

Annual Report **2017-2018**





Cat Protection acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we work, and we pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.

On 4 October 2017, we were honoured to have Gadigal Elder Uncle Charles (Chicka) Madden attend Cat Protection to perform Welcome to Country and help us celebrate World Animal Day.



Celebrating 60 years of caring for cats

In this reporting period, the Cat Protection Society of NSW celebrated our Diamond Anniversary: 60 years of caring for cats. Although not formally incorporated until 1960, the organisation began in 1958 as a small group of volunteers dedicated to helping street cats in Sydney.

The word diamond comes from the Ancient Greek *adamas* which means unbreakable. And indeed, surviving for 60 years as a small charity, Cat Protection has proven itself to be remarkably resilient. There have been many challenges over the decades but the unrelenting commitment to protecting the welfare and wellbeing of our feline friends has ensured we still have some of our own nine lives remaining.



On behalf of the Board, volunteers and staff, I thank members and all our supporters over the years for your faith and generosity. It is both an enormous honour and a great responsibility to provide stewardship to Cat Protection at this historic time (or at any time). You may be assured that your Board and management team proceed with an appropriate balance of caution and courage, prudence and enthusiasm to ensure our continued success.

As you will see, we finished the year with a very modest surplus of just over \$10,000 compared with last year's surplus of just over \$478,000. A number of income streams were lower this year, notably bequests, however, overall expenditure was also lower than for the year ending 2017.

Once again, we received an unqualified audit and we maintain our taxation and charitable compliance obligations. As we've not yet found suitable premises, our building fund continues to be invested with Perpetual. Term deposits have been maintained and interest reinvested with the principal at maturity.



As always, we are reliant on bequest income to meet operating expenses and this is an ongoing challenge for a charity that employs a no-harassment fundraising policy. Unlike most charities, we don't employ fundraising companies to solicit donations and while this makes us exceptionally polite, it does inhibit our capacity to grow our supporter base. For that, we ask you, our loyal members, to kindly (and politely!) help spread the word. Donations to Cat Protection come to Cat Protection and you will see in this report the myriad of worthy feline welfare programs those donations fund.

In last year's report, I wrote about our efforts in tackling the re-emergence – in February 2017 – of the deadly feline parvovirus. Working with our network of veterinarians, and in particular, University of Sydney feline medicine Professors Vanessa Barrs and Julia Beatty, our campaign to protect cats from this dreadful disease has not ceased and is already delivering positive results. Surveys on cat welfare in NSW demonstrate the impact of those efforts: a nine per cent increase in the rate of vaccination.



You can read more about our fight against parvovirus, and the welfare surveys we commissioned, in this report. As far as we know, we are the first organisation to comprehensively measure feline welfare in NSW. It is a considerable investment, but one we believe is very worthwhile, and we publicly share the results for the benefit of all working in the sector. The data is critical to developing strategies to address issues in feline care and welfare; after all, it is people who care (or don't care) for cats. Therefore, we need to understand what drives people to make the decisions they do about cats if we are to ensure the best outcomes for cats.

On behalf of my Board colleagues, and all the dedicated staff and volunteers, I commend this report to you and thank you sincerely for your support.

Kaye Isbister
President





Key feline facts



While we enjoyed great success with vaccination, our adoption and desexing results were lower than the previous year. In 2017-18, we **found homes for 772 cats and kittens** compared with 902 in 2016-17. In 2017-18, we **assisted with desexing 1,579 cats in the community**, compared with 2,207 cats in 2016-17 (although that year did represent an increase of nine percent on the previous year). We took in 15 cats and 70 kittens from pound facilities.

We processed the **registration of 715 cats and kittens and reunited two lost cats and one lost dog** with their people.

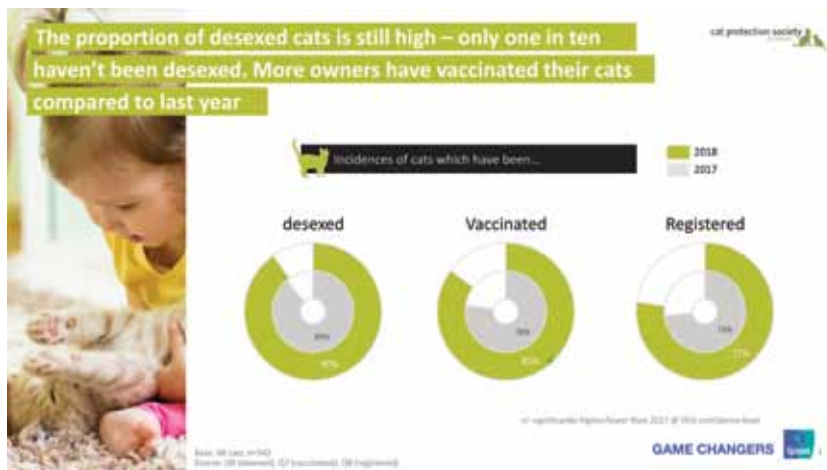
We have maintained double units for cats in our care. Given this policy was put in place the previous year with no impact on adoption numbers, this is unlikely to be the cause of fewer adoptions. In our view, a combination of factors influenced the result, including a flat economy, the cost of living (especially housing) in Sydney, and the shortage of pet-friendly rental and strata homes.

According to **Animal Medicines Australia's report Pet Ownership in Australia 2016** "There is a strong desire for pets – especially cats and dogs – among those who live in apartments or units, and renters, but these people are not more likely to be intending to buy one in the next 12 months. Key barriers for this cohort include the impacts of strata and body corporate regulations, or having an unsuitable home or lifestyle ... Single people and those living alone are also keen to own pets ... [but less likely to acquire]. This appears to be related to the difficulties single people and solo households can experience in caring for a pet on their own ... Similarly, part-time workers would like a pet, but are not likely to be planning to buy in the immediate term. This may reflect concerns at the cost of buying and owning a pet ..." (Animal Medicines Australia 2016).

These findings reflect our experience: owned cats are regularly surrendered to us for housing and economic reasons, and **many clients tell us they would love to adopt but cannot for reasons of income (including job insecurity) or the unavailability of pet-friendly housing**. With Sydney consistently ranked as one of the most expensive Australian cities in which to live (and high even by global standards) it is not surprising that there is a reluctance to commit to the expense of responsible cat ownership. More positive reasons for a decline in adoption include the fact that cats are living longer, and that there are now many more rescue groups rehoming cats from pounds and stray cats and kittens.

In 2017 and 2018, Cat Protection commissioned Ipsos to conduct surveys on cat welfare in NSW. These revealed many interesting facts including **a relatively high rate of desexing: 89% in 2017 and 90% in 2018**. Of those who had not desexed their cats, most planned to, and the research found that health messages about the benefits of early-age desexing further increased the likelihood of owners' intentions to desex their cats. Cost remains a barrier for some owners, so cat desexing can be encouraged by a combination of discounted services and promotion of the health benefits.

In respect of where people acquired their cats, the 2018 Ipsos NSW survey results are consistent in their findings with the Animal Medicines Australia 2016 national report. Shelter adoption ranked highest in the Ipsos survey at 23% (Animal Medicine Australia's 2016 report showed shelter adoption at 25%). However, **most cats are acquired informally**, either via friends/family neighbours (19% Ipsos; 19% Animal Medicines Australia 2016 report) or as stray/found cats (10% Ipsos; 15% Animal Medicines Australia 2016 report).



Rebuilding herd immunity



Dr Karen
Concord Vet Hospital



Cat Protection Society to subsidise vaccinations after outbreaks of feline virus

FPV is a risk about vaccination, we will about herd immunity.

It is thought that many owners of feline panleukopenia virus (FPV) are unaware of the risk of the virus to their cats. The Cat Protection Society of NSW is subsidising vaccinations to protect the feline population.



Environmental and infection control guidelines
for cattery operations



Outbreaks of the deadly Feline Panleukopenia Virus (FPV, feline parvovirus, feline enteritis) were identified across Sydney in early 2017. It was the first outbreak in almost 40 years. **FPV is preventable through the standard F3 vaccination** and all unvaccinated cats and kittens, or those who have not completed their full vaccination schedule or booster vaccines, are at risk. In kittens it is almost always fatal and even in adult cats the disease has a high mortality rate. There is no cure.

In our 2017 report, we outlined our response to the crisis, which included social and traditional media alerts to the public and referrals to our vet network for discounted vaccination. **Working with Vanessa Barrs, University of Sydney Professor of Feline Medicine and Infectious Diseases**, and her colleagues, we promoted infection control to shelters, pounds and rescue groups and provided free vaccinations at pop-up clinics.

In **May 2017** we commissioned Ipsos to conduct a survey of cat welfare in NSW. **It found that of the owned cat population in the survey, 78% had been vaccinated.** Herd immunity requires greater than 70% of the population to be vaccinated. However, because much of the cat population in Sydney is unowned and not all cats' vaccinations would have been current, it was unlikely that the target of 70%+ required for herd immunity was being met.

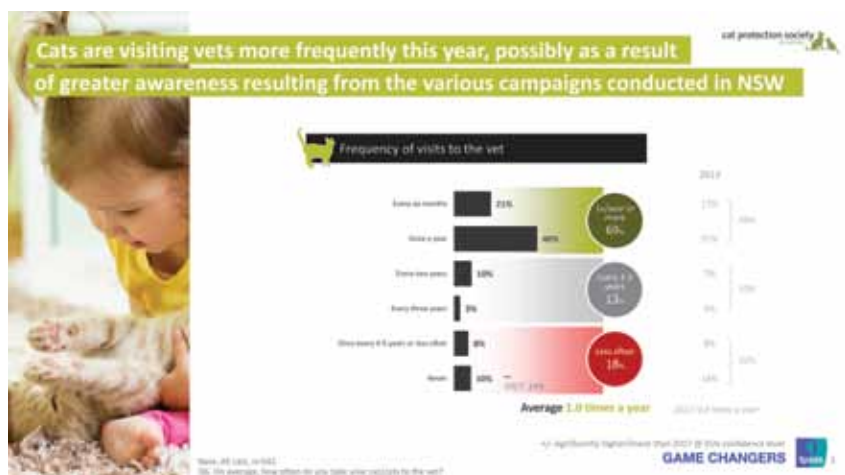
To **help restore herd immunity to FPV in the Sydney feline population**, Cat Protection increased our efforts. With a number of veterinary clinics, we offered **veterinary health checks and vaccination for just \$10 under our Herding cats program** from August to October 2017. Cat owners were also invited to participate in a research study into FPV by providing information about their cat's vaccination history and to consent to a blood sample being taken from their cat during the consultation. The samples were for a study led by Professor Barrs into the seroprevalence of FPV in cats in Sydney. The information is assisting with understanding why FPV re-emerged and what strategies, apart from vaccination and biosecurity, will be needed to prevent further spread of the disease.

Herding cats received media coverage in local newspapers across Sydney and the Central Coast. From September to December 2017, we ran **a poster ad campaign on Sydney Trains, "Keeping them safe"** about FPV and promoting F3 vaccination. Over the December-January holiday period we promoted vaccination with **ads on radio 2CH**. All the while – and still today – we offer **discounted vaccinations thanks to the generosity of vet clinics** participating in this program.

We provided **free vaccinations** in our Operation Cat discount desexing programs with **City of Sydney, Bathurst, Lithgow and Fairfield**. With Professor Barrs and her team, we provided free vaccinations at pop-up clinics on the **Central Coast** in December 2017 and at St Peters in March 2018. **Dr Sam Kovac of Southern Cross Veterinary Clinic** generously provided his hospital for the March clinic.

In all, we provided some 1,000 cats with free or heavily discounted vaccination in the reporting period.

The great news is that the June 2018 Ipsos survey showed 85% of pet cats are now vaccinated; a nine per cent increase (7 percentage points). This is a significant result, but Cat Protection will not be winding back our efforts as there remains the risk that FPV is present in many environments and new cases continue to emerge.



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Cake



Javier



Meira

Cat Protection's vision is that every cat has a loving and responsible home. Our mission is to work with the community at all levels for the mutual benefit of cats, people and the natural environment. **Providing care for cats and kittens who are lost, without owners or who have been mistreated, who have been found sick, injured or orphaned or who have been abandoned or surrendered – and then finding loving and responsible homes for them – is central to all our work.**

It informs our policy development and advocacy efforts; it supports our education programs; and it assists our commitment to research into feline health and welfare, and best practice feline shelter health and wellbeing. Shelter and adoption services are the cornerstone of our operations and represent most of our expenses.

While we are a shelter, which means we are a multi-cat environment, **our approach is that every cat is a unique individual with their own health (including mental health) and welfare needs, and wellbeing preferences.** In a relatively small shelter, this presents its own challenges (particularly when our population includes cats who really dislike other cats!). However, it also offers learning opportunities for both ourselves and our veterinarians. With an intake of several hundred cats and kittens each year, we come across both common and rare feline health and behavioural issues.

Because every cat's complete health and behaviour details are recorded into our customised Salesforce software program, we are not only able to carefully monitor the progress of our resident cats but we are building a databank of valuable feline health and behaviour information for future research.

While most of our cats are generally healthy, the majority of cats coming to us were unowned street cats, and are therefore likely to arrive unvaccinated, untreated for parasites and have not enjoyed good nutrition or even clean water to drink.

Unless they are being transferred immediately to a veterinary clinic, on entry cats are bathed in Imaverol (to minimise the risk of ringworm), vaccinated, flea and worm treated, and medicated with Baycox (to treat Coccidia, which is contagious. Baycox will not harm an uninfected cat but a cat with Coccidia will benefit from early treatment). **All cats undergo non-invasive routine screening for faecal pathogens** before they are placed into foster care or made available for adoption.

The screening test was created especially for Cat Protection by veterinarians, in particular, Dr David Hughes of Concord Veterinary Hospital, and Dr Anne Fawcett, along with external specialists, and with the input of our Feline Services Manager Nerida Atkin and Assistant Feline Services Manager, Bronwyn Facer.

The test screens for the most common and important feline-specific and zoonotic (can infect people) infectious diseases:

- Intestinal worms (roundworm, hookworm, whipworm and tapeworm) that can cause vomiting and diarrhoea in cats, and extremely rarely can cause a human health risk
- Coccidia - an intestinal parasite that can lead to severe vomiting, haemorrhagic diarrhoea and occasionally death in kittens and cats. In rare instances, Coccidia can be transferred to people if they are immunosuppressed
- Coronavirus – a common virus that causes diarrhoea and illness in cats
- Giardia – a very common intestinal parasite that causes vomiting and diarrhoea in kittens and cats and is zoonotic
- Campylobacter – a common bacterial infection that also poses a zoonotic risk (Campylobacter is a common cause of “gastro”/ “food poisoning” in people, often caused by eating undercooked poultry)
- Salmonella – a rare but at times severe infection that is zoonotic.

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In the reporting period, **988 faecal screening tests** were performed and identified 119 cases of Coccidia (treated with two doses of Baycox over 48 hours); 116 cats presented with Campylobacter, (which is treated with Erythromycin over seven days and then retested with repeat treatment provided if the cat is still positive); 10 cases of Salmonella (which required no treatment other than four weeks isolation and retesting until negative); and 52 cases of Giardia (treated with Panacur for five days, followed by re-testing). All cases were successfully treated.

All cats receive a health-check by a veterinarian within 24-48 hours of admission and receive any necessary treatment or surgery. Young kittens, and mums and kittens, are placed into foster care until the kittens are big enough and healthy enough to be desexed and placed for adoption into their own forever homes. Some cats require foster care while they recover from illness, injury or trauma.

A huge debt of gratitude to all our marvellous foster carers. While we provide the necessary training, equipment, food, supplies, veterinary care and support they need, they give the magical ingredients of time, love, socialisation and careful monitoring that allows these little ones to flourish. To all our foster carers: our deepest thanks. **It is not an easy task to give your heart to a feline in need, be they kitten, queen or rehabilitation patient, knowing that you will have to let them go to offer their purrs and paws to another family.** What you do is a gift, in every sense.



We also thank our veterinarians and their staff – including their wonderful vet nurses.

They provide care for “our” cats and kittens in the shelter and in foster care, and our referral network of vets supports cat owners in the community. Your commitment to feline health, welfare and wellbeing is reflected not only in your skill and dedication but in the fact that you forgo income to discount your services.

We would like to especially acknowledge **Dr David Hughes, Dr Rebecca Brady, Dr Anne Fawcett, Dr Angela Phillips, Dr Robert Jamsek, Dr Maurice Goadsby, Dr Steven Cooney, Dr Andrew Planner, Professor Richard Malik, Professor Vanessa Barrs, Professor Julia Beatty, and Dr Kersti Seksel.**

In the course of the year, **58 cats had dental treatment**, with 22 of them requiring tooth extraction and 36 needing only a scale and polish

Ollie had a scale and polish on admission but required **tooth extraction** six months later. He was an anxious cat who developed **feline lower urinary tract disease (FLUTD)** which was treated and he was also placed on **fluoxetine** (Prozac) to reduce his stress. His health was closely monitored with six-monthly blood tests and he has now found his forever home.

Kitty arrived with **gingivitis** so was tested for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) and Feline Leukaemia Virus (FeLV) to determine whether these could be the cause. As she tested negative (after two separate tests) she was placed on medication, however, the gingivitis did not respond. This led to vets making the decision to remove all her teeth except for the canines and incisors, which was successful. Kitty is now purring in her own home.

Pretty little **Patsy** required **dental extractions** on arrival but even after that problem was solved, she was super-stressed and **chronically vomiting**. **Ultrasounds** and other tests could find **no underlying cause**, so she was treated **with fluoxetine** and **environmental modifications** to help keep her calm. She is now delighting in a loving home where she is doted on.

Poor **Bialy** had to face the dentist twice – first to have **teeth extracted** and then a second time to **remove remnant tooth roots**. Fortunately, he recovered fully and is now king of his own castle.

Bubba and Cake also had to endure double-dentals. For Bubba it was a scale and polish plus extractions, and then a second dental to file down the lower canines that were causing irritation post-surgery. With a clean bill of health and a happy mouth, Bubba is now enjoying his meals in his own forever home. Cake came from a pound facility and had several health issues including a **rodent ulcer** (a lesion caused by an allergic reaction) on her upper lip, **flu, flea allergy and poor teeth**. Two sessions of dental surgery, Comfortis treatment for fleas, medication for flu, bedrest and good nutrition saw Cake recover and happily find a forever home.



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Batman



Mangrove



Reid



Simba

Stray mum **Luana** took care of her babies but she suffered from a **rodent ulcer** due to overgrooming. This was successfully treated with **steroids** and her teeth benefited from **scale and polish**. Street cats no more, Luana and her kittens all now have homes to call their own.

Luigi arrived in very **poor condition** and was **urgently treated for a massive umbilical hernia** and had a **dental scale and polish**. Like all our cats and kittens, he benefited greatly from **quality nutrition, lots of TLC and a warm, safe bed**. Lovely Luigi has now been adopted.

Batman was running out of lives when he came to Cat Protection. Fortunately, he tested negative to FeLV and FIV but he needed **both ears amputated due to skin cancer, was treated for ringworm and campylobacter, and required dental extractions**. This little cat proved to be a superhero and made a strong recovery and is now capering safely in his very own home.

Stray cat **Simba** had to be placed under **general anaesthetic to remove compacted faeces**. Tests revealed there was no underlying medical condition that caused the severe constipation and he fully recovered and was adopted.

Trinity and her brother **Morpheus** were placed into **foster care for rehabilitation**, coming to us in very poor condition. They were both treated for **calicivirus, campylobacter, giardia and Coccidia**. Trinity suffered from **corneal scarring and synechiae** (adhesions between the iris and structure of the eye) which required **eye enucleation** (removal of the eye). Morpheus had corneal scarring to both eyes but this did not require treatment. Morpheus and Trinity are still together, enjoying life in their loving new home.

Mangrove also suffered from **synechiae and corneal scarring** that did not respond to treatment and required **eye enucleation**. Mangrove recovered well and has been adopted.

Synechiae, corneal scarring and blocked tear ducts were just some of poor **Jean Luc's** health issues. He suffered badly from **gingivitis**. He had **chronic diarrhoea** but **five full faecal tests** as well as blood **tests for parvovirus, FIV and FeLV** yielded no answers. He had **fur loss** but was negative for ringworm. He became so ill at one point he was on **IV fluids and antibiotics**. He had a **chest X-ray and ultrasound, seven blood tests** (including two to check **vitamin B12 levels**) and **intestinal biopsies**. He was finally diagnosed as suffering from **inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)** and his health issues all responded well to a **hypoallergenic diet**. The causes of feline IBD are not well-understood but are believed to involve the **immune system** as well as environmental factors. Jean Luc's IBD is now being carefully managed by the lovely person who adopted him.

Marley's eye problem was **bilateral eyelid agenesis, a congenital defect** of the upper eyelid. She had two lots of surgery, first to correct the agenesis and then to remove an eyelash that was causing irritation to the eye. She loves life in her new home.

Suffering **severe dehydration, hypothermia and low blood glucose**, little kitten **Javier** had to be placed on **IV fluids and glucose, treated for worms and Coccidia, as well as carefully treated to restore his body temperature**. Unfortunately, the IV glucose, necessary to save his life, damaged his right paw. Despite an extended course of antibiotics, his leg did not recover so when he was big enough to be desexed, **his leg was amputated**. He was rehabilitated in foster care and subsequently found his forever home.

We are fortunate to have a great partnership with vet nurse **Jules Dos Santos and her fantastic team at Divine Creatures, Willoughby**. As well as being a satellite adoption agency for us, Divine Creatures often assists us with caring for special needs cats. **Minna** required **dental extractions** and **urinalysis** was undertaken, showing **possible early renal disease**. A second urinalysis was performed but the results were not conclusive. However, due to her age she was kept on a special renal diet as a precaution. Minna was stressed by other cats in the adoption centre, so she was moved to Divine Creatures, from where she found her loving new home.

After her person passed away, **Gin Gin** came to us and had dental surgery, arthritis treatment and medication for constipation before she was adopted. Sadly, her new person's ill health meant Gin Gin came back to us. She is now being **waited on hand and paw at Divine Creatures** until a new home is found.

Divine Creatures is also looking after **Norman** for us, supervising his **weight loss program**

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Trinity



Morpheus



Gypsy



Peanut

and providing him with **behaviour training** to help him manage his anxiety, which is also being treated with **fluoxetine**.

Renal issues are relatively common in old cats but not so much in kittens. When **Boomer** – who had already been treated for **calicivirus** and **ringworm** – started drinking excessive amounts of water and urinating excessively, **ultrasound, blood and bile-acid tests and urinalysis** were undertaken. Boomer was found to have **feline renal dysplasia, a congenital condition** in which the kidneys do not develop properly. The condition can be managed but cats with renal dysplasia will have a shortened life-span. Boomer is on a **special renal diet** and was adopted by caring people who understand his condition and are prepared to **help him enjoy a happy, if not long, life**.

Gypsy was diagnosed with **early-stage kidney disease** which is being managed with **Hill's k/d Prescription Diet** in her lovely new home.

Freckle had straightforward **dental surgery**, but her health check **urinalysis showed possible early kidney disease**. A **blood test** to compare the urinalysis confirmed **“possible” renal disease**. **Ultrasound showed her kidneys were normal**. She was placed into foster care for two months for monitoring and so she could be re-tested at a later date. She then had **a further three urinalysis tests** which all showed **normal results**. It was concluded that she did not have renal disease. It was also concluded, by the foster carer, that this little lady had to stay ... and so **Freckle was adopted by her foster carer**.

Urinalysis is used when trying to understand the cause of **inappropriate toileting issues** (which do not always stem from renal issues but these need to be ruled out). Mother cat **Meira's** urinalysis was clear but **X-rays showed hip dysplasia and arthritis**, most likely associated with her being a Manx cat. She responded well to treatment with **Cartrophen injections** and **environmental modification**. She and her kittens all found loving homes.

Similarly, X-rays found **Marlena** had a **congenital spine abnormality**, which was treated with **Metacam and steroids** (and potentially in the future, **Gabapentin**) as well as the appropriate environmental modifications made for her in her forever, indoor-only home.

Munroe had a simple **scale and polish** and no other health issues, until he suffered a very **rare adverse reaction to praziquantel**, a drug used to treat tapeworm (in people as well as cats and dogs). Fortunately, the reaction was transient but to keep him safe, Munroe has been adopted to an indoor-only home and his owners advised on how to minimise his risk of exposure to tapeworm, for example, to not feed him raw meat.

Very handsome and very shy, **Reid** came to us from a pound facility. He was treated with antibiotics for **FLUTD**, twice, and his **aggressive behaviour** was also cause for concern. Blood tests and further veterinary examination revealed **no underlying medical condition**. Reid was put on **fluoxetine medication and a socialisation program**. He responded well and became very affectionate. He was then moved into the adoption centre, after which he quickly found his forever family.

After blood was found in his urine, **Puss in Boots** had **ultrasound, X-rays and urinalysis**. He was placed on a **wet-food only diet**. Puss also had a **dental scale and polish** before he was adopted to his new loving home.

Peanut had an **umbilical hernia** surgically repaired but continued to demonstrate signs of pain. **Several X-rays** were taken over a period of time but these showed nothing which could be treated with surgery. He was prescribed **steroid treatment** and when he had recovered, he was placed for adoption. Peanut is enjoying his new home.

Still waiting for his own home is handsome **Beasley** who was treated for **ringworm** and also suffering from **chronic diarrhoea** and frequent urination. He underwent many tests including **biopsies, blood and faecal panels, and urinalysis**, as well as food trials. Ultimately he was **diagnosed with IBD** and is now stable on a **hypoallergenic diet**. He has his own area in the isolation ward as he has aggression issues when around other cats. Fortunately, however, **Beasley does like people and looks forward to finding a cat-free home of his own**.

Sundae is also waiting to be adopted. She was in poor health on arrival had **dental extractions** on admission and a **flea allergy** which had caused fur loss. She tested negative to FeLV and FIV. A **heart murmur** was detected and re-checked but found to require no treatment.



Ramses and Yoda



Apollo



Shadow



Beasley



Leah enjoying her Craft Club blanket

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Similarly, **Yoda** was in poor condition but tested negative to FeLV and FIV. He had a **dental scale and polish**, and a **chest X-ray confirmed a grade three heart murmur** which requires no treatment but regular monitoring. He found his forever home with his best friend, **Ramses**.

Apollo also has a **heart murmur** which vets advised does not require treatment beyond monitoring as he was stable under general anaesthetic while he underwent his dental treatment. Apollo is happy in his new home.

Shadow had received a blood transfusion prior to admission due to anaemia. He was placed into **foster care for rest and recuperation**. Subsequent tests revealed his health had much improve and a **dental scale and polish** was then safe to perform. Shadow is now healthy and happy with his new family.

Five kittens had surgery for **hernias** and four kittens had inguinal testes removed. Two kittens required **leg amputations** and seven cats and kittens were treated for **ear mites**. We treated 11 cases of **Bordetella** (requiring two to four weeks of treatment) and 37 cases of **calicivirus** (which requires 10-20 days of treatment plus a further eight weeks of isolation after recovery to ensure they are not shedding the virus). We saw four cases of **blepharospasm** (severe squinting) which required 7-14 days of Optichlor eye-drop treatment.

Although we managed to avoid cross-infection within the shelter, Sydney's humid climate means **ringworm** is widespread in the environment. In the reporting period we took in and treated 56 cases of ringworm – mostly young kittens. **A very special thanks to the very special foster carers** who are willing to take on the additional responsibility of treating kittens with ringworm.

We rehomed **six deaf kittens** and we made sure their particular needs were met both in the shelter and in their new homes. Because they cannot hear, deaf cats can appear grumpy or anxious but typically this is just a reasonable response to being given a fright, for example, if someone comes up to them from behind to pick them up. We have a **factsheet on deaf cats and the strategies to ensure they feel secure and happy**.

Cats with suspected food allergies are placed on a six-week food trial during which time they are not available for adoption. Food trials can take as long as six months depending on the complexity of the cat's issues. In the reporting period, 19 of our cats were placed on food trials.

As well as strict **hygiene and infection control protocols** being in place to protect cats' health, we ensure cats' wellbeing is served through a variety of **enrichment strategies** including food puzzles, music, catnip or chamomile (for shy cats) infused toys, cardboard scratchers, cuddle toys and rostered playtime. Kittens enjoy the fresh air in Marie's Place and our adult cats enjoy looking out of the window of the playroom onto Enmore Road. **Feliway** diffusers are used throughout the cat areas and additional spray is used for the bedding of nervous cats.

Thanks to our talented volunteers in **Craft Club**, our cats have beautiful hand-knitted or crocheted blankets. When a cat or kitten is adopted, their blanket goes home with them to help them settle into their new home.

Very sadly, 27 of our cats and kittens were not healthy or treatable, for reasons of fading kitten syndrome, congenital malformation, cancer, kidney failure, FIV, severe bacterial infection or inoperable traumatic injury. All were given love, respect and dignity. **They will not be forgotten.**

We assisted **important feline health research**, including by providing swabs for a study into calicivirus (taking the samples did not hurt the cats or kittens) and collecting faecal samples from litter trays for feline parvovirus research.

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



Adam Crouch MP (left) and Gareth McCray OAM

In December 2016, we launched **The Good Neighbour Project**. Since the last reporting period, we have continued to add resources to Good Neighbour, including **feline welfare information professionally translated into Arabic, Hindi and Vietnamese**. We already had information available in **Simplified Chinese**.

We emailed every **NSW MP's electorate office** to make them aware of the community language resources as well as reminding them of the range of material we have available as a part of Good Neighbour, including videos with **Auslan interpreters** and factsheets promoting responsible cat ownership.

The Good Neighbour Project was the theme of our 2017 Open Day. Displays included images and brochures of a range of **cat-proof fencing and enclosures; cat-friendly flowers; environmental enrichment for indoor cats; a step-by-step video guide on how to make your own cat scratcher; and a display by Oz-Pet showcasing their eco-friendly litter**. We also had presentations by veterinarians **Dr Anne Fawcett**, on the importance of vaccination; and **Dr Penny Dobson**, on feline nutrition. Our **Craft Club** braved the elements with a street stall and raised a fabulous \$500 selling an array of beautiful hand-made items from baby booties and toys to tea cosies and cat blankets. **Trevor Sinclair of Radio 2CH** reminded his listeners of the event, helping to ensure it was a great success.



In December 2017, we took Good Neighbour to the **Central Coast** with **Hey, Hey It's Caturday!** Setting up our stands and pop-up vaccination clinic on the grounds of the **Central Coast Animal Care Facility (CCACF)** at Erina, we were joined by **WIRES** and the lovely **Gosford Rotary Club** put on a sausage sizzle (with vegetarian sausages for us!). A special appearance by the Christmas Kitty and Christmas Fairy charmed children and adults alike. **Chairman of the Responsible Pet Ownership Reference Group and Member for Terrigal, Adam Crouch MP** spoke and we were delighted to have **2CH radio presenter Gareth McCray OAM** as MC. **Professor Vanessa Barrs, Professor Julia Beatty** and **Dr Liz Jenkins** gave up their Saturday to provide free health checks and vaccinations and we also provided **free microchipping**. Staff at the CCACF were able to assist with cats to be registered and the **Central Coast Council** and Cat Protection both offered **discount desexing vouchers**. As well as helping lots of humans with cat care information on the day, 36 cats were vaccinated, 30 provided blood samples for the study into feline parvovirus and 25 were microchipped.

We promoted Good Neighbour resources to people working in the pet industry. The **Pet Industry Association of Australia (PIAA)** generously provided us with a free stand at **AusPet 2017** which was held at the Grand Pavilion, Rosehill Racecourse in October. PIAA have been great supporters of Good Neighbour, distributing the brochure to their membership and providing updates in their newsletter and on their website (which includes a number of our responsible cat ownership factsheets). We enjoyed the opportunity to discuss our programs with both trade suppliers and retailers, not to mention watching the dog grooming demonstrations!

A **radio advertisement promoting Good Neighbour** was developed with **2CH** and began airing in July 2017:

Did you know cats have been keeping us humans company for over 10,000 years?

If you're a cat owner - be a good neighbour too.

Keep your cat confined to your property to reduce the risk of injury and protect the local fauna.

And if you have a new kitten, make sure he or she is microchipped and registered before 4-months of age. You'll receive a big discount on registration if your kitten is also desexed.

For more tips and advice, visit catprotection.org.au or call 9557 4818.

Also in July, an article discussing Good Neighbour and the benefits of keeping cats indoors was published in the **Inner West Courier, Canterbury-Bankstown Express** and the **Daily Telegraph** online.

A "tile" on the news local website with a link through to our responsible cat ownership web page was included as part of an advertising package we invested in with the Saturday **Daily Telegraph Best Weekend** magazine.



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



Dogs and Pets Australia magazine covered Good Neighbour as well as general information about Cat Protection in its Issue 10, 2017.

Over winter 2017, we presented a number of cat care talks at our shelter, including the always-popular ***Who will take care of my cat? Documenting your future wishes.*** **Ruth Pollard, Assistant Director Legal Services, NSW Trustee & Guardian (TAG)**, shared her considerable expertise and experience on this important topic. We were also very pleased to promote TAG's brilliant initiative, the **pet emergency card**, which we also have available free of charge at our Welfare Office. The card is designed to be kept in your wallet and says: "My pet is home alone – if I am sick or injured, please contact the person on the back of this card to care for my pets".

What's normal and what's not in feline health was presented **Dr David Hughes** and **Dr Rebecca Brady, Concord Veterinary Hospital** and helped cat owners to better understand the nuances of feline health and behaviour. We also ran sessions on ***Cat nutrition*** with **Dr Penny Dobson** and ***Fleas & worms!*** with our own vet nurse and Feline Services Manager, **Nerida Atkin**.



In September we were busy with a number of external events including the **Northcott Pet Day** in Surry Hills, **Spring into Liverpool** and the **Penrith Microchipping Day**. We participated in another Penrith Microchipping Day in March 2018.

October saw us at the Surry Hills **Super Furry Festival** and the hugely popular **Cruelty Free Festival** which in 2017 was held at The Cutaway, Barangaroo. These events are always great opportunities to meet new people, offer advice and support on cat care issues as well as to let people know about the services we offer. It's also very nice to reconnect with clients who have adopted from us and hear (and see) updates on our former residents.

Summer on the Green was held at Waterloo Green and organised in conjunction with City of Sydney Council to celebrate Chinese New Year. The showbags at our stall were very popular, as they were at another City of Sydney event held at Waterloo Green, the **Redfern/Waterloo Pet Day** in May 2018.

Professor Julia Beatty her team of vets and vet students from the **University of Sydney** were on hand to provide free feline health checks, microchipping and F3 vaccinations. Cat Protection donated the vaccines, took bookings for desexing and our Feline Services Attendant (and authorised microchip implanter) **Martyn Pilgrim** assisted with microchipping. On the day, 48 cats were vaccinated, 16 were microchipped, and 24 were booked in for desexing.



Our congratulations to the **Lord Mayor Clover Moore** and all at **City of Sydney** for their tremendous support of companion animal welfare and for their assistance to low-income pet owners. A very special thank you to City of Sydney Companion Animals Liaison Officer, **Michelle O'Brien**, whose skill and dedication makes these programs so successful.

One of the highlights of our event calendar is always the **Sydney Royal Easter Show**. This year we were generously invited to hold our stall for all the cat competition days this year, so we were at the Show for two weekends. We had many visitors inquiring about adopting, fostering and volunteering, but our kittens were the real stars! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us, and of course, thanks to our kittens Bert, Ernie and Cookie for their patience and purrs.



In April, we also participated in the **Bathurst Pet Expo** where we also promoted our **Operation Cat** program. **2BS Bathurst Radio** interviewed our Feline Services Manager **Nerida Atkin** about the benefits of desexing and Operation Cat. Working with local vets at the **Durham Street and Stewart Street vet clinics**, and with the support of **Bathurst Regional Council**, we offered pension card holders cat desexing, vaccination and microchipping for just \$40. This was our second Bathurst Op Cat (we also offer a year-round discount referral service) and saw 40 cats desexed; 33 microchipped and 20 vaccinated. **A big thank you to companion animal champion Margaret Gaal**, Senior Ranger, who has helped us enormously with our feline welfare work in Bathurst.



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

In May we launched an **Operation Cat** in neighbouring **Lithgow**, with the support of **Hartley Vet and Animal Care Centre**, **Lithgow Veterinary Hospital** and **Bowenfels Veterinary Clinic**. Fabulous publicity in the **Lithgow Mercury** ensured the success of the program, which benefited **34 cats**.

We held a stall at **Willoughby Council's Billy + Margot Pet Festival** in May where we met many people interested in cat adoption and foster care. The standout, however, was the popularity of items made by our Craft Club!

Our **School Holiday Program** is a regular feature of our education calendar. In the reporting period, we held 14 sessions. These are designed for children in years K-6 and include a tour of the shelter, information about cat health and behaviour (appropriate to the age group), making cat toys and of course, a meet and greet session with our friendliest felines. Sessions are free and limited to small groups ensuring these events are accessible and informative.

Kitten Kindy is an informative and interactive small-group education program for new (or potential) cat owners. We held six Kitten Kindy classes in the reporting period, with more than 40 participants.

Our marketing efforts are directed to educating cat owners about key feline welfare issues including desexing and vaccination, as well as promoting adoptions. During the reporting period, we ran discounted advertising campaigns with **2GB**, **2CH**, **City Hub** and **City News** (altmedia.net.au); **El-Telegraph**; **LOTL**; **Sydney Trains** (T1 and T2 lines); **News Corp** and **Best Weekend** magazine.

Media coverage during the period included a reference to our subsidised vaccination programs in an article in **The Conversation** (6 February 2018) "Cat plague is back after nearly 40 years in hiding – here's what you need to know". Written by **Dr Mark Westman** and **Professor Richard Malik**, it discussed the re-emergence of feline parvovirus and it also appeared on **ABC** online and **The Guardian** online.

One of our favourite media moments was our kittens starring in a fashion spread on luxury accessories that appeared in the Life section of the **Weekend Australian Magazine** (22-23 July 2017). "Little Purlers" included information on adoption and our website.

Another treasure was the article "Pet Survivors" in **National Geographic Kids** (Issue 28) which included Dr Anne Fawcett's three-legged cat Hero, who came from Cat Protection.

Important feline health stories on vaccination and desexing were covered in the **Fairfield City Champion**; **Fairfield Advance**; **Sunday Telegraph**; **Inner West Courier**; **Penrith Press**; **Canterbury Bankstown Express**; **Liverpool Leader**; **Hills Shire Times**; **Rouse Hill Times**; **Central Coast Express Advocate**; **Manly Daily**; and **Daily Telegraph** online.

"Cat-astrophe for renter's pets" by Jade Morellini was published by Altmedia online and examined the difficulty in finding pet-friendly rental accommodation in Sydney. Cat Protection spoke of the benefits of preparing pet resumes in getting real estate agents and landlords to reconsider pets.

City Hub's annual "**Best of Sydney**" awards named Cat Protection Best Cat Sanctuary. "With a vision of providing secure and loving environments for every cat passing through their doors, these cat protecting warriors fight the good fight by ensuring the welfare of these animals."

Animal advocate and veterinarian **Dr Katrina Warren** appeared on the **Channel 9 Today Show** in December with two of our little kittens and the program's website included a link to our Facebook page.

Our **Facebook** is an important communication tool. In the reporting period our "likes" grew from 20,333 to 21,724. In April 2018, we made our first foray into **Instagram** and had 269 followers at the end of May. Our **website** hosted over 73,000 sessions with more than 289,000 page views.

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



Our **Nine Lives brooch collection** (#NineLivesNewtown) was launched with a clever video written and directed by **Charles Penfold**, with the gifted **Paul Capsis** providing the voice of Jitu the cat.

Nine Lives was conceived by Feline Services Manager Nerida Atkin, and all the brooches were designed and **created in-house by staff and volunteers** as a labour of love and creative fundraiser.

Each of the nine brooches represents a cat or pair of cats who came to Cat Protection with special needs, such as **Husky** who had arthritis, or **Jaffa** who had a leg amputated. Bella's eye disease was so severe that both her eyes had to be surgically removed. This in no way diminished her zest for life and playful nature. **Bella** won the hearts of all who met her and, like all the cats in the Nine Lives collection, was adopted into a loving home.

The brooches are sold at our shelter and are also available for purchase from our website's online shop. The brooches aren't just cute accessories; they embody the work of Cat Protection and the courage and joy of the feline spirit.

The video and brooch collection received wide publicity including **B&T; The Stable; Mumbrella; 2SER; and Pets4Life Bark n Purr.**

Dr Anne Fawcett's blog **Small Animal Talk** said: "We LOVE this idea for a fundraiser. Not only does it acknowledge the individual personalities of these cats while promoting awareness about responsible cat ownership, but it's just wonderful that an organisation embraced the ideas of people working within it, and really validating of the bond that shelter staff have with animals."



Husky



Bella



Jaffa



Jay and Bob

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



Becky Robinson, Alley Cat Allies



Anne Fawcett, Vanessa Barrs, Becky Robinson and Kristina Vesk at Valentine Charlton Cat Centre



Lisa Wray and Jeremy Bennett, Sutherland Shire Council at Cat Protection

Cat Protection **CEO Kristina Vesk** continues to serve on the **Responsible Pet Ownership Reference Group**, which is chaired by the Member for Terrigal, **Mr Adam Crouch MP**, and provides advice to the NSW Government on strategic dog and cat issues. Membership includes the AVA, RSPCA, Dogs NSW, PIAA, Veterinary Practitioners Board and representatives of local government.

Members have forged links independent of the RPORG to exchange ideas and share information. Thus it was that Cat Protection and the **Sutherland Shire Animal Shelter** visited each other's facilities and discussed strategies for managing unpredictable shelter populations and meeting the needs of long-staying cats and dogs.

We have been involved in consultations with the **NSW Environmental Trust** on domestic cat management; **researchers at UTS** on pet-friendly housing; and with the **Office of Local Government** on the Companion Animal Register. We made a submission to the review of the **Companion Animal Regulation**, and the proposed new regulation. The CEO participated in a stakeholder forum on the Draft Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Breeding Dogs and Cats, and Animals in Pet Shops) **Standards and Guidelines** and we provided a written submission.

We made a submission to the national RSPCA discussion paper on cat management opposing the recommendation that feral cats be declared a pest species. **There is no species difference between 'feral' or lost, stray or owned cats** – the only differences are in their dependence on people. It is our view that language matters: there are legal permissions around killing 'pest' species that do not apply to non-pest species; there are also (negative) cultural norms created when an animal is considered a 'pest'. We were pleased to note that the recommendation was not supported by the majority of respondents to the discussion paper and was removed.

In November, the CEO attended **the 2017 International Compassionate Conservation Conference** which explored new approaches to managing the complex dynamics of human development, its impact on the environment and the challenges for conservation in an ethical framework. There is a strong movement within the scientific community that the welfare of all species matters and that sentient non-human animals should not be compelled to suffer.

At the conference, our CEO was honoured to meet **Becky Robinson, Founder and President of Alley Cat Allies**, a major US charity advocating for cat welfare. Becky visited our shelter and we also took her to meet with Professor Vanessa Barrs and Dr Anne Fawcett, and for a tour of the **Valentine Charlton Cat Centre** at the University of Sydney. It was a great opportunity to learn and compare experiences.

The CEO also participated in the **One Welfare Workshop hosted by HARN** (Human Animal Research Network) at the University of Sydney. One Welfare is a concept that expands on "One Health" (which recognises the interrelationships between human and non-human health, for example, antimicrobial resistance) and gives consideration to broader concepts of wellbeing and welfare. This is a growing area of both academic inquiry and social policy. For example, lack of pet-friendly housing has a welfare impact on both people (who would like to own a cat but are prohibited by tenancy/strata) and cats (who cannot find people to adopt them).

We participated in research to develop a 'Quality of Life' scoring system for kennelled cats being undertaken at the **Anglia Ruskin University in the UK**.

In the reporting period, Cat Protection added new content to our website **catcare.org.au** (which is for people who work with cats and includes resources such as the veterinary education package on early-age desexing).

With thanks to **Professor Vanessa Barrs**, the **shelter health** section is now complete, and includes a 40 page downloadable booklet, **Environmental and infection control guidelines for cattery operations** plus a **zoonotic diseases** supplement. These resources are free and designed to assist pounds, rescue groups and shelters implement policies and procedures to minimise disease risk in their cat populations. We have continued to campaign for routine vaccination in all pounds and shelters.

HONOURING THE UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLE AND CATS



Bosco



Merlo



Vanessa Barrs, Professor of Feline Medicine and Infectious Diseases



Julia Beatty, Professor of Feline Medicine

Helping people and their cats stay together is a key part of our work, whether that is through supportive advice to clients whose cats are presenting with unwanted behaviours (such as furniture scratching or inappropriate toileting) or assisting with tactics to help people find pet-friendly accommodation.

Some of our welfare work is complex and sensitive and may involve issues as challenging as domestic violence. Because cats are companion animals, our work as a feline charity is necessarily equally concerned with people. We help some 5,000 human clients each year.

We provide opportunities for people to celebrate their feline family in **Scratching Post** or to mourn them, in **In Memoriam** which feature in our members' magazine **Cat Affairs**. Some choose to share their cat's story with us on Facebook.

Our adoption process is thorough because, at its heart, its aim is to ensure an enduring and happy relationship for both the adopter and the cat. With fewer than two per cent of cats coming back to us, we believe the investment of staff time is worthwhile. **We do not commodify our cats**: adopters pay an adoption fee for our service, they are not buying a cat.

We **rehome grieving cats whose much-loved people have passed away** and we make every effort to match them to a person who will understand that the cat is grieving, and who will give the cat the special attention they need to help them adjust to the new phase of their own life's journey. We know and respect that cats and people can have deep emotional bonds and that their relationships matter.

Merlo (14 years) and **Bosco** (five years) were adopted from Cat Protection by entertainer and cat lover, **Joy Mulligan**. Sadly, in March 2018 Joy passed away, leaving behind friends, fans and two cats, all of whom missed her deeply.

Thoughtfully, Joy had made plans for Bosco and Merlo to be rehomed, and her friends Mandy and Nevin faithfully and diligently ensured Joy's testamentary wishes for her cats were fulfilled.

Though very sad, we were honoured to care for Bosco and Merlo once again when they came to our shelter in April. They clearly missed their beautiful human friend, but they gave each other comfort and our staff and volunteers did our best to reassure them. Happy tears were shed when they were adopted in late July. In their new home with Gabriella and Douglas, we're told: "They're so affectionate and love to be cuddled ... they play together regularly ... they're such funny and beautiful cats." Joy would be pleased.

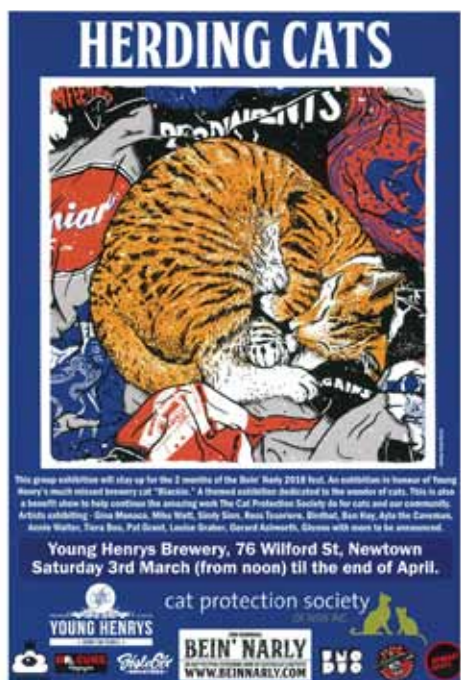
In last year's report, we announced **our decision to invest** some of our very generous bequest reserves in **research to advance feline health and welfare and to combat the threat of feline infectious diseases**. Cat Protection made a grant of \$225,000 over three years to support the work of **Sydney University's Julia Beatty, Professor of Feline Medicine, and Vanessa Barrs, Professor of Feline Medicine and Infectious Diseases**.

Some of their current research projects are: **feline panleukopaemia**, including understanding its re-emergence and different strains, as well as whether or not other viruses are involved in the outbreak; **feline aspergillosis** (a new infectious fungal species, *Aspergillus felis*, was identified by Professor Barrs as the most common cause of the disease known as aspergillosis in Australian cats); and **feline calicivirus**, particularly the cause of the 2015 outbreak in Sydney cats, similar to an extremely virulent strain that emerged in Europe in the past 10-15 years. The aim is to compare strains of the virus to determine whether there are any specific, identifiable genetic mutations that are responsible for severe disease.

Professor Beatty's work recently made international news with the **discovery of a novel hepadnavirus**, identified while researching **feline lymphomas**. The findings were published in the journal **Viruses** and open up the potential for the development of new drugs or vaccines, and further understanding about the role of viruses in other species, including people.



Volunteer Cameron Dunn



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

Cat Protection's work is only possible thanks to a wide community of supporters be they our members, donors, volunteers, local businesses, veterinarians, customers, business partners, people who remember us in their wills, adopters ... and our friends in the neighbourhood.

Capturing the local spirit, **Glenno**, head curator of the **Bein' Narly** put on great show **Herding cats** at **Young Henry's, Newtown** as part of the art festival. Not only did this wonderful exhibition celebrate cats, the artists generously donated profits to Cat Protection. Our friends at Young Henry's regularly support us and we are grateful for such lovely neighbours.

As well as art, we celebrated with music: **John Kennedy's 68 Comeback Special** launched their single "Peter Says" at our Op Shop in February, playing a brilliant set of original music including the hilarious "**Peter Says**", an homage to the inner west and op shops, including our very own.

Our Op Shop isn't just a place for great bargains, it's a community hub and reduces waste by ensuring unwanted clothes and other goods are reused, repurposed or recycled. Our volunteers, donors and customers help the environment as well as our feline programs.

At the end of National Volunteer Week on 26 May, we celebrated with a party at the **Warren View Hotel**, who generously made a cupcake tower to mark our 60th anniversary. To acknowledge the contribution made by volunteers to Cat Protection over the past six decades, **Volunteer Coordinator Sonia Chovanec** nominated every current serving volunteer for the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards 2018. Deservedly, every volunteer was honoured with a certificate.

In addition to our regular volunteers, we regularly welcome **corporate volunteers** and animal science and animal care students for work placements.

We actively recruit **students of veterinary and animal science** to join our team of feline attendants so they can benefit from a relevant part-time job while they study, and graduate with a better understanding of shelter health, feline medicine and behaviour. In the reporting period, three staff graduated from vet science; three are currently studying to become vets; and two are currently working on feline research projects in the Barrs-Beatty lab at the University of Sydney.

Knowledge is critical in our work and we are dedicated to lifelong learning and maintain our membership with the **International Society of Feline Medicine (ISFM)** whose journals and webinars keep us up-to-date with the latest developments in cat care, health and wellbeing.

Our Feline Services Manager is currently studying feline behaviour with ISFM (having already completed her Feline Friendly Nursing certification with them) and also this year she completed a course on **feline behaviour** through the **Centre for Veterinary Education**, University of Sydney.

Our Assistant Feline Services Manager attended the **2017 G2Z (Getting to Zero) Conference** in Queensland and she also completed an online unit of study in **Shelter Operations** (a program developed by the Humane Network USA) through the University of the Pacific.

Two of our Feline Services staff attended an animal behaviour workshop presented by **Sydney Animal Behaviour Service (SABS)** and all staff participate in in-house training and education.

We are members of **Animals Australia**, the **Institute of Community Directors, Associations Forum** and a Society Affiliate of the **International Society for Anthrozoology**.

One of our most generous and enduring partnerships is with **Hill's Pet Nutrition**, who have been providing **Science Diet** for our cats and kittens for more than one-fifth of our history!

We also value our partnerships with **Bayer** who have been so generous with **Advocate** and **Advantage** flea and worm treatment; **Bova**, who have provided specialist compound medications at no charge; **Virbac** for vaccine rebates; **Oz-Pet** for providing eco-friendly litter and trays for our kittens; **CEVA** for **Feliway** donations; and **Universal Magazines'** kids and family publication **PETS** for their generous sponsorship and for promoting loving and responsible pet ownership to the next generation.

Thank you

To everyone who has helped us throughout the year, our sincere thanks.

We remember those whose legacies have improved the lives of our feline friends:

Florence Billett; Joy Butler; Marjorie Cincotta; Joyce Clark; Gwen Coopman; Hazel Davidson; Clive De Hessel; Thelma Howard; Joan Marion; Mary Momesso; Alisa Paterson; Genevieve Peoples; Dorina Podesta; Shirley Rodwell; Leslie Skilton.

Your generosity and kindness are manifest in the purrs of every grateful kitten and cat who has been blessed with security, love and a home to call their own.

Thank you to the **Minister and NSW Department of Primary Industries** for the **animal welfare grant** that helps us to deliver feline welfare services to low-income cat owners and to assist cats at risk in the community.

Thank you to all our **regular donors** for your generosity and constancy; you help make cats' dreams come true. Thank you too to those who donate through **workplace giving** and **corporate donors**: AMP and AMP Foundation; AON; Australia Post; Cuscal; Deloitte; Deutsche Bank; Good2Give; Macquarie Group and Macquarie Foundation; National Australia Bank; Perpetual Foundation; PwC Australia; Salesforce; Suncorp Group; Sydney Water; Westpac Group.

A very big thank you to The Travel Authority Group for their generous annual sponsorship of a cat rehoming unit.

Thanks also to **Pet Circle** and **Lyppards** for your donations; to **BD Australia** who donated 1,000 syringes for vaccinations and **ATS Global Health and Safety** for donating \$3,000 worth of coveralls and gloves.

To **Concord Veterinary Hospital** thank you for the donated prizes, Christmas sausage sizzles and countless hours of voluntary service; you're amazing.

Kaz Childs – graphic designer, cat lover and friend – we can't thank you enough!

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Thank you to 2CH and 2GB, and to Alan Jones AO.

Thank you to Darren Kane of Colin W Love & Company Lawyers; and to Robin Woods-Child and Rocketseed.

Our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude is extended to everyone who rescued a little cat or kitten from the streets or factory yards or even their own backyard and brought them to our shelter so they could receive the special care they need ... because every cat deserves a loving and responsible home.

And many thanks to all our **vets and their vet nurses**.

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

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

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.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MAY 2018**

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

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Board of Directors submit the financial report of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc for the financial year ended 31 May 2018.

Board of Directors

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

Nita Harvey
Angelika Elliott
Kaye Isbister
Grace Tam
Guy Farrands
Michael Madani
Petra Dobrijevic

Principal Activities

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

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

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The surplus after providing for amortisation and depreciation amounted to \$10,256.

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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 \$2,225.44 (ex. GST) to insure each of the Board Directors against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of a Board Director of the association, other than for conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the association.

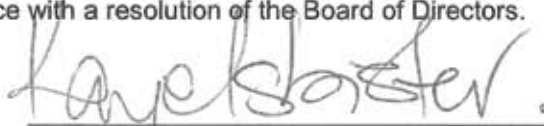
Proceedings on Behalf of the Association

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

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

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

President:


Kaye Isbister

Vice President:


Nita Harvey

Dated this 8th day of September 2018

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

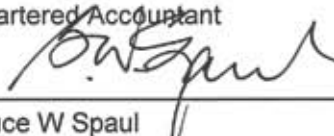
**TO THE DIRECTORS OF
THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 May 2018 there have been:

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

Name of Firm: Munro Spaul Auditing
Chartered Accountant

Name of Principal:


Bruce W Spaul
Registered Company Auditor (2/A/2307)

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

Dated this 8th day of September 2018

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue		2,889,642	3,506,909
Other income		-	5
		2,889,642	3,506,914
Advertising expenses		(112,301)	(88,612)
Auditor's remuneration		(12,912)	(11,952)
Cattery expenses		(82,423)	(99,606)
Donations / Grants		(75,000)	(75,000)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(87,370)	(85,516)
Employee benefits expenses		(1,497,910)	(1,499,530)
Merchandise		(161,907)	(188,022)
Opportunity shop expenses		(53,184)	(52,038)
Veterinary expenses		(388,610)	(549,526)
Other expenses		(407,769)	(379,032)
Surplus for the year	3	10,256	478,080
Other comprehensive income:			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
Net gain on revaluation of land and buildings		617,500	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of financial assets		80,624	124,182
Total other comprehensive income for the year		698,124	124,182
Total comprehensive income for the year		708,380	602,262

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MAY 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	9,658,006	9,693,154
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	82,820	49,854
Inventories	6	43,369	39,289
Other current assets	7	133,993	145,462
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>9,918,189</u>	<u>9,927,759</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets	8	3,368,817	3,199,667
Property, plant and equipment	9	2,507,367	1,938,883
Investment property		26,782	26,782
Intangible assets	10	47,283	73,973
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>5,950,249</u>	<u>5,239,305</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>15,868,438</u>	<u>15,167,064</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable and Other Payables	11	184,995	196,463
Provisions	12	8,077	6,111
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>193,072</u>	<u>202,574</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	12	38,059	35,562
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>38,059</u>	<u>35,562</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>231,130</u>	<u>238,136</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>15,637,307</u>	<u>14,928,928</u>
EQUITY			
Reserves		2,192,679	1,494,555
Retained surplus	13	13,444,628	13,434,373
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>15,637,307</u>	<u>14,928,928</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

Note	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$	Accumulated Surplus \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 June 2016	1,370,373	12,956,292	14,326,665
Other comprehensive income	124,182	-	124,182
Surplus attributable to members	-	478,080	478,080
Balance at 31 May 2017	<u>1,494,555</u>	<u>13,434,373</u>	<u>14,928,928</u>
Other comprehensive income	698,124	-	698,124
Surplus attributable to members	-	10,256	10,256
Balance at 31 May 2018	<u>2,192,679</u>	<u>13,444,629</u>	<u>15,569,307</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

		2018 \$	2017 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		530,985	590,145
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,791,634)	(2,996,032)
Dividends and distributions received		132,558	111,296
Interest received		208,902	250,181
Donations and bequests received		1,984,753	2,494,121
Net cash provided by operating activities	16	<u>65,564</u>	<u>449,711</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments		179,275	499,385
Proceeds from property, plant and equipment		-	5,315
Payments for investments		(268,323)	(2,706,230)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(535)	(1,353)
Payments for intangibles		(11,130)	(31,410)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(100,713)</u>	<u>(2,234,293)</u>
Net increase in cash held		(35,148)	(1,784,582)
Cash at beginning of financial year		9,693,155	11,477,736
Cash at end of financial year	4	<u>9,658,006</u>	<u>9,693,155</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 Basis of Preparation

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

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

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

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Revenue and Other Income

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

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

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

Dividend revenue is recognised upon receipt.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

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

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

Inventories

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

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Property, Plant and Equipment

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

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

Land and buildings

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

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

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

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

Depreciation

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

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

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

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

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

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Financial Instruments

Initial Recognition and Measurement

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

Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

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

Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefits

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

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

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

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

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Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

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

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

Intangibles

Other intangibles

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

Provisions

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

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

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

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

Comparative Amounts

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

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

Leases

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

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	2018	2017
	\$	\$

Income Tax

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

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

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

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	2018 \$	2017 \$
3 Profit for the year		
Surplus before income tax from continuing operations includes the following specific expenses:		
Expenses		
Employee benefits expense:		
contributions to defined contribution superannuation funds	114,048	122,767
Depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and equipment	87,370	85,516
Auditors Remuneration - Fees	12,913	11,952
Revenue and Other Income		
The following significant revenue items are relevant in explaining the financial performance:		
Legacies/Bequests	1,738,398	2,217,772
4 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash in Hand	550	550
Cash at Bank	2,166,864	2,400,044
Interest Bearing Deposits	7,490,593	7,292,560
Perpetual Cash Account	-	-
	9,658,006	9,693,154
Reconciliation of cash		
Cash and Cash equivalents reported in the cash flow statement are reconciled to the equivalent items in the balance sheet as follows:		
Cash and cash equivalents	9,658,006	9,693,154
	9,658,006	9,693,154
5 Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors		
Current		
Accounts Receivable	3,638	592
Other Debtors	53,073	14,928
GST on Acquisitions	19,919	28,144
Deposits on Hand	6,190	6,190
	82,820	49,854

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	2018 \$	2017 \$
6 Inventories		
Current		
Stock on Hand - at Cost	43,369	39,289
7 Other Non-Financial Assets		
Current		
Prepayments	133,993	145,462
8 Financial Assets		
Non-Current		
Shares in Non-Listed Companies	5,000	5,000
Perpetual Managed Investment Portfolio	3,363,817	3,193,869
ANZ Private Portfolio	-	798
	3,368,817	3,199,667
9 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Land and Buildings		
Land - at fair value	1,550,000	1,000,000
Buildings - at fair value	900,000	855,000
Total Land and Buildings	2,450,000	1,855,000
Plant & Equipment - at Cost	123,190	122,655
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(103,285)	(92,145)
	19,905	30,510
Motor Vehicles - at Cost	38,573	38,573
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(18,248)	(11,473)
	20,325	27,100
Office Equipment - at Cost	110,700	110,700
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(93,563)	(84,427)
	17,137	26,273
Total Plant and Equipment	57,367	83,883
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	2,507,367	1,938,883

Freehold land and buildings located at 103 Enmore Road, Newtown NSW, has been estimated by Sydney Suburban Property Valuations as at 1 August 2018. The revaluation surplus was credited to the asset revaluation reserve in equity.

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	2018		2017		
	\$		\$		
Movements in Carrying Amounts					
Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.					
	Freehold Land and Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Office Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 June 2016	1,877,500	40,505	38,343	38,041	1,994,389
Additions	-	1,353	-	-	1,353
Disposals	-	-	(2,142)	-	(2,142)
Depreciation expense	(22,500)	(11,348)	((9,101)	(11,768)	(54,717)
Balance at 31 May 2017	1,855,000	30,510	27,100	26,273	1,938,883
Additions	-	535	-	-	535
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(22,500)	(11,140)	(6,775)	(9,136)	(49,551)
Revaluation	617,500	-	-	-	617,500
Carrying amount at 31 May 2018	2,450,000	19,905	20,325	17,137	2,507,367

10 Intangible Assets

CRM Software - at Cost	99,770	99,770
Less Written Off	(62,935)	(30,011)
Website Development Costs	16,130	5,000
Less Written Off	(5,681)	(786)
	-	-
Total	47,283	73,973

11 Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Current

Accounts Payable	22,654	76,395
Other Payables	59,832	19,237
Business Credit Card	2,065	367
Accrued Expenses	46,477	48,211
GST on Supplies	1,961	4,135
Provision for Annual Leave	52,006	48,118
	184,995	196,463

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	2018 \$	2017 \$
12 Provisions		
Current		
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	8,077	6,111
Non-Current		
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	38,059	35,562
13 Accumulated Surplus		
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of financial year	13,434,373	12,956,293
Net surplus attributable to the association	10,256	478,080
Accumulated surplus at the end of the financial year	13,444,628	13,434,373
14 Capital and Leasing Commitments		
Operating Lease Commitments		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:		
Payable - minimum lease payments		
Not later than 12 months	89,784	78,350
Between 12 months and five years	110,616	64,800
	200,400	143,150
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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	2018 \$	2017 \$
16 Cash Flow Information		
Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Surplus for the year		
Surplus for the year	10,256	478,080
Non-cash flows in surplus		
Depreciation	49,551	54,718
(Gains)/losses on investments	522	(43,029)
Amortisation	37,819	30,798
Shares donated/bequeathed	-	-
Profit on sale of non current assets	-	(3,173)
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposals of subsidiaries		
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable and other debtors	(32,966)	(14,971)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(4,080)	(6,196)
(Increase)/decrease in other current assets	11,469	(121,429)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable and other payables	(11,468)	79,048
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	4,463	(4,134)
	<u>65,564</u>	<u>449,711</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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	2018	2017
	\$	\$

18 Members' Liabilities

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

19 No Distribution of Surplus

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

20 Fundraising Activities

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

Income

Opportunity shop sales	139,662	131,369
Fundraising	170,312	145,076
Total fundraising income	309,974	276,445

Expenses

Opportunity Shop – Amenities	378	411
Opportunity Shop – Electricity	1,446	1,364
Opportunity Shop – Rent	42,273	41,053
Opportunity Shop – Repairs & Maintenance	7,878	7,946
Opportunity Shop – Telephone	1,009	1,100
Opportunity Shop – Water	200	164
Fundraising Expenses	7,816	7,512
Total fundraising expenses	60,999	59,550
Total Surplus from Fundraising Activities	248,975	216,895

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

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

1. Present a true and fair view of the financial position of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc as at 31 May 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

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

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

President:


Kaye Isbister

Vice President:


Nita Harvey

Dated this 8th day of September 2018

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

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

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 statement of financial position as at 31 May 2018, profit and loss statement and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc for the year ended 31 May 2018 presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth).

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

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 the Act; and
- d. At the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

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Emphasis of Matter- Basis of Accounting

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

Responsibilities of the Committee and those Charged with Governance

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of Firm: Munro Spaul
Chartered Accountants

Name of Director:



Bruce W Spaul
Registered Company Auditor (2/A/2307)

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

Dated this 8th day of September 2018

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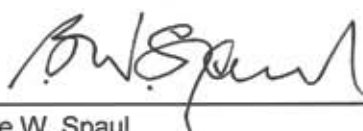
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AUDITOR'S DISCLAIMER

The additional financial data presented on pages 25-27 is in accordance with the books and records of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc ('our client') which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in my audit of the association for the year ended 31 May 2018. It will be appreciated that my audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, I 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 Auditing
Chartered Accountant

Name of Principal:



Bruce W. Spaul
Registered Company Auditor (2/A/2307)

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

Dated this 8th day of September 2018

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

CASH INCOME

Donations / Fundraising	246,356	276,349
Government Grants	15,500	15,500
Interest Received	208,902	250,181
Legacies	1,738,398	2,217,772
Desexing & Microchipping	31,972	34,993
Distributions Received	90,465	60,606
Dividends Public Companies	42,093	50,690
Realised Gain on Investments	(522)	43,023
Sales - Cat Adoption Fees	110,894	129,406
Sales - Merchandise	234,872	268,308
Sales - Opportunity Shop	139,662	131,369
Subscriptions	12,799	14,041
Other Income	18,251	14,671

2,889,642

3,506,909

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CASH EXPENSES		
Advertising & Promotion	112,301	88,612
Auditors Remuneration - Fees	12,913	11,952
Bank Charges	4,913	4,067
Bookkeeping	35,718	34,678
Cattery Expenses	58,273	86,684
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	17,326	31,727
Community Information	4,699	1,892
Donations	75,000	75,000
Electricity & Gas	8,046	7,619
Freight & Cartage	2,937	2,566
Fundraising Expenses	7,816	7,512
Insurance	23,017	22,700
Insurance – Workers Compensation	9,441	6,414
Legal Costs	10,458	2,008
Management Fees (Perpetual)	26,657	21,851
Merchandise	161,907	188,023
Microchips	3,691	3,982
Motor Vehicle Expenses	5,200	2,979
Office Expenses	73,165	47,227
Opportunity Shop Expenses	53,184	52,038
Permits, Licences & Fees	2,255	5,267
Postage	12,896	13,773
Printing & Stationery	31,580	27,627
Prov'n for Annual Leave	106,483	108,614
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	17,540	19,029
Rates & Taxes	1,526	1,537
Rent	49,423	46,985
Repairs & Maintenance	35,784	28,986
Salaries	1,236,642	1,224,073
Security	4,514	4,126
Satellite Rehoming	24,150	12,922
Staff Amenities	3,342	2,938
Staff Training	13,757	18,633
Superannuation	114,048	122,767
Telephone, Fax & Internet	5,826	7,148
Travelling Expenses	1,958	1,843
Volunteer Expenses	3,094	2,694
Veterinary Expenses	388,610	549,526
Welfare Program	31,930	45,299
	<u>2,792,017</u>	<u>2,943,318</u>
Surplus before non-cash items	<u>97,626</u>	<u>563,591</u>

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NON-CASH INCOME		
Donations	-	-
Legacies	-	-
Revaluation Non Current Assets	-	5
	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>
NON-CASH EXPENSES		
Amortisation - Intangibles	37,819	30,798
Depreciation	49,551	54,718
	<u>87,370</u>	<u>85,516</u>
Net surplus for the year	<u>10,256</u>	<u>478,080</u>



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