville**, and will be launched in 2016-17, along with more exciting education initiatives.

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



Mumma Grey



Stella

Cat Protection CEO Kristina Vesk continues to serve on the **Responsible Pet Ownership Reference Group**, which provides advice to the NSW Government on strategic cat and dog management issues. (The Reference Group was formed following the finalisation of the **Companion Animals Taskforce**, and in response to the Taskforce's recommendation for an ongoing consultative body).

Members are appointed by the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Paul Toole, MP and the Group is chaired by the Hon Bronnie Taylor, MLC. The Group also includes members from the Australian Veterinary Association; Dogs NSW; Pet Industry Association of Australia; RSPCA and local government, providing a broad range of knowledge and experience.

Changes to the Companion Animal Register and the launch of the **new NSW Pet Registry (www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au)** have been major areas of focus in the reporting period.

The **2015-16 State Budget** saw the Government implement one of the Taskforce's recommendations – a **50 per cent discount on the registration fee for a cat or dog adopted from a pound or shelter**. This means a desexed cat adopted from a pound or shelter can be lifetime registered for less than \$30, a very strong incentive for responsible pet ownership.

Cat Protection's local MP is the **Member for Newtown, Jenny Leong**, and we have been pleased to meet with her and her staff to discuss cat welfare issues of concern to us, as well as how we can help local constituents with cat-related problems such as trying to find pet-friendly rentals. We were honoured by the **Community Recognition Statement** Ms Leong made in Parliament on 5 May 2016.

Ms JENNY LEONG (Newtown) (16:23): I draw the attention of this Parliament to the important work carried out by staff and volunteers at the Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc. currently located on Enmore Road, Newtown. The organisation has been desexing and rehoming cats since 1958. It now rehomes around 1,000 cats each year, desexes a further 2,000 to 3,000, and has a no-kill policy, ensuring every cat lives a full and happy life. As well as offering a rehoming service, the society is involved in community education and advocacy for pet friendly policies and better animal welfare laws and regulations. I congratulate chief executive officer Kristina Vesk, feline services manager Nerida Atkins, the team of around 20 dedicated staff and the 150 or so volunteers who foster cats, staff the society shop, or care for the cats in the Enmore Road shelter. I thank the board members – president Kaye Isbister, vice-president Nita Harvey and directors Angelika Elliott, Sue Schreiner, Grace Tam and Guy Farrands, who also volunteer their time to the organisation.

We enjoy strong and long-term relationships with **City of Sydney, Fairfield City and Willoughby City** councils and we are now forging a very positive relationship with **Liverpool City Council**.

We commenced our **discount desexing program Operation Cat** with Liverpool in 2015 on a small scale (10 cats) but look forward to growing this in the future. Last year saw 81 cats in City of Sydney and 71 cats in Fairfield desexed under Operation Cat. We also assisted with finding homes for 14 kittens whose mums were being desexed under this program, as well as seven more felines under a City of Sydney stray cat program.

Our Feline Services Manager, Nerida Atkins, serves on the **Willoughby City Council Companion Animals Advisory Committee** and Cat Protection participates in council's annual Fauna Fair.

HONOURING THE UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLE AND CATS

Cat Protection has long been a champion of pet-friendly policies that allow people to enjoy all the joys and benefits that cat ownership can bring, and allow cats to enjoy all the security, comfort and wellbeing that comes with having a loving home.

We have campaigned strongly over the past several years for better rules to govern pet ownership for people living in rental and strata homes.

We have a lot of helpful information for pet owners on our website www.catprotection.org.au/index.php/renting-and-strata-for-cats, including a **template pet agreement and pet resume**, which was drawn to the attention of listeners on **Wendy Harmer's morning program on ABC 702** during a discussion on renting with pets in February.

The recent changes to legislation for landlords and tenants did not include anything specific to pet ownership. Our efforts here will continue to focus on **education, awareness and individual solutions** such as pet agreements.

Major changes to the **Strata Schemes Management Act** are due to come into force on 30 November 2016. We are absolutely delighted that these changes include **more pet-friendly by-laws for strata homes**. And we will even take a little credit: Cat Protection put this on the agenda of the Companion Animals Taskforce in 2011; and Cat Protection has been strongly engaged with the reform of the Act since consultations began in 2012.

Our submissions were strengthened by the weight of individual members also making submissions in favour of pet-friendly rules.

This is our submission (25 May 2016) to the final stage of the process, the public consultation draft of the **Strata Schemes Management Regulation 2016**.

The facilitation of pet-friendly accommodation will have benefits for communities, humans and companion animals.

The issue of pet-unfriendly accommodation has long been a concern for Cat Protection. As many as 20 per cent of the owned cats surrendered to us each year come from heartbroken families who have been unable to find pet-friendly accommodation. This creates a burden on already over-worked pounds and shelters and can result in healthy animals being put to sleep.

The proposed model by-laws will make a significant contribution to both human and animal welfare by allowing cherished pets to stay with their owners in loving, responsible homes.

Research shows there are significant health benefits for people with pets. People with pets have:

- lower levels of risk factors for cardiovascular disease
- fewer doctor visits
- better psychological health including less depression
- a buffer against grief and stress
- positive association with social contact and perceptions of neighbourhood friendliness (social capital)
- children who grow up with pets have better communication skills and are more empathetic.

Removing the barriers to pet ownership that strata by-laws have historically posed will allow a greater number of individuals and communities to enjoy these benefits.

According to the peak body Strata Community Australia NSW: "Strata is the fastest growing residential segment in New South Wales ... by 2032 more than 3 million people in NSW will live under a strata titles arrangement." The proposed changes will ensure the potential health benefits of pet ownership are available to those people.

Responsible pet ownership need not clash with the demand to be a responsible neighbour or tenant and a prohibition on pet ownership in strata does not guarantee neighbourly behaviour. The proposed changes recognise this.

Cat Protection strongly supports the public consultation draft Strata Schemes Management Regulation 2016 because it will benefit communities, individuals and their pets.

*Some people find themselves as well as their pets homeless. We applaud the work done by **Jewish House** and **Project HoPe**, and **Pets in the Park**, to support people in housing crisis who have cherished pets. We have been honoured to make donations of cat food and veterinary supplies to help their efforts at keeping people and pets together.*



Qu



Jonah

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

Cat Protection's volunteers are the embodiment of our values and a constant source of strength and inspiration, as well the cornerstone of our very existence.



Left to right: Carolina Rodriguez with Kitty; Bridget Berry with Locket; and Garry Moeller
Photo: Nic Bezzina

These fabulous three were the 'face' of Volunteers Week for Cat Protection in 2016 and this beautiful portrait was taken by another amazing volunteer, celebrated photographer Nic Bezzina.

Together, Carolina, Bridget and Garry can boast more than 30 years of volunteer service to Cat Protection.

Every Friday morning sees this awesome trio take over the laundry and wash areas until, by lunchtime, it looks as ordered, clean and tidy as a brand new facility ready and waiting for cats rather than the busy, fully occupied shelter it really is. Then it's time for a coffee, a chat and catching up with all the cats in the adoption centre.

"I can't think of anything more rewarding than helping animals have a better life and volunteering is a great means of doing this. It is work from the heart," says Carolina. "Animals are my first love and passion, and it has been an absolute honour to help and serve the cats at CPS for the past eight years."

Bridget says she was inspired to start volunteering in 2000 because of her love for cats and a desire to give something back to the community. "At the time I was recovering from major neurosurgery and unable to return to paid work but I could do volunteer work."

"I have worked in a few interesting professions but the most rewarding and meaningful work I've ever done has been volunteering with the cats and kittens in the CPS adoption centre. I love cats because they are such wonderful companions, each with their own unique personality and quirks. I say this as I kiss my darling CPS kitty, Jessie, on the top of her head as she sits on the desk helping me type!"

Garry shares his home with two cats from Cat Protection. He says that they "run me ragged with their demands for food and attention. Only begrudgingly do they accept my Friday volunteering at CPS - and only on the condition that I come home and make up for my absence!"

"I was first introduced to CPS during one of the Open Days a few years before I retired. I was very impressed with the facilities, and the devotion and love shown to the cats awaiting their forever homes, and I said to my partner that this would be an ideal place to volunteer once I retired. Volunteering at CPS (and other places) means I get to meet and work alongside other dedicated and like-minded friends. It provides a rare opportunity to do what you love which makes it enjoyable, and to feel that you are giving something back to a worthwhile cause close to your heart."

In a sentiment likely shared by all our volunteers (and staff) Carolina says that: "Volunteering at CPS has been great: I've made many friends, humans and cats."



Shibella



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Karen and Wendy



Wendy Allan and Karen Vaughan work the Tuesday afternoon shift in the cattery. Wendy has been volunteering for more than seven years and Karen for the past year. Although they both follow Cat Protection on Facebook to keep an eye on who finds a home, their shift always begins with a quick recap of adoption news and a celebration: “Yay” for the kitties who found their forever homes.

“When they find a home, it’s the best feeling,” says Wendy, and Karen agrees: “Sometimes people say to me ‘don’t you get sad volunteering there?’ but I say, in fact it’s the opposite: it’s one of the happiest places to be!”

Karen and Wendy also agree that while they’re happy to get stuck into cleaning the litter trays, nothing matches the joy of spending time with the cats. “I love meeting the cats and the people and helping whichever way I can to make the cats as comfortable as possible,” says Karen. “I have a soft spot for the older cats,” says Wendy, but “every cat warms my heart.”

Cat Protection is supported by some 150 volunteers including our Board, foster carers, cattery volunteers, Op Shop volunteers and pro bono service providers.

Once a year we celebrate **National Volunteers Week** with posters, displays, Facebook promotions and most fun of all, a party to celebrate. But it is **every single day that we are grateful for the generous service of our kind-hearted volunteers.**

“For me, volunteering at Cat Protection means working with a fantastic team of like-minded humans. Our combined effort allows us to contribute to the great cause – helping our feline friends.” Cam

“I love knowing that I’m helping the cats, supporting a safe environment for them and I enjoy the sense of community and interaction with the customers at the Op Shop.” Louise

“Some reasons I like volunteering are talking with the locals and hearing stories about their cats; learning how to make a window display attractive and eye-catching; meeting other volunteers; and knowing my time is spent helping to raise money for the Society.” Christine

“For me, volunteering at CPS is all about me! I get so much from being with these adorable helpless creatures, some of whom have suffered at the hands of people. The cats give back to me more than I could ever give them. The other thing I have gained from volunteering at CPS is the contact with the gorgeous people who work there. I am so impressed with the way they deal with the public, volunteers and of course, the cats. I have renewed faith in ‘the youth of today’! I can’t speak highly enough of all the staff I’ve met. Volunteering at CPS has been the best thing I’ve done in years.” Gen

“Volunteering at Cat Protection means that I contribute in a small way to helping rehome cats in need, and I love cats.” Rita



Thank you

Cat Protection would not be here today were it not for the kind men and women who have remembered us in their wills.

It has been gifts in wills (legacies, bequests) that have enabled Cat Protection to purchase our shelter and to put savings in the bank so we can continue to be here caring for cats into the future. It is gifts in wills that allow us to continue operating each year, funding essential veterinary and shelter services.

In our daily work caring for cats, we honour the lives of those who gave these precious gifts. Their faith and generosity sees wounds healed, second chances made real, and joy flourish.

Those who gave inspire and humble us.

This year we remember:

Gwendolyn Muriel Allis; Winifred Maud Beckett; June Rose Bullock; Decie Cullen; Mary Josephine Curteis; Anna Maria Czerneta; Louisa (Ina) Drum; Mary Elizabeth Louise Eichner; Barbara Claire Fitzgerald; George Edward Foster; Barbara Mar; Mabs Melville; Audrey Morley-Jones; Georgina (Gina) Pioro; Daina Silins; Jean Margaret Simpson; Amanda Jane Vachalec; and Barbara West.

We pay our respects to a beautiful young woman, the late Grace Johnston. Her family and friends donated to Cat Protection in recognition of Grace's great love for animals, particularly cats. We are proud to be a part of Grace's enduring legacy.

All our cats and kittens purr praise to those who have given them the gift of health, happiness and a family to call their own. This includes our donors, members, volunteers, pro bono service providers, sponsors and fundraisers.

This year we received a \$10,000 donation which came all the way from a Parisian woman, Madam Yu, who heard about our work from a friend who lives in Sydney's inner west. That was quite an honour and certainly a surprise.

We are constantly in awe of the generosity of our supporters and you may be assured that your contributions are used wisely. Every donation has an impact. A one dollar coin dropped in our donation box will pay for the stamp to post a factsheet to a person who doesn't have internet access. A thousand dollar donation can pay for life-saving surgery for an injured stray cat. **Every donation makes a difference.**

Donated goods and services means we don't have to outlay cash for those things. We thank (in no particular order, because they're all important) the following businesses and individuals for their generosity:

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Rocketseed Australia created the template and hosts Cat Protection's email banners. Naomi Cole designs our campaign banners. These eye-catching designs help to promote special events such as our Christmas fundraising or the Mother's Day raffle, as well as providing a visually appealing link from our emails to our website throughout the year. Thank you so much to Robyn and her team, and to Naomi Cole Designs.



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On 29 August 2015 The Quarryman's Hotel at Pyrmont turned two, and to celebrate they put on a great party raising funds for Cat Protection. Quarryman's has a very special resident, Hopsy the rescue cat. "In Hopsy We Trust" T-shirts were very popular on the night, as was the special 'Felix' brew created by Young Henry's. A hugely fun event for a great cause.



A very special thank you to our new corporate partners, The Travel Authority Group, who have sponsored a cat apartment in our adoption centre since July 2015; and the Telstra Store Newtown, who came on board as a community partner in May 2016.

Thank you to our workplace giving companies:

AMP Services Limited; AMP Foundation; Bank of Queensland; CAF Australia; Department of Defence; Deutsche Bank AG; Ernst & Young; Good2Give; HSBC; Macquarie Bank; Macquarie Group Foundation; National Australia Bank Limited; PwC Australia; Salesforce Foundation (via Charities Aid Foundation UK); Suncorp Group; Sydney Water; Westpac; and corporate volunteers, Deloitte Australia.

And of course, thank you to our major sponsors: Hill's Pet Nutrition; Bayer Animal Health; and PETS Magazine.



Thank you

Our wonderful vets

Thank you to all our wonderful vet partners for supporting our cats and kittens; our foster care program; our discount desexing program; and our education initiatives. Your knowledge, skills and generosity are valued more than words can say. To all the vets, vet nurses and practice managers: purrs and thanks ♥

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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 2016.

Board of Directors

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

Nita Harvey
Angelika Elliott
Sue Schreiner – appointed 6 July 2015
Kaye Isbister – appointed 12 September 2015
Grace Tam – appointed 18 September 2015
Guy Farrands – appointed 11 April 2016
Michael Madani – appointed 14 June 2016
Rhonda House – resigned 22 June 2015
Dagmar Strohmaier – resigned 5 August 2015
Simon Stevenson – resigned 19 February 2016
John Holland – resigned 11 December 2015

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 \$5,036,348.

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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 \$3,610.00 (ex. GST) to insure each of the board members 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 member 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 5th day of September 2016

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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 2016 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 Principal:


Bruce Spaul

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

Dated this 23rd day of September 2016

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Revenue		7,390,878	6,468,119
Other income		596	135
		<u>7,391,474</u>	<u>6,468,254</u>
Advertising expenses		(85,186)	(52,988)
Auditor's remuneration		(12,444)	(13,000)
Cattery expenses		(76,419)	(82,775)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(48,600)	(45,871)
Employee benefits expenses		(1,168,781)	(911,307)
Merchandise		(178,733)	(168,407)
Opportunity shop expenses		(53,083)	(49,153)
Veterinary expenses		(359,896)	(261,743)
Other expenses		(371,984)	(227,336)
Surplus for the year	3	<u>5,036,348</u>	<u>4,655,675</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		-	394,250
<i>Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met</i>			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of financial assets		(18,113)	-
Total other comprehensive income for the year		<u>(18,113)</u>	<u>394,250</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>5,018,235</u>	<u>5,049,925</u>

THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MAY 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	11,477,736	7,364,286
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	34,883	27,432
Inventories	6	33,093	32,877
Other current assets	7	24,033	33,001
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>11,569,745</u>	<u>7,457,596</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets	8	825,612	6,601
Property, plant and equipment	9	1,994,389	1,998,932
Investment property		26,782	26,782
Intangible assets	10	73,360	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,920,143</u>	<u>2,032,315</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>14,489,888</u>	<u>9,489,911</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable and Other Payables	11	117,416	121,128
Provisions	12	25,107	23,482
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>142,523</u>	<u>144,610</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	12	20,700	36,871
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>20,700</u>	<u>36,871</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>163,223</u>	<u>181,481</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>14,326,665</u>	<u>9,308,430</u>
EQUITY			
Reserves		1,370,373	1,388,486
Retained surplus	13	12,956,292	7,919,944
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>14,326,665</u>	<u>9,308,430</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2016

	Note	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$	Accumulated Surplus \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 June 2014		994,236	3,264,269	4,258,505
Other comprehensive income		394,250	-	394,250
Surplus attributable to members		-	4,655,675	4,655,675
Balance at 31 May 2015		<u>1,388,486</u>	<u>7,919,944</u>	<u>9,308,430</u>
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>

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2016

		2016 \$	2015 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		595,789	541,762
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,316,032)	(1,730,520)
Dividends received		56,954	-
Interest received		218,303	61,932
Donations and bequests received		5,674,242	5,847,351
Net cash provided by operating activities	16	<u>4,229,257</u>	<u>4,720,524</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments		1,611	642
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(44,058)	(37,953)
Payments for intangibles		(73,360)	-
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(115,807)</u>	<u>(37,311)</u>
Net increase in cash held		4,113,450	4,683,213
Cash at beginning of financial year		7,364,286	2,681,073
Cash at end of financial year	4	<u>11,477,736</u>	<u>7,364,286</u>

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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 profit or loss.

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 evaluate 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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	2016 \$	2015 \$
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	93,332	73,231
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	48,600	45,871
Auditors Remuneration - Fees	12,444	13,000
Revenue and Other Income		
The following significant revenue items are relevant in explaining the financial performance:		
Legacies/Bequests	6,239,406	5,579,214
4 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash in Hand	550	400
Cash at Bank	2,063,139	1,492,910
Interest Bearing Deposits	7,413,408	5,870,976
Perpetual Cash Account	2,000,639	-
	<u>11,477,736</u>	<u>7,364,286</u>
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	<u>11,477,736</u>	<u>7,364,286</u>
	<u>11,477,736</u>	<u>7,364,286</u>
5 Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors		
Current		
Accounts Receivable	576	3,982
Other Debtors	16,204	-
GST on Acquisitions	11,913	17,260
Deposits on Hand	6,190	6,190
	<u>34,883</u>	<u>27,432</u>
6 Inventories		
Current		
Stock on Hand - at Cost	<u>33,093</u>	<u>32,877</u>

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	2016 \$	2015 \$
7 Other Non-Financial Assets		
Current		
Prepayments	24,033	33,002
8 Financial Assets		
Non-Current		
Shares in Listed Companies	820,026	-
Shares in Non-Listed Companies	5,000	5,000
ANZ Private Portfolio	586	1,601
	<u>825,612</u>	<u>6,601</u>
9 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Land and Buildings		
Land - at fair value	1,000,000	1,000,000
Buildings - at fair value	877,500	900,000
Total Land and Buildings	<u>1,877,500</u>	<u>1,900,000</u>
Plant & Equipment - at Cost	121,302	121,302
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	<u>(80,797)</u>	<u>(69,022)</u>
	40,505	52,280
Motor Vehicles - at Cost	76,167	37,594
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	<u>(37,824)</u>	<u>(34,648)</u>
	38,343	2,946
Office Equipment - at Cost	110,700	105,215
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	<u>(72,659)</u>	<u>(61,509)</u>
	38,041	43,706
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>116,889</u>	<u>98,932</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>1,994,389</u>	<u>1,998,932</u>

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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	2016		2015
	\$		\$

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 2014	1,527,875	61,501	3,929	18,379	1,611,683
Additions	-	2,650	-	35,303	37,953
Revaluation increments/(decrements)	394,250	-	-	-	394,250
Depreciation expense	(22,125)	(11,871)	(982)	(9,977)	(44,955)
Balance at 31 May 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)
Carrying amount at 31 May 2016	1,877,500	40,505	38,343	38,041	1,994,389

10 Intangible Assets

CRM Software - at Cost	73,360	-
Website Development Costs	-	10,340
Less Written Off	-	(10,340)
	-	-
Total	73,360	-

11 Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Current

Accounts Payable	323	39,842
Other Payables	48,062	38,215
Business Credit Card	1,615	1,706
Accrued Expenses	25,766	16,732
GST on Supplies	3,866	3,828
Provision for Annual Leave	37,784	20,806
	117,416	121,129

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	2016 \$	2015 \$
12 Provisions		
Current		
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	25,107	23,481
Non-Current		
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	20,700	36,872
13 Accumulated Surplus		
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of financial year	7,919,944	3,264,269
Net surplus attributable to the association	5,036,348	4,655,675
Accumulated surplus at the end of the financial year	12,956,292	7,919,944
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	(64,475)	(82,750)
Between 12 months and five years	(35,000)	(98,350)
	(99,475)	(181,100)
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.		

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	2016 \$	2015 \$
16 Cash Flow Information		
Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Surplus for the year		
Surplus for the year	5,036,348	4,655,675
Non-cash flows in surplus		
Depreciation	48,601	44,955
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	(596)	(135)
Amortisation	-	916
Shares donated/bequeathed	(838,139)	(5,000)
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposals of subsidiaries		
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable and other debtors	(7,451)	(12,074)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(216)	857
(Increase)/decrease in other current assets	8,969	(13,816)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable and other payables	(3,713)	40,240
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(14,547)	8,907
	<u>4,229,257</u>	<u>4,720,525</u>

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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	2016 \$	2015 \$
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.		
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	132,920	118,060
Fundraising	1,125	5,244
Total fundraising income	134,045	123,304
Expenses		
Opportunity Shop – Amenities	428	288
Opportunity Shop – Electricity	1,531	1,328
Opportunity Shop – Rent	44,621	40,018
Opportunity Shop – Repairs & Maintenance	5,684	6,210
Opportunity Shop – Telephone	632	1,109
Opportunity Shop – Water	186	200
Fundraising Expenses	6,923	852
Total fundraising expenses	60,005	50,005
Total Surplus from Fundraising Activities	74,040	73,299

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
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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 2016 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 5th day of September 2016

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC
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Report on the Financial Report

I 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 balance sheet as at 31 May 2016, and the income and expenditure statement, statement of recognised income and expenditure and cash flow statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the statement by the board of directors.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The board of directors of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc are responsible for the preparation 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 (NSW)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

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Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc as of 31 May 2016 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)*.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.


Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

I 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 that 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.

Name of Firm: Munro Spaul
Chartered Accountants

Name of Principal:


Bruce Spaul

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Dated this 23rd day of September 2016

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AUDITOR'S DISCLAIMER

The additional financial data presented on pages 23-25 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 2015. 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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Dated this 23rd day of September 2016

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
INCOME		
Donations	272,975	273,137
Fundraising	1,125	5,244
Government Grants	15,500	15,500
Insurance Recoveries	19,817	-
Interest Received	218,303	61,932
Legacies	5,401,267	5,579,214
Desexing & Microchipping	38,677	27,528
Dividends Public Companies	56,954	-
Rebates Received	-	1,454
Royalties Received	-	345
Sales - Cat Adoption Fees	120,049	117,582
Sales - Merchandise	253,598	243,664
Sales - Opportunity Shop	132,920	118,060
Subscriptions	16,802	17,278
Subsidies Received	-	5,000
Other Income	4,752	2,181
	6,552,739	6,463,119

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	2016 \$	2015 \$
EXPENSES		
Advertising & Promotion	85,186	52,988
Auditors Remuneration - Fees	12,444	13,000
Bank Charges	4,440	3,744
Bookkeeping	31,660	28,130
Cattery Expenses	76,419	82,775
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	27,063	10,809
Community Information	512	2,655
Electricity & Gas	7,266	7,796
Freight & Cartage	2,111	1,256
Fundraising Expenses	6,923	851
Insurance	20,210	16,832
Insurance – Workers Compensation	10,072	5,492
Legal Costs	16,692	22,663
Merchandise	178,733	168,407
Microchips	4,932	3,237
Motor Vehicle Expenses	6,697	6,105
Office Expenses	51,516	22,031
Opportunity Shop Expenses	53,083	49,153
Permits, Licences & Fees	2,254	2,327
Postage	11,221	8,804
Printing & Stationery	34,776	29,768
Prov'n for Annual Leave	77,656	50,859
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	8,025	12,242
Rates & Taxes	1,733	1,438
Rent	43,879	8,772
Repairs & Maintenance	39,152	30,744
Salaries	958,916	764,475
Security	2,886	2,688
Staff Amenities	3,288	2,539
Staff Training	20,781	10,501
Superannuation	93,332	73,230
Telephone, Fax & Internet	5,264	6,630
Travelling Expenses	3,197	578
Volunteer Expenses	3,429	1,446
Veterinary Expenses	359,896	261,743
Welfare Program	40,882	-
	<u>2,355,126</u>	<u>1,766,708</u>
Surplus before non-cash items	<u>5,036,348</u>	<u>4,696,411</u>

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	2016 \$	2015 \$
NON-CASH INCOME		
Donations	-	5,000
Legacies	838,139	-
Revaluation Non Current Assets	596	135
	<u>838,735</u>	<u>5,135</u>
NON-CASH EXPENSES		
Amortisation - Intangibles	-	916
Depreciation	48,600	44,955
	<u>48,600</u>	<u>45,871</u>
Net surplus for the year	<u>5,036,348</u>	<u>4,655,675</u>



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