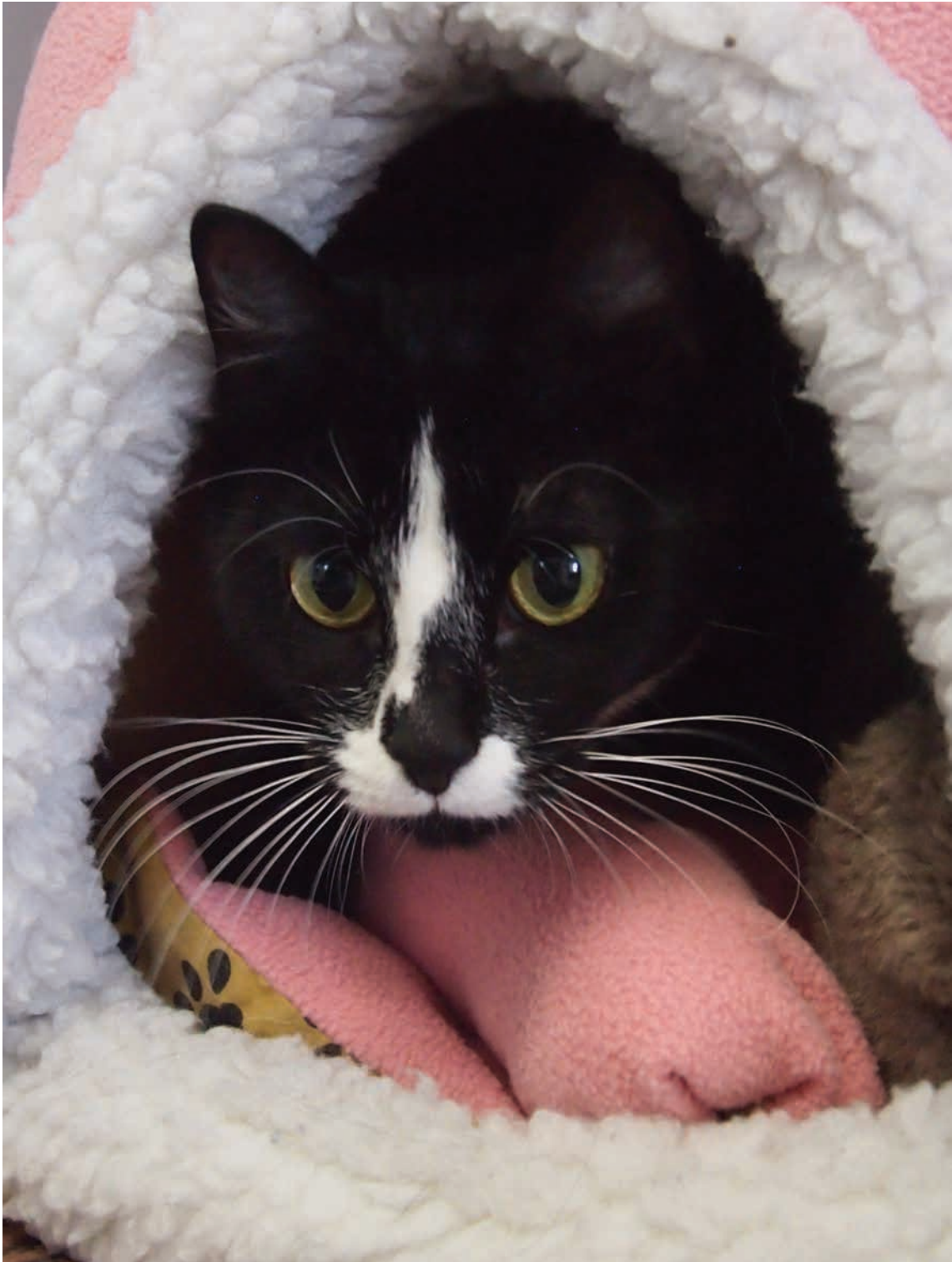




# Annual Report **2014-2015**





Little Sakura was a stray mum, kindly cared for by a good person who found homes for her kittens but, having other cats, had to bring Sakura to us. She was shy and struggled to settle, with many health and behavioural challenges. We took our time and lots of veterinary advice to help Sakura get better but noticed that her toileting problems and grumpiness came back whenever she seemed to have a cough, however she did not have cat flu.

Keen observation and detailed care notes from our staff assisted the vet to diagnose asthma. Once treatment began, Sakura improved rapidly in health and happiness. She looked forward to her twice-daily puffers of preventer and Ventolin, and was able to move from our treatment ward to our adoption centre. There she enjoyed playtime with the other cats, and socialising with staff and volunteers.

Not long afterwards, Sakura found her very own loving home where she will get the lifelong health support she needs.

Sakura's journey reflects the vision, mission and values of the Cat Protection Society of NSW. She was saved from the streets by a kind member of the community. She was brought to us where we, thanks to the generosity and commitment of our supporters, were able to give Sakura the time, patience and resources she needed to be healthy, secure, happy and adopted ...

Because every cat deserves a loving and responsible home.

## A proud past and an exciting future

The 2014 -15 financial year was an extraordinary one for Cat Protection as we received \$5,579,214 in legacies which allowed us to record a record surplus. This rounded out an excellent year - operating income and expenses were consistent with previous years and we achieved excellent rehoming, desexing and welfare results.

The large legacies from the late Mabs Melville and the late June Bullock were received in the later part of the financial year. As members know, we are dependent on bequests to meet operating expenses. While we have been making continued efforts to build alternative sources of income, the reality is that, like many charities, we are dependent on the generosity of our supporters.

All legacies come with enormous responsibilities for us to utilise the funds effectively in pursuing our aims. The challenge is finding the right balance between expenditure on mission and keeping funds in reserve to ensure a sustainable future.

Our approach will be to maintain our existing operations while introducing new high-impact programs that we believe will yield great results with short-term investment. We will do this cautiously, ensuring we are making an impact before investing further funds. We will work hard to grow non-bequest income but recognise this is a slow process.

It is vital that we keep sufficient reserves to ensure we can still achieve our mission in the absence of major bequest income; there will be times when we need these reserves to operate all our programs. We will be prudent but not conservative. Our history shows we are not afraid of a challenge but we want to be here for cats in the long run, so any extra spending needs to be carefully considered with all new initiatives properly planned and resourced.

It is still our goal to have a dedicated rehabilitation centre, and we will continue to save for that purpose. However, it is important to understand the magnitude of such an undertaking. As well as finding the right property we must ensure ongoing funding – year in, year out – to provide the rehabilitation services. That means qualified people, veterinary costs, equipment, operating infrastructure, utilities and so on. It is a big investment and as everyone in Sydney realises, property is currently very expensive.

In many ways 2014 - 15 was a transitional year – a bridge between our past and our future. Members will recall we amended our Constitution in September to expand the scope of our objects. This laid the foundations for us to provide new services and programs. We have developed a comprehensive strategic plan that will guide us over the next few years and we have been able to take some initial steps.

In March we rented nearby office premises to provide a more professional environment for our management team. We upgraded workstations for existing staff and provided facilities for additional staff for the new projects. In turn this freed up space in the adoption centre so we may continue to improve the cattery and look after all the people coming to adopt from us.

Last year, we recorded our success at convincing the NSW Government to lower the mandatory registration age for cats from six months to four months, to encourage more early-age desexing to prevent unplanned litters, and to dispel the notion that cats cannot breed before six months of age. The necessary changes to the Companion Animal Register and amended regulations are required before the policy change will be become practice; meanwhile, we are investing in an early-age desexing education program.

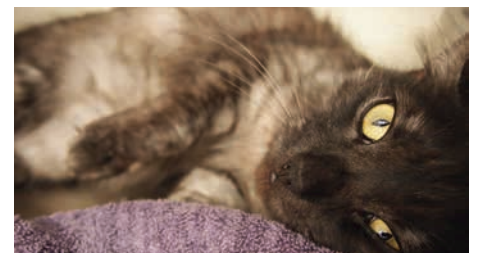
The community sees Cat Protection as a best-practice shelter that helps to reduce feline homelessness and improve feline care. They see us as strong advocates for feline welfare; they know we honour the human-feline bond. We have developed a good brand and a sound reputation. Behind the scenes we run a complex organisation. We have multiple compliance obligations, ranging from charity-specific and animal-specific to the general demands on any small to medium enterprise; tax, health and safety, legal, industrial, financial, environmental. Ensuring a compliant, transparent and successful charity for cats is no small task.

I'd like to thank the management team, our staff and volunteers, not only for their continued good work on all aspects of caring for cats, but for their resilience and preparedness to meet challenges. Every year throws up a few!

I'd also like to thank my fellow directors for the work they do in ensuring Cat Protection's reputation for excellence continues to be well-deserved. Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the service of former directors Mark Hubert, Dagmar Strohmaier and particularly former president, Rhonda House - who has now retired after making such a great contribution over the years.

Our history has shown us to be innovators and leaders – the first shelter to adopt early-age desexing and to rehome only already-desexed kittens. Our future will also tread a pioneering path.

John Holland  
**President**



### ***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.*





## An eventful year



In the reporting period we **rehomed 812 felines: 199 adult cats and 613 kittens**. Consistent with last year, **more than 10 per cent were rehomed as pairs**. In one case, a **litter of three little brothers were adopted together**.

We assisted with the **desexing of 1,871 cats in the community** and **reunited five lost cats and two lost dogs** with their people. We provided information assistance to more than **5,000 human clients** in person, by phone or email and helped unknown numbers more with the cat care information freely available on our website.

In these respects, it was a better year than the previous one though not hugely dissimilar except in this year, we achieved those outcomes in the face of some rather enormous challenges.

**Damage to our adoption centre** caused by high levels of water penetration from the hailstorm on Anzac Day left the ceiling in danger of collapse (the original ceiling had in fact collapsed and was weighing on the 'new' ceiling).

Immediately, volunteers and friends rallied to help evacuate our cats to the safety of our vets at **Sydney Animal Hospitals Inner West** and **Concord Veterinary Hospital**. It transpired that this wasn't just a short-term problem, as insurance assessors and tradespeople had been overwhelmed with demand due to the extensive damage caused by rainstorms and then the hailstorm, affecting homes and businesses across the Hunter, Central Coast and Sydney. It took two months before we were able to reclaim the adoption centre for our cats. It's now brighter and better than ever.

However, we did not suspend operations. Our wonderful local paper, **The Inner West Courier** told our story and helped us to get the word out that we were continuing to adopt adult cats from their temporary home at Sydney Animal Hospitals Inner West and kittens from our own shelter (the downstairs area was safe). Nothing can hold us back from our mission – half of the adults who went to Inner West came back to the shelter, the other half had already gone to their forever homes.

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### Storm catches cats out

CATS are renowned for their dislike of water and loud noise, so the hailstorm that swept across the city on Anzac Day caused havoc at the Cat Protection Society of NSW in Newtown.

The situation deteriorated as water began to build up on the roof and cause some serious damage, forcing an evacuation of the adult cats.

A band of volunteers, staff and CEO Kristina Vesik gathered 22 cats and took them to the Sydney Animal Hospital in Stanmore.

Ms Vesik said it was a distressing situation, with the risk the roof might collapse. "They were pretty frightened as the hailstorm was very loud," she said.

**CHANGE OF OPERATION**

- Make an appointment to meet adult cats at the Sydney Animal Hospital in Stanmore. An adoption counsellor is there Thursdays from 4pm-6pm, Fridays 3pm-5pm and Saturdays noon-3.30pm.
- There are also satellite adoption agencies at Concord Veterinary Hospital.
- The Cat Protection Society is still adopting kittens from its Newtown location during usual adoption hours.

"But we gave them a meal when they got to the hospital and the next day we moved the other cats from downstairs to Concord Hospital to be super cautious."

The building has been assessed and the organisation has been told the ceiling is unsafe and must be replaced. Quotes are being arranged to undertake repairs. In the meantime the society is continuing to care for cats with illness, injury or emotional trauma in their recovery ward in Newtown.

They also have kittens available for adoption from their ground floor units.

But while they are waiting for the repairs, people who wish to adopt a cat can make an appointment to see them at Sydney Animal Hospital. Details: [catprotection.org.au](http://catprotection.org.au)

Kristina Vesik, CEO of the Cat Protection Society of NSW, with Princess Misha. Picture: CHRIS MCKEN

This year we also applied for and were granted the **authority to act as a registration agent**. This was a very exciting milestone for us; it means every cat and kitten adopted from Cat Protection will be lifetime registered and clients do not have to attend their own council to arrange this. We thank the **Office of Local Government** for granting us this authority. We do not pass on the administrative cost to our adopters as we believe that **registration is so vitally important to feline welfare**.

As well this year, we commenced a **pilot satellite adoption program** in late 2014/early 2015 with **Divine Creatures** at Willoughby and **Concord Veterinary Hospital**, North Strathfield. We will analyse the results and hope to build a successful model that can be expanded.

It has been an eventful year, and a year of happy outcomes for cats and feline welfare. We thank all our supporters for making it possible.

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

We seek to achieve **our vision – that every cat has a loving and responsible home** – by our mission, which includes finding such homes for cats in need.

Our **shelter work** and **foster care program** are central to achieving this and **we thank all our committed and wonderful volunteers** for their efforts. Whether scrubbing litter trays, brushing cats or feeding little kittens several times a day, our volunteers are vital to our mission and work hand-in-hand with **our dedicated professional team**.

We are a member of **International Society Feline Medicine** and work closely with Sydney's leading feline vet specialists.



*Ambrosia*

From the moment a cat or kitten is admitted to our shelter, their **individualised care planning** begins. They all receive a **veterinary health check**. Suitable **foster carers** are chosen for orphan kittens, and mums and kittens. The carer is chosen according to the needs of kittens: some need carers who are home most of the time; some need carers experienced with special health needs; some need carers who are prepared to invest the time and effort required to assist the kittens' recovery from ringworm; some just need a secure home, lots of love and regular meals.

Cats are treated with **antifungal shampoo** on entry to reduce the risk of ringworm, are **vaccinated** and their **immune systems boosted** with L-lysine and specially formulated Chinese herbs. **Probiotics** are used for cats and kittens in poor health.

In the year **we took in 38 adult cats and 168 kittens from pound facilities**. We do this when we have vacancies and low demand for surrenders from private clients.

This year we saw an unprecedented number of cases of (21) of **campylobacter**, mostly from the one pound. We reported the test results to the pound as the bacteria can easily spread between animals. We also saw 61 cases of **coccidia**, 13 cases of giardia and four cases of **cryptosporidium** and four cases of **salmonella**. All bar one case of salmonella were successfully treated.

**Faecal sampling** is undertaken on new kittens and stray cats to identify bacterial infections so that these can be treated accurately and immediately. Cats who have been living in crowded pound environments or who have been fending for themselves on the street are at high risk of transmissible disease and **we invest in early diagnosis and treatment** to ensure the health of the individual cat and the health of the whole shelter.

Cats aged over eight years have full **geriatric blood work** to identify any age-related health issues.

**Feliway** is used throughout the shelter to promote cats' wellbeing, and Rescue Remedy drops used in water bowls of shy or nervous cats.



*Moses*

## FINDING LOVING AND RESPONSIBLE HOMES FOR CATS ...

### WHAT EVERY CAT DESERVES

Every cat has their own file including a daily health chart on which **twice-daily observations about behaviour and temperament** are recorded, as well as **water and dietary intake, toileting, any medications** the cat is taking, and flea and worm treatment. This not only helps us to provide the best possible care to the cat while they are with us, but helps us provide post-adoption support to their new owner. We are embarking on a project to enable this information to be recorded electronically which will provide a great resource for research into shelter health.

**Environmental enrichment** is provided to every cat, both in their common play areas and in their individual units. **Every cat has playtime**; social cats can play together and determinedly solo cats are given scheduled time alone in the play area. Scratch poles, scratch mats, active toys, water fountains, cuddle toys, tunnels and perches abound. Volunteers and staff spend time each day talking with, patting and grooming cats and kittens. Many friendships have been formed between cats and cats, and cats and people. **Bonded cats are never separated: they are provided with duplex apartments and are rehomed together.**



*Kassandra*

All adopters are given a folder of information about their cat plus general information such as our factsheets on lost cats and toxic plants (and any relevant to the individual cat, for example, our deaf cats factsheet if the cat is deaf) as well as our **Your New Cat** booklet. In addition, they are encouraged to call us at any time they have questions (or need a vet referral under our health guarantee), and we actively contact adopters within one to two weeks to see how their new cat has settled in.

Members and friends on Facebook will know that many adopters proudly share their new cats' photos with us. We have many adopters who even visit us regularly to let us know how their cat is, smartphone in hand! **Our cats matter to us even when they've left the shelter.** Our adoption process is thorough as we're committed to ensuring the best outcome for both cats and adopters, and we are pleased to have an exceptionally low number of cats brought back to us (less than one per cent).

**As a no-kill shelter**, cats are not placed on a time-limit but we do have them vet health checked every six months of stay, or as indicated earlier. Most cats only stay with us for a few weeks. There is a very small minority who are happy and healthy but take their own sweet time to choose their forever home! And then there are some who require extensive care – **socialisation or physical rehabilitation or both** – before they can be placed for adoption.

**Sylvester** is on medication for feline geriatric dementia and cartrophen injections for his arthritis. He is in permanent foster care as his age and complex health conditions mean he could not comfortably stay in the adoption centre.

Some of our very special case cats spent time with us across the financial years. Last year's annual report told the stories of **Nectarine, Charlie, Nibbles, Salt** and **Walter White** – in this financial year each of those beautiful cats found their forever homes.

Handsome **Zac**, profiled in last year's annual report, has now been with us for two years. His play aggression is much improved and he is very happy living in his duplex cat apartment but he would be so much happier in a home to call his own. His size and enthusiasm have intimidated some potential adopters, and the fact that he must be a solo cat has also limited his opportunities for adoption.



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



*Banoffee*

Gorgeous **Banoffee** was suffering severe diarrhoea from a **bacterial infection** and had an **umbilical hernia**; this was repaired with surgery, the infection treated with antibiotics and she is now healthy in her forever home.

When **Kassandra** was surrendered, our vets identified **an old eye injury** which was causing **chronic scarring**. Although this limited her vision, it was not causing pain, and the vets prescribed **ongoing eye drops** to minimise further damage. Her new people were shown how to administer the eye drops and she is now very happy with her forever family.

Just as being **overweight or obese is a serious health** issue for people, so it is for cats. Weight loss in cats must be managed very carefully and gradually to avoid the risk of liver damage. **Bonnie** was placed on a carefully monitored **prescription diet** so that she lost weight before being adopted. **Trouble was severely obese** at 10 kilograms and we had to supervise a 20 per cent weight loss program before being confident to rehome him; he is now healthier and happy in his new home.



*Gorgeous George*

Before coming to us, **Moses** had already had partial nose amputation due to **mosquito allergy**. We discovered he also had a **flea allergy** and required fortnightly topical flea treatments, and his allergy management is being continued in his loving new home.

**Gorgeous George** was not in a good way though fortunately he **tested negative to FIV and Feline Leukaemia Virus**. He needed an antibiotic injection to treat his **flea allergy**, had **several dental extractions** and while he was found to have a **heart murmur**, like many cats he could still enjoy a happy life, which he is now doing in his very own home.

**Charlie** had a rare **reaction to a vaccination**, resulting in loss of fur at his vaccination site. Our vets advised that this is unlikely to recur if a different type of vaccine is used for future immunisations, and this information was provided to Charlie's new family.

**Snow** was born with a **congenital abnormality** affecting his right front leg. This resulted in half the leg being displaced forward so his shoulder was closer to his neck than it should have been and the other half sprouting from his trunk, creating the effect of an **additional limb**.

He was not able to use this additional limb and it was subject to trauma, and caused the cat alarm when he touched it. In a **delicate operation at Sydney Animal Hospitals Inner West**, the additional limb was removed as was Snow's right humerus, which was underdeveloped. **Dr Anne Fawcett** arranged for the **amputated limb to be sent to an anatomist for research**.

Snow's recovery took some time but he was a much happier cat after the operation, and once he was back to full health and placed in the adoption centre he very quickly found a home. His background story unsurprisingly revealed he originally came from a backyard breeder.



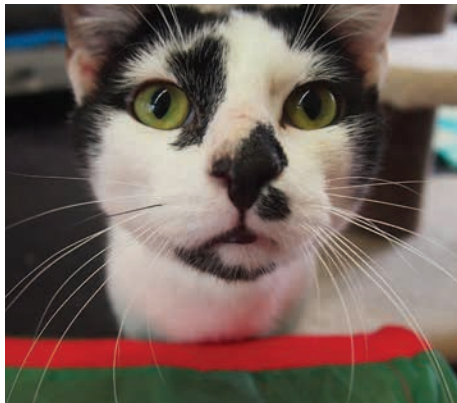
*Snow during and after surgery*



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



*Daisy May*



*Ridge*



**Poppy** also came from an unregistered breeder, having been sold as an 'exotic shorthair'. Inbreeding had left her with **hip dysplasia** which will have to be monitored lifelong and **very small nasal cavities** which can't be surgically improved but do cause problems for her as she is a **chronic herpes virus** carrier. She is on L-lysine treatment permanently and anti-virals as needed. Poppy was surrendered with her **feline friend Pepe**, who was treated for an anal gland infection and whose thick coat needs regular clipping. The two cats were very strongly bonded and after months of rehabilitation in foster care and at the shelter, they were **rehomed together** to people willing to take on the significant commitment required for their lifelong care.

Tina was one in a litter of stray kittens, but the only one with just **two toes** on each front foot. **X-rays** were done to assess her condition and it was concluded that this abnormality would not harm her mobility and there was no need for surgery. She was otherwise healthy and happy, and has been adopted, just like another stray kitten, **Daisy May**. Daisy May's severe eye discharge was caused by a **blocked tear duct** which was successfully treated with flushing.

Poor **Ridge** was a stray cat brought in with severe fight wounds. Fortunately he tested **negative to FIV**, and his **infected wounds were flushed** and treated with **antibiotic injections**. He continued on **oral antibiotics** for 14 days which combined with good food and a warm bed helped him fully heal. Now he has a loving home of his own, he need never fear living on the streets again.

**Almost bald** and with her skin scaly, ringworm would have seemed to be the most obvious diagnosis for **Panda** but two separate tests were negative. She was treated with **antibiotic injections, skin conditioning treatment** and a **nutritious diet** and now has the best medicine of all, a loving home. Likewise **Iggy** and **Etta** did not have ringworm but very poor health. Calming creams and a premium diet – and **dental surgery** for Etta – saw them thrive which they continue to do in their new homes.

While **Thomas** showed similar symptoms the underlying causes of his condition were not simply physical. After much investigation including **allergy testing**, it has been found that Thomas **over-grooms** when stressed. He is now on medication to assist him while he waits for a forever home.

When we scanned the lovely tabby **Jaffa** for a microchip, we found she was an owned cat however, her owner had moved overseas. **Her leg had been previously broken but not treated**. She was formally surrendered to us, allowing us to then arrange the **leg amputation** surgery that was necessary due to the previous injury. Jaffa hasn't let three legs diminish her playful energy but we are still working on **food trials** to manage her ongoing diarrhoea.

*Jaffa*



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



*Gizmo*

**Gizmo** came to us via a pound facility; she was a tiny kitten and was placed into foster care but despite TLC and good food her growth was obviously slow. She was **tested for campylobacter and coccidia** but negative, though her back legs were bowed and she had **ricketts**. She was placed on fluids and under veterinary observation but still no underlying cause could be identified to account for her stunted growth. Although Gizmo had been routinely flea and worm treated, the vet determined to try treatment with **Fenbendazole** as studies had shown this to be effective in equally mysterious cases. She returned to foster care, the treatment was successful and she finally began to grow at a normal rate. Cheeky, energetic and healthy, Gizmo is now happy in her forever home.

**Suzie's seizure was a mystery**, despite two rounds of blood tests and monitoring for this little 10 week old kitten. With no evidence of illness, a happy outlook and no further seizures, Suzie was adopted.

On admission to Cat Protection, **Prince Charming's vet health check revealed swelling in his kidneys**. Further tests showed **early onset of kidney disease** and **diabetes**, conditions which would shorten this young cat's life span but which weren't yet affecting his quality of life. Charming by name and nature, he schmoozed his way into the hearts of the staff at **Concord Veterinary Hospital** who could not resist adopting Prince Charming as their **clinic cat**.

Some of the cats who come to us have experienced a **lot of fear** and **very little trust** in their lives. We are able to give these cats a lot of **time and patience** to feel secure and comfortable around people. This involves creating **as much routine and as little disruption as possible**: regular caregivers; the quiet of our treatment ward; meals at the same time each day; and cosy bedding such as igloos into which the cat may retreat. Our handsome **cover cat Waldorf is a now-adopted graduate of our socialisation program** and sweet **Dualia** has moved to the adoption centre where she continues to grow in confidence each day.

It is not always easy to discern the underlying cause of **behavioural issues**: some have a straightforward medical or physical basis and others are more complex. **Toby's** case is the latter: he had **inappropriate toileting** including signs of irritable bowel syndrome. A **hypoallergenic diet** has been effective in solving problem defecation but we're still trying to sort out his urination issues, trying **behaviour modification** and **medications**. Meanwhile, he does seem to be enjoying all the volunteers' and staff's attention; he loves pats!



*Misket*

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



*Gigabyte*

Working as a vet or vet nurse is not for the faint-hearted ... especially when it comes to evacuating blocked anal glands! Fortunately our wonderful vets are not squeamish and gave this treatment as well as antibiotic injections to **Horatio** after he'd presented with **infected anal glands**. He smelled as fresh as a daisy when adopted!

**Splash** the kitten came to us with a **prolapsed anus** which was surgically repaired with purse-string suturing. She was monitored for 14 days and re-checked by the vet; the surgery had been successful and there was **no recurrence** of prolapse. **Splash now has a loving home with her best friend, Puddles.**

**Bocconcini** was treated for **ringworm** in foster care. When this treatment had finished, she was desexed but developed what appeared to be an infection at the wound site. In fact, it was an exceptionally **rare reaction to the suture material**, but was treated successfully with antibiotics and Bocconcini was happy and healthy when adopted.

**Checkers** arrived as a friendly stray and required months of treatment, for both **ringworm and salmonella**, before he found his forever home.

Some of our young male cats find it challenging to play nicely in a multi-cat environment and when their **play aggression** can't be managed with behavioural interventions, **Rescue Remedy** and **Feliway**, calming medication is indicated. Erich was prescribed **Clomicalm** and happily has a new home. **Frankie** is still with us and being treated; he is also being treated for stress-related over-grooming.

On admission, kitten **Princess Snuffy** presented with flu so severe that it had caused her **tear ducts to fuse shut**. She was vet-treated while in foster care but developed repeated bouts of flu and needed her constantly weepy eyes bathed. Despite her **chronic flu condition**, she stole the heart of her foster carer who chose to adopt this precious princess.

**Gigabyte** also suffered from tear ducts which had been scarred shut and is on **lifelong lubricating eye drops**. He also was infected with **campylobacter** which was successfully treated. This little dynamo has a loving and understanding home.



*Frankie*





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



Earl

Working with human social services and the RSPCA, we have been involved in trying to remove cats from a very sensitive and difficult **neglect/hoarding situation**. The four cats we have admitted were **malnourished** and in very poor physical and mental health, **vocalising in distress**. All needed **extensive dental treatment**, including one who needed **total tooth extraction due to severe stomatitis** (gum disease). She was put on a **six-week course of medication** to reduce the swelling plus **pain management** and will need a wet food diet for the rest of her life as she has no teeth.

Another of the cats had to have **all but two teeth removed** and another had **two extractions**, both needed pain management and medication. One was treated for **salmonella**. All were provided with a premium diet to improve body condition and all were placed on a socialisation program. An **untreated and now untreatable past injury** has been identified in one of the cats, which will require ongoing monitoring to ensure she does not exacerbate the damage. She and her 'sister' both continue **intensive socialisation** and **close health monitoring**. One of the boys was more confident and responded more quickly to the interventions; subsequent to the end of the financial year, he found his new home. The other boy is in foster care.

**Dental health** is very important to overall health so we always make sure our cats are given dental examinations and any treatments they need before being placed for adoption. **Ambrosia** had an **extraction** and was also treated for **stomatitis**; **Ruby** had **extractions** of two rotten teeth, and little **Earl**, despite being so young, had multiple extractions due to **malnourishment in kittenhood**. All were successfully treated and found homes. More than a dozen more cats received **scale and polish** treatment. Naturally, cats require full anaesthesia for any dental treatment.



Poppy

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

Sadly, it is inevitable with the number of cats admitted into our care some will have untreatable illness. Some kittens are quite literally dying when brought to us, and some have had such a dreadful start in life that their poor health cannot be reversed. In the year, 21 cats and kittens were euthanased (less than three per cent of all admissions).

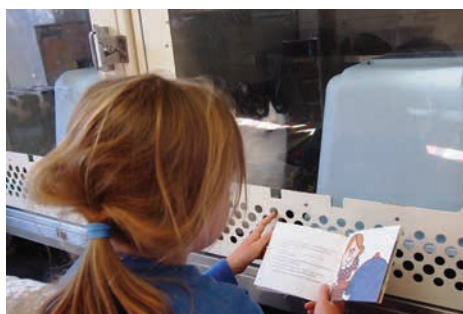
Unless the situation compels the vet to make an immediate decision, euthanasia decisions are made on a case-by-case basis by the CEO and Feline Services Manager in consultation with the cat's treating vet. **When a cat is euthanased, this is done with respect and care, and we also consult with the University of Sydney on how the cat might help cats of the future.** For example, Charlie's degenerative and painful arthritis could not be treated but his little earthly body has contributed to **research on arthritis**. For the benefit of feline public health, we do not knowingly rehome FIV positive cats but they are put to sleep at the University teaching hospital and contribute to the **FIV research** being undertaken by **Professor Julia Beatty**. While it can usually be treated, not all salmonella is the same and in one case a cat was put to sleep because of a rare and serious strain. Euthanasia was counselled as the kindest outcome for a geriatric cat with severe hyperthyroidism.

**Every one of the 837 cats and kittens who came to us in 2014-15 was treated as an individual with unique needs and preferences.** Every new family of the 812 cats and kittens adopted in the year was given time, attention, information and support to ensure they would have a long and happy relationship with their new cat/s.

**At any given time, we are caring for between 80 and 180 cats and kittens** in our shelter and in foster care.

As you can see, some of these cats had complex care needs, most boast excellent health but each and every one of them is given love, dignity, care and respect. **Because every cat deserves a loving and responsible home.**

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



**Education** takes many forms, from providing information by phone or in person to a member of the community to our more formal strategies such as factsheets on our website, planned seminars and Kitten Kindy classes.

During the year we held **eight Kitten Kindy sessions for more than 30 families**. Kitten Kindy is a hands-on class where both new and experienced cat owners learn everything from the best techniques for medicating your kitty and clipping their little claws to nutrition and socialisation. Kitten Kindy is a wonderful way for children to learn cat care and behaviour and contribute to their family's responsible pet ownership.

Helping children understand the responsibilities and joys of feline companionship will not only contribute to improved feline welfare in the future but also right now: children are great advocates and influencers of family and friends. Giving them the right, age-appropriate information to guide them to experience safe and happy interactions with cats will help them to enjoy the human-feline bond.

We've been delighted to **partner with the Future Vet Kids Camp**, a school holiday program created by **Dr Scott Bainbridge** and **Andra Abolins**, designed to promote responsible pet ownership, the profession of veterinary medicine and to encourage children to love and appreciate animals of all kinds. The program is divided into three groups – Wombats (ages 9 to 11), Kookaburras (ages 12 to 14) and the Junior Vet Program (ages 14 to 16). We've hosted almost 100 'future vets' and helped raise awareness of feline welfare – plus some of the children also participated in the 'Kitty Litter-a-ture' program, reading to our cats.



We also have our own free school holiday program, **Spend time with the cool cats**, open to school children from kindergarten to year 6. In the reporting period we ran 10 of these sessions, which promote safe and gentle handling of cats, show children how to read cats' body language and explain the fundamentals of cat care, health and wellbeing.

Our Winter Cat Care Talks are always popular. In August 2014, four sessions were presented: **Babies and cats – creating safe and positive relationships**, by vet nurse and mum, **Sam Kelly**; **Feline first aid**, by **Dr Adam Woolf**; **What's normal, what's not**, by **Dr Adam Woolf**; and **Keeping your cats happy**, by vet nurse **Nerida Atkin**, our **Feline Services Manager**.

We were delighted to have **Dr Jo Righetti** as our special guest speaker for Open Day on 8 November. Dr Righetti ([www.petproblemsolved.com.au](http://www.petproblemsolved.com.au)) is a renowned **animal behaviourist**. She entertained and informed a very attentive audience, addressing our **Open Day theme 'Safety First'** and answering dozens of questions. We thank Dr Righetti for her generosity in giving so freely of her time and for staying much longer than planned! To complement our Open Day talks and exhibits, we produced a brochure of tips for keeping your cat safe, addressing key common risks in the home and garden.

In October we were proud to launch a detailed information sheet on cat welfare, including the benefits of desexing, in **simplified Chinese**. The **bilingual factsheet** is available on our website and was sent to local councils, Members of Parliament and media. The launch received coverage in our local paper as well as online Chinese language media, including a beautifully illustrated piece in MiMOShow and The One magazine.

The project was made possible with the assistance of **University of Sydney students** from the Department of Media and Communications, **Jiaying Zhou**, **Yunfei Qian** and **Xiaoqing Feng**. Cat Protection wrote the factsheet in English, the students translated it, and it was then reviewed by vet **Dr Eva Tang** of the **Nepean Animal Hospital Group**.




但因為種種因素而令你不確定當個貓主人的話，Cat Protection Society of NSW 也提供這套貓人士參與義工計劃。隨時需要項目，或者請教等，為貓群出一分力，讓更多人關注愛護貓的訊息。



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

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猫咪是非常美好的宠物——有将近三分之一的澳洲家庭养了一只或以上的宠物猫，他们大多数都把猫咪视作自己的家人。

养猫有很多益处——除了能够陪伴人类，研究表明它们还能让人保持身心健康，让人心情愉悦。

不幸的是，在新南威尔士州，由于有太多无家可归的猫咪，每年都有成千上万的猫咪在认领中心和收容所被注射安乐死。

没有做绝育手术的猫咪，无论有没有主人，都是造成众多流浪猫出现的原因——因为猫咪是非常多产的动物。据统计，一只没有结扎的母猫和公猫以及它们的后代在仅仅七年内就能生出超过四十万只猫咪！因此要控制猫咪数量，减少流浪猫和不必要的安乐死，对年幼猫咪的绝育尤为重要。

被抛弃或者主人因照顾不了的猫咪也使得领养中心和收容所“猫”满为患。领养一只猫咪并不是儿戏——这意味着要对它们的一生负责，这个期限可能是15到20年。

在领养猫咪之前，你需要弄清楚养猫的时间，居所，花费（包括食物，卫生保健，医疗）上的需求以及你未来的计划。如果你

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We don't have Mandarin or Cantonese speakers on staff, but with this factsheet we're trying to let local Chinese-speaking communities know that our services are available to them – we just need the client to get an English-speaking friend or relative to help. For example, we can assist with discount desexing if the English-speaking person phones our office; we don't need to speak directly with the client.

We hope this is just the start of a broader campaign to make our information available in a number of languages.

As always, our magazine **Cat Affairs** is an important source of information on cat care and health. In the reporting period we covered a number of issues: **Understanding feline separation-associated distress**, with tips from **Dr Anne Fawcett** and **Dr Jo Righetti**; **Planning for your cat**, by NSW Public Trustee & Guardian lawyer, **Ruth Pollard**; **Thiamine deficiency in cats**, by **Dr Anne Fawcett**; and **Dental health care in cats**, by **Dr Gretta Howard**.

**Fair days and events** create wonderful opportunities for personal engagement with cat owners, and whether it's helping them to solve problems or just admiring their cats' photos, we always enjoy these events. During the period, we participated in a number of events including **Bankstown Pets Day Out**, **the Retirement, Lifestyle & Travel Expo**, **Willoughby Fauna Fair**, **Northcott People & Pets**, **Liverpool Spring Expo**, **Super Furry Festival**, **Cruelty-Free Festival**, **Sydney Royal Easter Show** and **Penrith City Microchipping Day**.

### Direct services

Every year we assist thousands of human clients with cat care services: from providing temporary emergency assistance for cats whose owners are in crisis, to **working with human social services to assist people who can no longer care for their cats**, to information and care tips for owners whose cats are presenting with behavioural problems. **Preventing the relinquishment of a cat is as much a part of the solution to feline homelessness as our shelter services.** For every owner we assist to keep their cat, whether it be with **tenancy advice** or information on **how to stop unwanted behaviours**, that is one more space available for a cat who doesn't have a home.

**Desexing remains a top priority** in feline welfare, and **this year we helped 1,871 cats living in the community to be desexed**. Once again, we were pleased to partner with the **City of Sydney (67 cats)** and **Fairfield City (57 cats)** councils in **Operation Cat**. This program provides a significantly discounted pick-up and return cat desexing service for clients on low incomes who do not have easy access to transport.

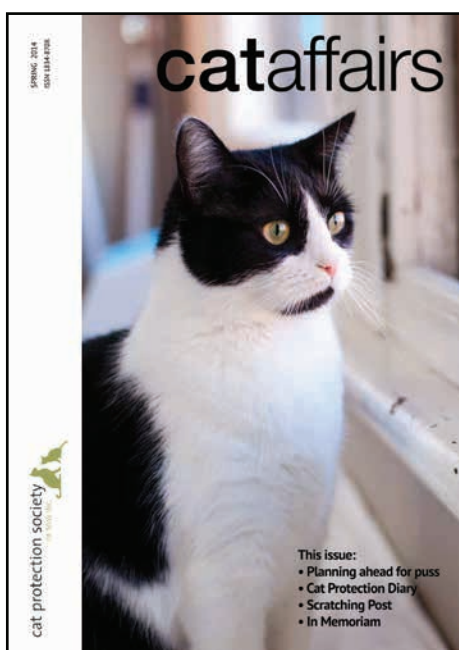
We also provided **discounted microchipping and flea and worm treatments** for cats to clients at our welfare office.

Recognising **the importance of respectful treatment of cats** and those who love them, we have also taken cats who have been found deceased to our vets so that their owners can be informed and make arrangements, such as for cremation. The anguish of not knowing what has happened to a beloved cat can be worse than the pain of saying goodbye.

### Building awareness

Ensuring the community is aware of our services – and of the importance of feline welfare – is vital to our mission and our sustainability.

During the year we invested in radio: as well as short campaigns on **2WSFM** and **2UE**, we boosted our profile on **Macquarie Radio's 2GB** and **2CH** and they supported us with a number of Community Service Announcements.



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Thank you to Alan Jones AO, who generously voiced two very successful advertisements for us: one promoting **desexing** and one promoting adoptions. On 16 June 2014, Alan Jones interviewed our CEO Kristina Vesk on his morning program. **The outcome was magnificent**, with a huge number of callers for our desexing program, as well as new members, donors and adopters, all saying they heard about Cat Protection on Alan Jones' program.

In June and July, we conducted a **multi-media campaign to promote our desexing programs**: as well as the ads on **2GB** and **2CH**, we ran print advertisements in a wide range of community papers (Fairfax and News Limited) throughout the greater west and south west of Sydney, and supported these efforts with Facebook posts dispelling common myths about desexing, and website and **Cat Affairs** promotions encouraging members and friends to letterbox flyers about our discount desexing program. Thank you to the amazing **Karen Childs of The Pickle Factory** for donating her design services. **Desexing referrals increased 43.9 per cent on the corresponding period of the previous year.**

Editorial articles on desexing ran in the **Liverpool Champion**, **Fairfield Champion**, **South West Advertiser**, **Camden Advertiser** and **Campbelltown Advertiser** in March and April.

As always, we want to thank our local paper, **The Inner West Courier** for their fantastic support in promoting our 'cats of the week' – during the reporting period, our cat feature was expanded to other papers in the News Local group: **The Wentworth Courier** and **The Southern Courier**.

Their support is tremendous – as is the great support we continue to receive from **The Eastern Suburbs Spectator** group of local papers, **SX** and **LOTL** magazines.

We are so proud and so pleased that we continue to be sponsored by the wonderful **PETS magazine**. Published by Universal Magazines, this is a high-quality beautiful production for children and families, promoting responsible pet ownership in a friendly and fun way. We thank them for their support of our charity and for their contribution to **educating kids to be kind and thoughtful about all animals**.

In June the **Saturday Telegraph** ran a feature story 'Cat with nine lives' about the feisty little black and white cat Hero, who lost his leg to an injury most likely sustained by being thrown from a car. He was rescued by a fabulous family, brought to Cat Protection, and was ultimately adopted by the vet who performed his life-saving surgery, Dr Anne Fawcett.

Cat Protection had a brief cameo in the **ABC documentary** Crash Test Mummies and Daddies, providing suggestions to a new dad on how to help the family cat better cope with the arrival of the new baby. We were interviewed by radio stations **2UE**, **ABC 702** and **2SER** on a range of feline-related topics, and had many more stories in print.

The photographs **Nic Bezzina** first produced for an exhibition, then a book, **Shopkeepers of Newtown**, were all bought by the **State Library of NSW**, who then put them in an exhibition which ran from November 2014 until May 2015. The exhibition was complemented with some short videos including one featuring Cat Protection.

In May, **Good Weekend**, the magazine of the Saturday SMH and Age newspapers, ran a feature article on cats (unfairly) titled 'Menace in the suburbs'. The article included descriptions of our Open Day, a profile of two of our members whose cats are confined indoors and with an outdoor cat run, and a discussion about how cats can live happily indoors. It also included quotes from Cat Protection CEO that cats cannot be made scapegoats for all the destruction of the environment caused by human activity.

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

Recent years have seen the welfare of companion animals become a more mainstream issue, and now **cats and dogs are firmly on the government agenda**.

In response to a **recommendation of the NSW Companion Animals Taskforce**, of which Cat Protection was a member, the NSW Government established the **Responsible Pet Ownership Reference Group**. The Group provides advice to the **Minister for Local Government, the Hon Paul Toole MP** on the strategic management of companion animal issues and the promotion of responsible pet ownership in the community. **Cat Protection CEO Kristina Vesk serves on the Reference Group** and in the year participated in seven detailed consultations and two meetings.

Following the NSW elections, the Hon Paul Toole MP was re-appointed as the Minister for Local Government, and the **Hon Niall Blair MLC** was appointed as the **Minister for Primary Industries**. We thank the Hon Niall Blair and the former Primary Industries Minister, the **Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP**, for their support of our welfare work in the community through the animal welfare grant (\$15,500).

In the reporting period, the **NSW Parliament** announced that it had established a **Joint Select Committee** to inquire into and report on companion animal breeding practices in NSW (colloquially, puppy factories). **Cat Protection welcomed the Parliament's concern for companion animal welfare and wellbeing**, acknowledging that intensive breeding for profit is a greater problem for dogs than cats.

Our submission stated in part that *"the welfare issues for cat breeding are more significantly centred on unowned and semi-owned cats. Recognising this, Cat Protection supports programs that promote early-age desexing; and research and trials of possible solutions such as 'trap, neuter, return' (TNR). For example, Cat Protection supported the Member for Sydney's Animal Welfare (Population Control Programs) Bill 2014.*

*To illustrate the different situations of dogs and cats, a quick survey of Trading Post classifieds on 10 June 2015 revealed almost 2,600 dogs listed versus some 850 cats (and many of these were shelter cats). With so many homeless and semi-owned undesexed cats, pounds and shelters have a constant supply of kittens that (very sadly) more than meets demand.*

*In Cat Protection's experience, the vast majority of registered cat breeders care strongly about feline welfare. They frequently rehome their kittens already desexed, provide follow-up support to the new owners, love their own cats and provide them with all necessary vet care and attention ...*

*It is the 'backyard' breeders - selling non-pedigree 'pure bred' cats without papers - that are of concern. Kittens being sold in markets, some pet shops and on the internet - where the seller has a degree of anonymity - are most likely to be at risk.*

*We have seen such cats admitted to our shelter: unmicrochipped so-called 'Burmese'; 'Persians' with extreme brachycephalia; 'Ragdolls' with serious behavioural problems to name just some. None of these cats had papers; none was from a registered breeder. All had been purchased at considerable cost.*

*For both cats and dogs, improvements to welfare, health and wellbeing need to be driven by both 'supply and demand'... complementing regulation, we should have consumer education that helps people understand how to make ethical choices when acquiring a pet. If more people knew what their 'purchasing' decisions meant for animal welfare, it would change the profile of demand, and go some way to eroding support for bad breeding practices.*

*At the same time, there is a reasonable (and strong) social expectation that governments will implement rules and laws that ensure humane practice in the treatment of animals. The 'supply' side of the equation needs to be regulated.*

*Cat Protection was a member of the Companion Animals Taskforce which was established to inquire into a broad range of matters affecting cat and dog welfare. Cat Protection supported the recommendations made by the Taskforce in its final report to the NSW Government.*



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*We note that Recommendation 1: A breeder licensing system should be established and the Companion Animals Register should be updated to capture breeder licence information for each animal record was supported in principle by the NSW Government.*

*We also note that Recommendation 2: The Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Breeding Dogs and Cats should be revised to ensure that the existing guidelines it contains become enforceable standards was also supported in-principle and that Recommendation 3, which required sellers of cats and dogs to display a microchip or licence number in all advertisements/point of sale, was fully supported. We reiterate our support for the Taskforce's recommendations, which came about following extensive expert review and consultation ...*

*... We appreciate that there are many ethical and good registered breeders of cats and dogs whose motivation is continuation of a healthy, happy and well-adjusted pedigree. However, there are people who exploit animals for a profit motive and engage in poor practices which results in much animal suffering.*

*Cat Protection strongly supports the implementation of a system that protects cats and dogs from breeding practices which harm their health, wellbeing and welfare, and which contribute to an 'oversupply' of pets.*

*While there are thousands of homeless cats and dogs in shelters and pounds, it is a tragedy that there are people seeking to profit from the production of more animals. They are bred without regard for their health, wellbeing or welfare, and without regard to the fact that many of them will end up in pounds and shelters once they manifest the health and behavioural problems that arise from poor breeding practices and inconsiderate rehoming practices."*

Subsequent to the reporting period, the Joint Select Committee finalised its hearings and report, and the NSW Government is expected to respond to the Committee in early 2016.

Cat Protection also contributed to the **Animal Welfare Roundtable** hosted by **NSW Leader of the Opposition, Luke Foley** in May 2015, and participated with **Marrickville Council** on the development of the local **Companion Animal Action Plan**.

We continue to work closely with the **University of Sydney** veterinary school and the **Valentine Charlton Cat Centre** (feline medicine clinic). Specialised consultations and complex cases are referred to the Valentine Charlton Cat Centre.

We sponsor the annual **Feline Welfare Essay** prize for vet students, and we actively recruit vet students to work with us. We currently employ four vet science students as part time feline attendants, and four of our former staff have graduated and moved into practice.

We continue to work with **Professor Julia Beatty** on her studies into **Feline Immunodeficiency Virus** and also assisted with a study on **FIV vaccinations** by **Dr Mark Westman**.

As a part of our commitment to best-practice, we supported a **clinical case review** by **Associate Professor Vanessa Barrs** and **Professor Julia Beatty** of a Cat Protection adopted cat with chronic health problems.

In 2014, we provided data for a study comparing post-operative wound complications in kittens desexed at less than, or over, 12 weeks of age, also comparing flank with midline surgery. **The study findings (Roberts et al JFMS Open Reports 2015) will assist our early-age desexing advocacy programs**, in which we also plan to engage with the Valentine Charlton Cat Centre for the veterinary education aspects.



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Bonnie

## HONOURING THE UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLE AND CATS

On 11 September 2014, the **Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich** introduced the **Animal Welfare (Population Control Programs) Bill 2014**. Due to the March elections the bill lapsed, however, it was an excellent starting point to the discussion on how we look after homeless cats.

The bill sought to remove the legal impediments to carefully managed “**trap-neuter-return**” (TNR) programs. TNR has been widely implemented overseas as a mechanism to control population growth particularly among stray cats. This bill proposed that TNR programs be required to have a sponsoring agency that would keep a register of programs and report on them. Only the head of the Agency that administers the National Parks and Wildlife Act could sponsor a program in a reserve or national park.

**Cat Protection supported the bill as a considered approach to a complex issue.** Our expertise is in the best-practice care and rehoming of domestic cats and while we rehome many cats and kittens who have been stray/street cats, we do not do TNR.

Our support for the bill was informed by veterinary science. **The International Society Feline Medicine** (ISFM) has expertise in feline welfare and they have studied the complexities of homelessness in cats. The ISFM guidelines on the population management and welfare of unowned domestic cats acknowledge the wide range of situations where population control may be required and finds that prevention of reproduction by ‘neutering’ (desexing) is critical in managing all cat populations. The guidelines state that TNR programs where whole colonies of feral, street or community cats are managed through planned neutering and rapid return to their territory is a well proven method.

**Being homeless is not a situation a cat chooses for themselves**, and as a species selected by people for companionship, they deserve the protection of people.

**The human-feline bond is honoured most noticeably in our homes with our own much loved cats, but we can also honour it by extending our respect to less fortunate cats.**

The amazing **Dr Anne Fawcett** isn’t just a great vet and teacher, she’s also a wonderful writer and photographer. Do visit her blog [www.smallanimaltalk.com](http://www.smallanimaltalk.com) for fascinating insights and beautiful images. Search for “50 reasons to adopt a cat” a collaborative effort with Cat Protection. Because, as reason number 49 states: *the simple act of adopting one cat changes their world forever, for the better.*

**Building understanding and empathy with our feline friends is best bridged with hands-on cat time.**

That is how we regarded the amazing experience that was **Uber Kittens**. Of course it was a promotion of the Uber service, but it was also a fantastic opportunity to **celebrate the joy and beauty of kittens**, and to **promote shelter adoptions**.

Our agreement to participate required that we were in hire car plate licenced vehicles; that we could withdraw at any time (if kittens were tired or upset); that the places we visited were secure; that infection control protocols were adhered to at all times; and that absolutely no kitten could be adopted on the day. Every visit included a meal and litter break and of course water was available at all times. **The ratio of Cat Protection carer to kittens was either 1:1 or 2:3 ... much higher than your average day-care centre!**

**The kittens loved it**, the participants loved it and the media coverage was phenomenal (**news.com**, **Kii5 FM**, **Nova**, **2Day FM**, **James Valentine on 702** [where, being the ABC, naturally only ‘kittens’ were mentioned] **2UE**, **Channel 10’s The Project** ... kittens even graced **Vogue Australia’s Instagram!**). We met some amazing people, recruited new volunteers and got some excellent professional assistance, as well as a generous donation from Uber. And, at the end of the day, the status of cats had been raised and people were smiling.

It was a very similar feeling when we participated with the **MCA Art Bar**, with a one-night-only Cat Café. **On each of these special occasions, we reached out to others to help us celebrate the human-feline bond.**





## Thank you

Outstanding in this report is the record surplus. This surplus was created most significantly by two individual bequestors: the late **Mabs Melville** and the late **June Bullock**. We thank these generous women for their kindness to cats and their faith in us.

While the dollar value of these two gifts may not have been equalled in the past, we have been honoured over the decades to have received legacies from many people with equally big hearts.

**We value every gift** no matter the size, every hour of volunteer effort and every act of support: combined, these have created, and continue to strengthen, our wonderful organisation. The money is essential to funding our work but without the extraordinary commitment of all our people – members, friends, volunteers, staff, our Board, donors and benefactors – we would not be so strong of purpose, so focused on our mission.

We haven't the space to acknowledge you all, but to everyone who supports us, and to the relatives and friends of those who bequeathed us legacies, **please know this: every gift is received with gratitude and grace, and used wisely.**

The **sheer joy** in the eyes of playing kittens, the **relief** expressed by former street cats secure in their warm beds with bellies full of food instead of parasites, the **freedom from fear** felt by cats who were victims of cruelty, and the **good health** of cats who have been healed – **all these reflect your kindness and your generosity.** It is the privilege of those of us who work here every day to witness, and we are grateful for it.

**On behalf of our thousands of feline and human clients, sincere thanks and best wishes.**

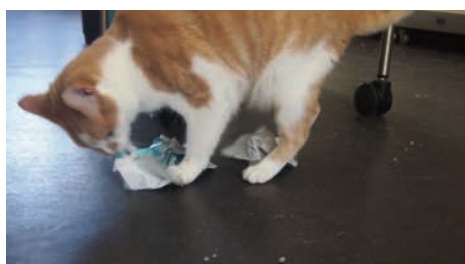
*We honour those who remembered the cats in their wills:*

June Bullock; Margaret Collins; Patricia Gwynne; Betty Gill; Anne Hodgson; Dulcie Hunter; Mabs Melville; Audrey Morley-Jones; Barbara Pritchard; Judith Tate; Dorothy Taylor; Naomi Temple; Gwendolyn Whipps.

*We pay our respects to the late Lucy Snowden, the late Michael Campbell and the late Sylvia Yoke Mei Cooper, beautiful young people who loved cats and whose families and friends chose to celebrate their lives by generously supporting Cat Protection.*

*We thank our corporate donors and workplace-sponsored givers:*

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## Thank you

**Thank you to our amazing network of vets: we couldn't do it without you and your vet nurses. You save lives and you make a difference every day.**

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Leppington Vet Hospital – Leppington  
Macquarie Animal Hospital – Campbelltown & Macquarie Fields  
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Princes Highway Vet Clinic – Kogarah  
Rooty Hill Vet Clinic – Rooty Hill  
SASH – Ryde  
South Penrith Vet Clinic – Penrith  
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Sydney University Vet Hospital - Sydney  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
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**THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC  
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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your board of directors members submit the financial report of the The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc for the financial year ended 31 May 2015.

**Board of Directors**

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

Angelika Elliott  
Dagmar Strohmaier – resigned 5 August 2015  
John Holland  
Mark Hubert – resigned 11 December 2014  
Nita Harvey  
Rhonda House – resigned 22 June 2015  
Simon Stevenson  
Sue Schreiner – appointed 6 July 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**

The association adopted a new constitution at a special general meeting on 29 September 2014. The new constitution expanded the primary objects of the association, and provided for half-board elections at each AGM.

**Operating Result**

The profit after providing for income tax amounted to \$4,655,675.



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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**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 \$2,054.55 (ex. GST) to insure each of the directors against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of a member of the board of directors of the association, other than for conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the association.

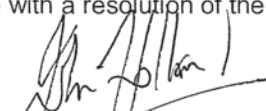
**Proceedings on Behalf of the Association**

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.

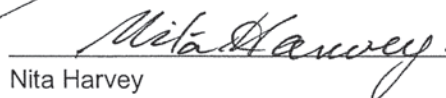
The association was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

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

**President:**

  
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John Holland

**Vice President:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nita Harvey

**Dated this 11th day of September 2015**

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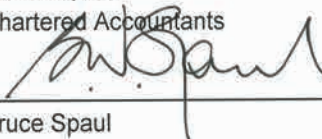
**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION  
UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001  
TO THE DIRECTORS OF  
THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 May 2015 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 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 24th day of September 2015**

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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2015**

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue		6,468,119	1,837,190
Other income		135	185
		6,468,254	1,837,375
Advertising expenses		(52,988)	(52,121)
Auditor's remuneration		(13,000)	(10,930)
Cattery expenses		(82,775)	(61,804)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(45,871)	(48,354)
Employee benefits expenses		(911,307)	(854,439)
Merchandise		(168,407)	(176,400)
Opportunity shop expenses		(49,153)	(45,135)
Veterinary expenses		(261,743)	(174,782)
Other expenses		(227,336)	(205,019)
<b>Net Surplus for the year</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,655,675</b>	<b>208,391</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
Net gain on revaluation of land and buildings		394,250	-
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>394,250</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>5,049,925</b>	<b>208,391</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 MAY 2015**

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	7,364,286	2,681,073
Accounts receivable and other debtors	4	27,432	15,358
Inventories	5	32,877	33,734
Other current assets	6	33,001	19,186
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>7,457,596</u>	<u>2,749,351</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Financial assets	7	6,601	2,109
Property, plant and equipment	8	1,998,932	1,611,683
Investment property		26,782	26,782
Intangible assets	9	-	916
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>2,032,315</u>	<u>1,641,490</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>9,489,911</u>	<u>4,390,841</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable and Other Payables	10	121,128	80,888
Provisions	11	23,482	13,768
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>144,610</u>	<u>94,656</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provisions	11	36,871	37,679
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>36,871</u>	<u>37,679</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>181,481</u>	<u>132,335</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>9,308,430</u>	<u>4,258,506</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves		1,388,486	994,236
Retained surplus	12	7,919,944	3,264,270
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>9,308,430</u>	<u>4,258,506</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2015**

Note	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$	Retained earnings \$	Total \$
<b>Balance at 1 June 2013</b>	994,236	3,055,879	4,050,115
Surplus attributable to members	-	208,390	208,390
<b>Balance at 31 May 2014</b>	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
<b>Balance at 31 May 2015</b>	1,388,486	7,919,944	9,308,430

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2015**

		2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from customers		541,762	553,240
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,730,520)	(1,587,035)
Interest received		61,932	96,944
Donations and bequests received		5,847,351	1,191,985
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>15</b>	<u>4,720,524</u>	<u>255,134</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	727
Proceeds from sale of investments		642	3,526
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(37,953)	(14,086)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<u>(37,311)</u>	<u>(9,833)</u>
Net increase in cash held		4,683,213	245,301
Cash at beginning of financial year		<u>2,681,073</u>	<u>2,435,772</u>
Cash at end of financial year	<b>3</b>	<u>7,364,286</u>	<u>2,681,073</u>

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**1 Basis of Preparation**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)*. The board of directors has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

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

**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.

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	22.5 - 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 Provisions**

### **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 include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

## **Accounts Receivable and Other Receivables**

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 balance sheet.

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**

Website development 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.

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**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.

**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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	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>3 Surplus for the year</b>		
Surplus before income tax from continuing operations includes the following specific expenses:		
<b>Expenses</b>		
Employee benefits expense:		
contributions to defined contribution superannuation funds	73,230	64,142
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	45,871	48,354
Auditors Remuneration - Fees	13,000	10,930
<b>Revenue and Other Income</b>		
The following significant revenue items are relevant in explaining the financial performance:		
Legacies/Bequests	5,579,214	844,614
<b>4 Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash in Hand	400	3,690
Cash at Bank	1,492,910	698,102
Interest Bearing Deposits	5,870,976	1,979,281
	<u>7,364,286</u>	<u>2,681,073</u>
<b>Reconciliation of cash</b>		
Cash and Cash equivalents reported in the cash flow statement are reconciled to the equivalent items in the statement of financial position as follows:		
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>7,364,286</u>	<u>2,681,073</u>
	<u>7,364,286</u>	<u>2,681,073</u>
<b>5 Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts Receivable	3,982	1,628
GST on Acquisitions	17,260	9,873
Deposits on Hand	6,190	3,857
	<u>27,432</u>	<u>15,358</u>
<b>6 Inventories</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Stock on Hand - at Cost	<u>32,877</u>	<u>33,734</u>



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	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>7 Other Non-Financial Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Prepayments	33,001	19,186
<b>8 Financial Assets</b>		
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Shares in Private Companies	5,000	-
ANZ Private Portfolio	1,601	2,109
	6,601	2,109
<b>9 Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
<b>Land and Buildings</b>		
Land - at fair value	1,000,000	665,000
Buildings - at fair value	900,000	862,875
<b>Total Land and Buildings</b>	1,900,000	1,527,875
Plant & Equipment - at Cost	121,302	118,652
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(69,022)	(57,151)
	52,280	61,501
Motor Vehicles - at Cost	37,594	37,594
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(34,648)	(33,665)
	2,946	3,929
Office Equipment - at Cost	105,215	69,911
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(61,509)	(51,533)
	43,706	18,378
<b>Total Plant and Equipment</b>	98,932	83,808
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	1,998,932	1,611,683

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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	2015		2014		
	\$		\$		
<b>Movements in Carrying Amounts</b>					
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 2013	1,550,000	60,910	6,480	26,263	1,643,653
Additions	-	11,450	-	2,636	14,086
Disposals	-	-	(1,148)	-	(1,148)
Depreciation expense	(22,125)	(10,859)	(1,403)	(10,520)	(44,907)
Balance at 31 May 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)
Carrying amount at 31 May 2015	1,900,000	52,280	2,947	43,705	1,998,932

## 10 Intangible Assets

Website Development Costs	10,340	10,340
Less Written Off	(10,340)	(9,424)
	-	916
<b>Total</b>	-	916

## 11 Accounts Payable and Other Payables

### Current

Accounts Payable	39,842	25,107
Other Payables	38,214	14,193
Business Credit Card	1,706	-
Accrued Expenses	16,733	20,641
GST on Supplies	3,828	4,248
Provision for Annual Leave	20,805	16,699
	121,128	80,888

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	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>12 Provisions</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	23,482	13,768
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	36,871	37,679
<b>13 Retained Surplus</b>		
Retained surplus at the beginning of the financial year	3,264,269	3,055,879
Net surplus attributable to the association	4,655,675	208,391
Retained surplus at the end of the financial year	7,919,944	3,264,270
<b>14 Capital and Leasing Commitments</b>		
<b>Operating Lease Commitments</b>		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:		
Payable - minimum lease payments		
Not later than 12 months	(82,750)	(34,320)
Between 12 months and five years	(98,350)	(52,800)
	(181,100)	(87,120)

**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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	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>16 Cash Flow Information</b>		
<b>Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Surplus for the year</b>		
Surplus for the year	4,655,675	208,391
<b>Non-cash flows in surplus</b>		
Depreciation	44,955	44,907
Net loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	421
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	(135)	(185)
Amortisation	916	3,447
Shares donated	(5,000)	-
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposals of subsidiaries</b>		
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable and other debtors	(12,074)	4,979
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	857	(769)
(Increase)/decrease in other current assets	(13,817)	(4,210)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable and other payables	40,240	(18,219)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	8,907	16,373
	<u>4,720,524</u>	<u>255,134</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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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>18 Members' Liabilities</b>		
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.		
<b>19 No Distribution of Surplus</b>		
No income or property of the association may be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly to any member.		
<b>20 Fundraising Activities</b>		
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:		
<b>Income</b>		
Opportunity shop sales	118,060	106,226
Fundraising	5,244	8,590
<b>Total fundraising income</b>	123,304	114,816
<b>Expenses</b>		
Opportunity Shop – Amenities	288	469
Opportunity Shop – Electricity	1,328	1,164
Opportunity Shop – Rent	40,018	32,850
Opportunity Shop – Repairs & Maintenance	6,210	9,537
Opportunity Shop – Telephone	1,109	915
Opportunity Shop – Water	200	200
Fundraising Expenses	852	4,368
<b>Total fundraising expenses</b>	50,005	49,503
<b>Total Surplus from Fundraising Activities</b>	73,299	65,313

**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

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**STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board 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 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 2015 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:**

  
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John Holland

**Vice President:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nita Harvey

**Dated this 11th day of September 2015**



**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 2015, 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 members of the committee.

**Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The committee of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc is 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 NSW 2009 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of 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 committee, 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 2015 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.

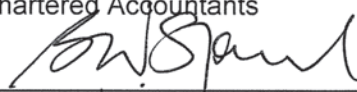
**Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

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

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

**Dated this 24th day of September 2015**

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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.

**Name of Firm:** Munro Spaul  
Chartered Accountants

**Name of Principal:**

  
Bruce W. Spaul

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

**Dated this 24th day of September 2015**



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**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2015**

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	268,137	347,371
Fundraising	5,244	8,590
Government Grants	15,500	15,500
Insurance Recoveries	-	7,713
Interest Received	61,932	96,944
Legacies	5,579,214	844,614
Desexing & Microchipping	27,528	22,776
Rebates Received	1,454	-
Royalties Received	345	227
Sales - Cat Adoption Fees	117,582	117,231
Sales - Merchandise	243,664	249,827
Sales - Opportunity Shop	118,060	106,225
Subscriptions	17,278	18,901
Subsidies Received	5,000	-
Other Income	2,181	1,271
	6,463,119	1,837,190



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**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT**  
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	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Advertising & Promotion	52,988	52,121
Auditors Remuneration - Fees	13,000	10,930
Bank Charges	3,744	2,772
Bookkeeping	28,130	27,280
Cattery Expenses	82,775	61,803
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	10,809	11,311
Community Information	2,655	1,436
Electricity & Gas	7,796	7,534
Freight & Cartage	1,256	1,956
Fundraising Expenses	851	4,368
Insurance	22,324	22,555
Legal Costs	22,663	17,121
Merchandise	168,407	176,400
Microchips	3,237	3,092
Motor Vehicle Expenses	6,105	7,014
Office Expenses	22,031	21,143
Opportunity Shop Expenses	49,153	45,136
Permits, Licences & Fees	2,327	5,071
Postage	8,804	11,248
Printing & Stationery	29,768	29,116
Prov'n for Annual Leave	50,859	45,691
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	12,242	16,373
Rates & Taxes	1,438	1,746
Rent	8,772	-
Repairs & Maintenance	30,744	17,493
Salaries	764,475	720,988
Security	2,688	2,043
Staff Amenities	2,539	4,320
Staff Training	10,501	7,246
Superannuation	73,230	64,142
Telephone, Fax & Internet	6,630	4,044
Travelling Expenses	578	926
Volunteer Expenses	1,446	1,009
Veterinary Expenses	261,743	174,781
	1,766,708	1,580,210
<b>Surplus before non-cash items</b>	4,696,411	256,980

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	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>NON-CASH INCOME</b>		
Donations	5,000	-
Revaluation Non Current Assets	135	185
	<u>5,135</u>	<u>185</u>
<b>NON-CASH EXPENSES</b>		
Amortisation - Intangibles	916	3,447
Depreciation	44,955	44,906
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	-	421
	<u>45,871</u>	<u>48,774</u>
<b>Net surplus for the year</b>	<u>4,655,675</u>	<u>208,391</u>



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