



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

All animals have a safe and loving home...

— Animal Welfare League NSW's Vision


Our mission is to be the industry benchmark in animal welfare.

Animal Welfare League NSW™ believes that all animals should be treated humanely, free from unnecessary pain and suffering. Animal Welfare League NSW is dedicated to advocating for all animals and having a positive impact on their lives.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW IN STATISTICS

64-Year Record!

4,560

ANIMALS
RESCUED

1,418

ANIMALS
FOSTERED

3,191

ANIMALS
REHOMED

175

ANIMALS
EUTHANISED

7,457

SUPPORTED
DESEXINGS

2,000

ANIMAL HEALTH
CHECKS &
VACCINATIONS

10-16

ANIMAL DAILY
SURGICAL
PROCEDURES

25-40

ANIMAL DAILY
MEDICAL
CONSULTATIONS

40-80

ANIMAL DAILY
PATIENTS IN
THE HOSPITAL

5 INSPECTORS

(4 METROPOLITAN & 1 REGIONAL)

51 SEIZED ANIMALS

1,009 CRUELTY COMPLAINTS

44 TRADE INSPECTIONS

1,534 ATTENDANCES

1 PROSECUTION



129,000
FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS



29,400
INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS

1,483

AWL MEMBERS

145

AWL VOLUNTEERS

21

AWL BRANCHES

AWL STAFF

57 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES
15 PART TIME EMPLOYEES
5 CASUAL EMPLOYEES
66 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT STAFF



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



DR DAVID HOPE
PRESIDENT AWL NSW

Despite the challenges thrown at us by COVID lockdowns and along with natural disasters throughout the year, I am pleased to report that AWL NSW has adopted out more animals to their forever homes than at any time in our history.

It is a testament to our hard-working staff, volunteers, and my Board colleagues. Thankfully, we have financial reserves to meet unforeseen challenges and this year, we have had to use some of those financial reserves to continue to provide a high level of animal welfare.

It is critical that we use the experiences of the past year to reset the strategy for the organisation.

In the future, there will continue to be challenges (albeit different), and AWL NSW needs a strategy that supports resilience. **A new strategy is being drafted to embrace our volunteer branch network and simplify their work, further integrate our veterinary, shelter and foster services, be more proactive in reducing the surrender of animals and make our brand a household name.**

Addressing these issues will help us sustainably deliver leading animal welfare outcomes.

AWL NSW receives very little government funding, we rely heavily on the generosity of individuals, the community, and partnerships to carry out our work. I want to acknowledge every donor as they have helped make a difference in the lives of companion animals and humans alike.

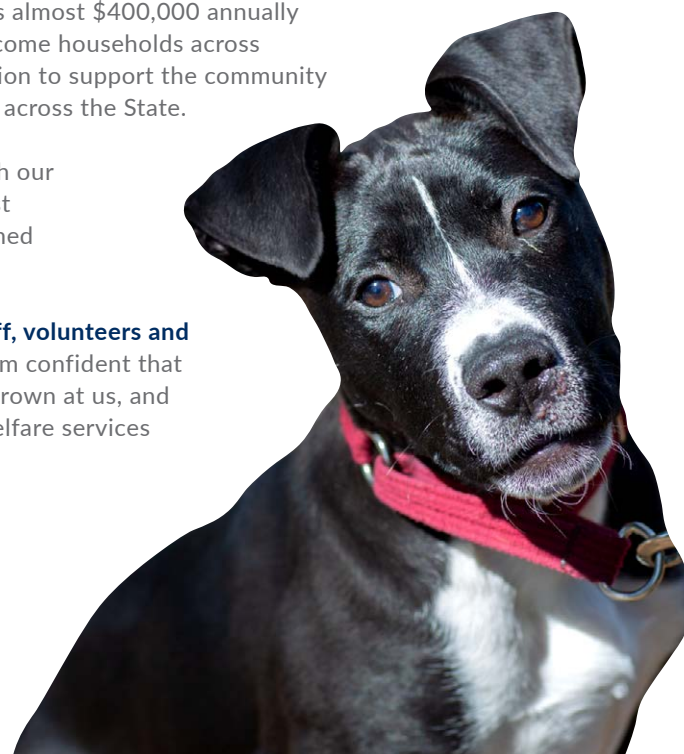
I would also like to acknowledge our very generous partners who have provided food, medication, and veterinary and transport services to animals in our care.

Many people don't realise that AWL NSW provides almost \$400,000 annually for vaccination and desexing services for lower-income households across New South Wales. We also provide around \$1 million to support the community in providing veterinary services to animals in need across the State.

This is only a part of the services delivered through our 21 branches across NSW. I appreciate that the past year has been another difficult one and has stretched our branch and volunteer network to the limit.

On behalf of the board, I wish to thank all our staff, volunteers and everyone that gives time to support our cause. I am confident that AWL NSW will continue to meet any challenges thrown at us, and we will continue to provide unparalleled animal welfare services over the years ahead.

Thank You





CEO'S MESSAGE

STEPHEN ALBIN CEO AWL NSW

It has been another successful year for Animal Welfare League NSW. The organisation has cared for and rehomed more animals than at any time in our more than 60-year history. Like many businesses coming out of the pandemic, the demand for our services has created some real financial challenges. AWL NSW recorded a financial deficit of \$2.1 million for the 2021-22 financial year.

COVID has created some unique challenges for the business that will be felt for years. Pet ownership ballooned during lockdowns as people sought companionship while working from home.

Image courtesy of Channel 7.

Companion animals offered important mental well-being support during this particularly challenging time. However, as the lockdown lifted and people returned to work, the responsibilities of pet ownership became real. We have never had a higher demand for surrenders. The emerging cost of living pressure is likely to create more future demand for animal surrenders.

Raising funds for AWL NSW activities will possibly get tighter as people have less disposable income to support causes.

All businesses face challenges, and we are confident that we can meet all challenges that arise and continue to deliver leading animal welfare services across NSW.

Our branches are AWL NSW's strength.

Our volunteers are committed and delivering more foster opportunities and adoptions than ever. To meet future demand, we will have to rely more on the branches. AWL NSW will recalibrate its operating model to generate sustainable growth, and the branches will be critical in the future growth of the organisation.

The organisation is led by a committed Board dedicated to taking the business forward, and I thank them for their volunteer work.

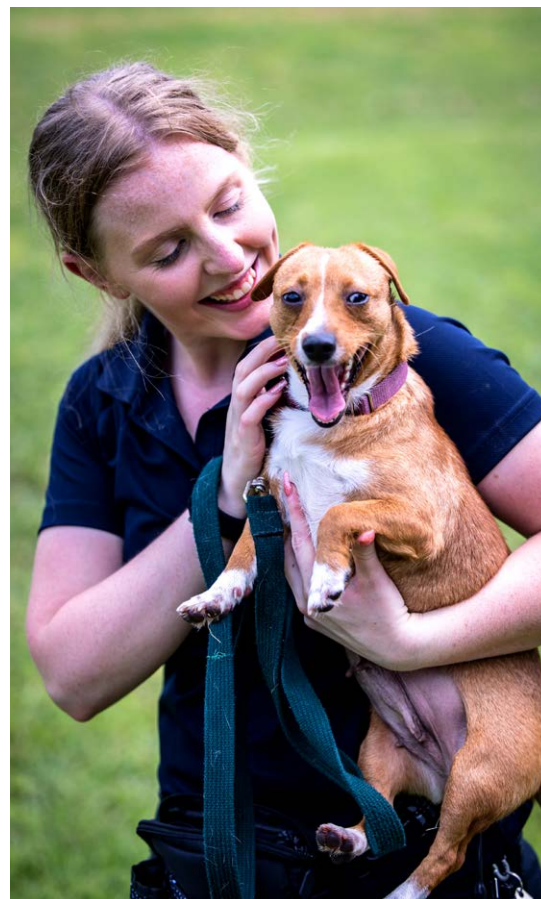
The organisation is fortunate to have a team of employees committed to the purpose and often go above and beyond to improve the lives and welfare of animals.

The branches and their teams of volunteers have an unwavering commitment to animal well-being, often fielding calls throughout the night and on weekends. With increasing demands, it has been a challenging time for many in our branches, and I thank them for helping us rise to the challenges faced throughout and after COVID.

And finally, I thank our donors and supporters that have provided crucial financial support to our business. AWL NSW receives negligible government assistance, and it is the generosity of businesses and the community that keep our shelter open, vets desexing and vaccinating and inspectors protecting animals.

It has been a pleasure and honour to be helping AWL NSW steer through this challenging time, and we will continue to build an organisation that reflects the community's goodwill towards animals.

Living our hope-to-love story of animal welfare...



AWL is unique in its culture. It is driven by a diverse group of people. They have a common passionate desire to protect and nurture animals in need and connect them to new loving homes. Bringing the animals along the journey from lost, poorly treated and undernourished into a new world full of love and happiness is no mean feat. It takes strong-willed people who place animal welfare above their own.

From our Inspectorate's distinctive 'Inspector-friendly' approach to law enforcement to our caring and absorbed veterinarians and nurses that exude an 'animal-first' policy in everything they do.

Our shelter, our nurturing 'palace for animals', is attended by people who love animals.

Their commitment and dedication are exemplified in Channel 10's, hit TV show 'The Dog House, Australia', which airs every Tuesday night at 7.30 pm. This show highlights AWL's unique 'hope to love' story of animal welfare.

Highlighting the depth of work and knowledge our people have in not only caring for animals but also in their ability to care for humans by matching them with dogs that will bring them lifetime happiness.



INSPECTORATE

Throughout 2021-2022, the AWL NSW Inspectorate provided a critical law enforcement capability receiving **1,009 cruelty complaints** resulting in **1,534 attendances** across the state during the pandemic. During this challenging time, Inspectors continued to investigate animal cruelty complaints, perform animal rescues, and respond to requests for assistance from NSW Government.

The Inspectorate was mobilised by the NSW Department of Primary Industries and tasked with food drops for pets of those isolated at home, the transportation of pets due to their owners going into hotel quarantine along with welfare checks on pets of vulnerable members of the community.

Both metropolitan and regional areas continue to provide a diverse range of challenges for Inspectors ranging from complaints regarding companion animals to livestock.

Working relationships with regional Councils, NSW Police, Local Land Services and NSW Government continue to be built upon by the Inspectorate leading to improved welfare outcomes for animals and greater inter-agency cooperation.

Whilst most attendances are reactive, the Inspectorate continues to increase the number of proactive inspections enforcing the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations. Areas such as Breeding, Pet Shops and Boarding Establishment Codes of Practice were routinely inspected.

Over the next year, the Inspectorate will continue to enforce animal welfare legislation, regulations, and codes of practice to assist in improving the welfare of animals across NSW.



VETERINARY CLINIC

Our Veterinary Clinic at Kemps Creek has achieved a great deal this last financial year. From enduring COVID restrictions, natural disasters, and staff shortages, we have continued to provide gold-standard veterinary care to our shelter, Inspectorate, foster and Mobile Vet Truck.

Expansion of our vet team has allowed us to re-open to the public for private full fee-paying appointments. This has helped to alleviate pressures on our local community and surrounding vet hospitals.

From July through to September 2021, we were able to renovate the front area of our hospital, providing a more functional space while giving it a fresh new look. In the last 12 months, our hospital has met all targets and exceeded all expectations. **We have desexed over 1,500 animals and performed over 2,000 health checks and vaccinations. Daily we perform 10-16 surgical procedures and 25 to 40 medical consultations, not to mention ongoing medical care to 40-80 hospitalised patients.**

Our Vet team encountered many challenges, including multiple struggles and complications associated with COVID, capacity constraints with the increased surrender rate. Our recent climatic conditions have contributed to an increase in hospitalised isolation patients, especially animals diagnosed with ringworm. **We appreciate the hard work and dedication our vet team have shown throughout this last year, despite the hurdles we have experienced.**



MOBILE VET TRUCK

At the start of 2022, our Mobile Vet Truck reached a milestone. **A licence from the Veterinary Practitioners Board was issued, which permitted us to perform desexing onboard the truck in Dubbo.**

We accomplished three desexing trips to Dubbo, and multiple vaccinations and microchipping drives, to assist our branches and councils, including Wagga Wagga, Tamworth, Central Coast and the Hawkesbury region.

The Mobile Vet Truck was also deployed to assist in the Lismore flood disaster in March 2022. The Truck helped provide emergency veterinary services for the community while simultaneously acting as a base of operations and resources for local and volunteering vets assisting livestock and wildlife.



ANIMAL FOSTER PROGRAM

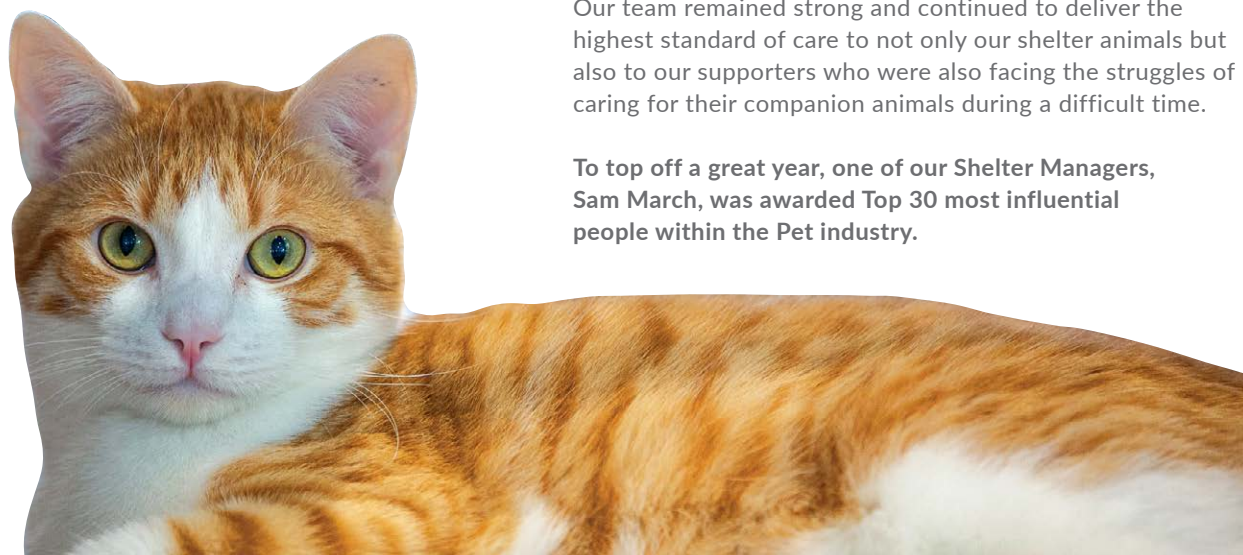
Our foster care program has expanded, resulting in more animals spending time in loving foster homes.

Since last financial year, the number of animals placed in foster homes has increased by a massive 44%. This also meant that, of all the animals coming through our shelter doors, 76% of cats and 69% of dogs went to foster care.

We appreciate all 729 selfless people who fostered animals during the financial year. Thanks to their life-saving efforts, **we placed more than 1,418 animals in foster homes.** We continue to look for ways to improve and grow our foster care program so we can help more animals.

A Foster Mentor Program has recently been introduced, where some of our most skilled foster carers guide and assist our newer foster carers. We have also utilised online forms more than previously and are now using online bookings for different aspects of our foster care program. Through various systemisation changes and process improvements, we hope to continue exponentially placing more animals in foster homes to allow more amazing foster carers to help us with life-saving efforts.

We want to mention especially those foster carers who helped rehabilitate some challenging animals for many months and **Robyn S, Jess M and Rebecca E, who have each fostered more than 100 animals in total for AWL NSW!**

**ANIMAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**

The AWL Animal Shelter team had many victories in 2022, **including setting a 64-year-old record for the number of animal adoptions in one year and appearing in Channel 10's, hit TV series, 'The Dog House, Australia'.** The AWL Shelter was chosen to be the location for filming the TV Series in late 2021. Many members of the shelter team and our animals were integral characters in the filming of two seasons of the TV series. **The show assisted us in finding new homes for 111 dogs and one cat over the last three seasons.**

Although the filming disrupted our daily routine, our team continued to meet their day-to-day roles with outstanding commitment. Once again demonstrating our devotion to rehabilitating and rehoming companion animals.

In all, we cared for 1,952 animals in the last financial year. With the ongoing support and dedication of our organisation and devoted supporters, the team successfully found...

forever homes for 1,733 of these animals, setting a 64-year record for adoptions.

With these victories came challenges. The impact of Covid 19 Lockdowns on our operational structure was heavy. During this time, our team had to collectively work together to streamline adoptions, surrenders and behavioural rehabilitation in the safest way possible to minimise face-to-face contact during a pandemic.

Our team remained strong and continued to deliver the highest standard of care to not only our shelter animals but also to our supporters who were also facing the struggles of caring for their companion animals during a difficult time.

To top off a great year, one of our Shelter Managers, Sam March, was awarded Top 30 most influential people within the Pet industry.



21 AWL BRANCH LOCATIONS:

- ARMIDALE
- BATEMANS BAY DOG TRAINING CLUB
- CENTRAL COAST
- DUBBO
- EASTERN SUBURBS
- EUROBODALLA
- FAR SOUTH COAST
- GLEN INNES
- GREAT LAKES & MANNING
- HAWKESBURY VALLEY
- ILLAWARRA
- MOREE
- NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB
- NORTH COAST
- NORTHERN BEACHES
- JERVIS BAY / NOWRA
- ORANGE
- SHOALHAVEN
- TAMWORTH
- WAGGA WAGGA
- WESTERN SUBURBS & HILLS DISTRICT

Animal Welfare League NSW Branches has provided a safe and secure haven for distressed animals since 1958. Over the years, our commitment to animal welfare has remained constant. Our welfare initiatives have continued to grow, and so has our outreach work to local communities across regional New South Wales.



Amid the end of the global pandemic, coupled with the substantial flood events, **Animal Welfare League NSW** grew from strength to strength, operating twenty-one volunteer branches over the last 12 months.

The newest group, the Glen Innes Branch, was formed in December 2021 with a very enthusiastic group of volunteers. They have spent that time since their establishment to obtain more foster carers, rehome cats and kittens and create long-term relationships with the local veterinary community. To support their work, they have also been raising funds through raffles and stalls and accepting pet food donations from the local community and Coles.

All Branch volunteers across NSW generously contribute their time and talent to care for abandoned, neglected, sick, injured, and surrendered animals. With additional services like subsidised desexing, microchipping and vaccination programs, all Animal Welfare League NSW branches continue to create a positive impact in their local communities.

Throughout NSW, all Branches have jointly struggled through the adversities of Covid 19 and the local weather conditions. Additionally, all are seeing the impact of rising costs, especially mortgage costs, on their local communities, which in turn is affecting their ability to contribute to the AWL cause.



ARMIDALE

The Armidale Branch, essentially an active cohort of 7 or 8 members, has persisted and pursued our aims relentlessly. Despite this year's challenges to our two activities; 1) running the Op Shop to support 2) the desexing, rescuing and rehoming of companion animals, we had another year of significant achievements in both areas.

While our Op Shop sales were down on takings from the previous financial year, the shop still contributed significantly to the cause. Despite being shut for an extended lockdown period and customer traffic being slashed for months while people tried to avoid contracting Covid 19, trade has bounced back in recent months, and the Op Shop is continuing to be a well-enjoyed and respected part of the Armidale mall and of the Armidale community.

Our branch adoptions for the year included 21 cats, 28 kittens, 25 dogs and 23 puppies. As a branch, we have worked collaboratively with the local council Companion Animal Shelter, Homes North, and Pets Domain. We look forward to continuing and enhancing these relationships.

BATEMANS BAY DOG TRAINING CLUB - AWL NSW

Despite adverse conditions, we have managed to train most weekends of the last 12 months, only missing several due to wet weather.

Our instructors train and teach with reward-based training methods were the pet/companion dog owners who attend our group classes learn to be...

responsible and confident in handling, building a relationship and managing their dog.

We have been extremely lucky to have a guest Instructor continue to teach once a month. A portion of the dogs in classes are adopted AWL NSW or RSPCA rehomed dogs which we are always excited to see attending classes. It is great to see them having a second chance at a good life with their new owner as everyone learns new skills.

The Club is encouraging our Companion dog owners to learn scent work with us as a fun, enriching and therapeutic activity for the dogs. It helps with confidence, is mentally stimulating, and is suitable for all breeds and ages of dogs.

DUBBO

Since coming together in 2021, the Dubbo branch has had a rewarding and successful first year. Our small but dedicated committee have been able to **rescue 76 dogs and puppies and 75 cats and kittens**, many of whom have been fostered and cared for until ready for adoption by our incredible Welfare Officer Janet Rose, as well as a small number of community foster carers.

With growing awareness of the Dubbo branch operations, we have received ongoing support from the local community with food donations from local business Real Pet Food Company and donations of bedding, blankets, toys and carriers from the public.

Our first branch Adoption Day was held on 30th April at Orana Veterinary Service, which was a great success, with five dogs and three cats adopted on the day with a further 23 expressions of interest to adopt in the future. With pledged continued support through advertising and holding the event at their premises, we intend to hold adoption days quarterly throughout the year.

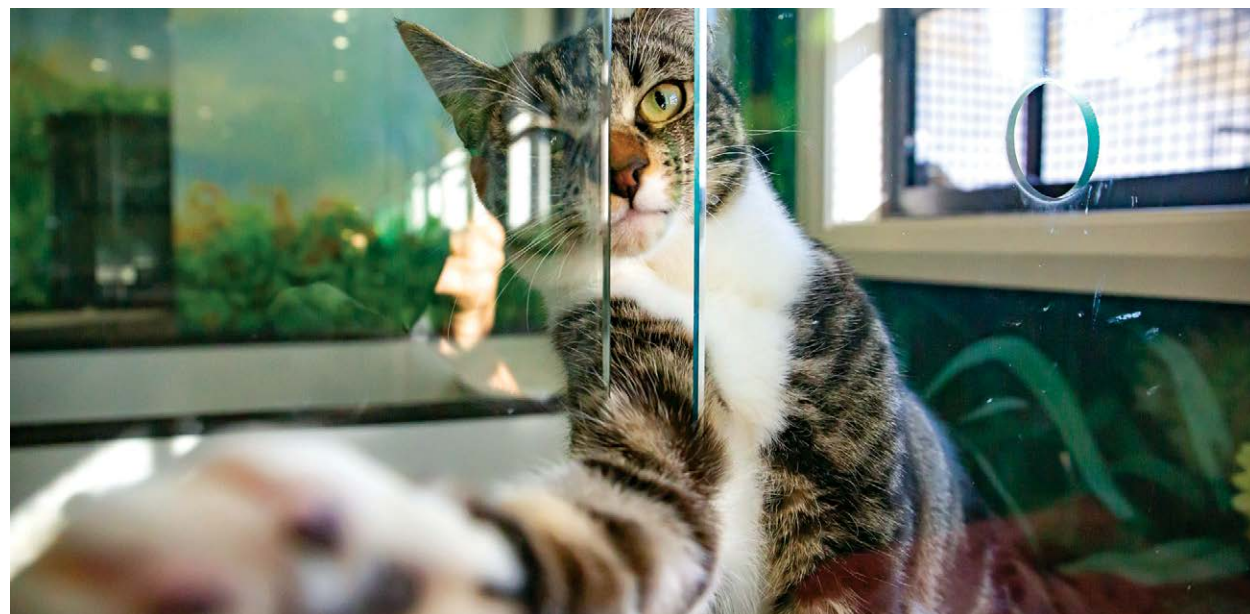
Despite the challenge of losing some of our beautiful puppies to Parvo and the regret of not being able to take in more dogs and cats due to a lack of foster carers, it has been an amazing first year. We are so pleased to hear of the many happy stories of our rescued animals in their new forever homes.

**EUROBODALLA**

Our monthly markets in Moruya and Narooma and PetStock in Batemans Bay and the Oyster Festival in Narooma have continued to be good for raising awareness for our Branch.

There have been so many cats and dogs being surrendered due to shortages of rental accommodation. Recruiting and keeping carers is difficult. We continue day to day with a core of wonderful volunteers and have many new recruits.

Our Branch, so far this year, has rehomed 34 dogs and pups and 41 cats and kittens, and our desexing figures are up on last year.

**FAR SOUTH COAST**

This financial year we have rehomed 77 dogs/puppies and 189 cats/kittens. This was an increase from last year. Four other dogs/puppies were transferred to other groups.

We have desexed 92 dogs, 100 cats and one rabbit. We assisted several community members who needed financial assistance to pay for special needs veterinary care.

We received several monetary donations throughout the year, including Tathra Op Shop, Commonwealth Bank Eden, Pambula Rotary, Merimbula Rotary, 2EC Acts of Kindness and some wonderfully kind individuals. We also received many cat and dog food pellets from Pet Rescue, which have now been distributed.

Our fundraising consisted of our Calendar of Second Chances and our annual Santa Paws event held in Cobargo and Merimbula. Rae Joyce held a garage sale in March, which was profitable. We held an information stall at the Merimbula Markets, which is run by Merimbula Rotary. We have also received a lot of food donations from the public in our bins around the Shire. We received a grant from Bendigo Bank for shelving in the new shed.

We were approached by 2EC to advertise on the radio. The advertising included desexing and general brand awareness.

Thank you also to all the carers of both dogs and cats, we can't do it without you. I'd also like to thank Sapphire Coast Kennels and Cattery, Pambula Boarding Kennels and Cobargo Pet Retreat for coming to our rescue throughout the year.

Lastly, thank you to all our volunteers who helped in various ways throughout the year and to our members.

GLEN INNES

AWL Glen Innes volunteer Branch commenced in December 2021, kicking off with our inaugural AGM with 26 attendees. To the close of the 2021-22 financial year, we can confirm we had a current membership of 34.

Our volunteer support is commendable, given the population of our town. We have 51 registered volunteers & carers comprising: 9 active carers, 25 fundraising volunteers and 17 volunteers for our Op-Shop endeavour.

Our volunteers have actively participated in various events and community engagements over this period to create awareness and promote AWL objectives. These engagements have ranged from regular weekly commitments to dedicated fundraising drives.

Glen Innes ran/attended many Community Engagements for December 2021 - June 2022, including weekly raffles, Mega Easter Raffle, Christmas in the Highlands Market Day, and Santa Paws Pet Photo Support Crew.

We also have passive community engagement points through 3 Pet food/Pet supply Donation Bins at Big W Inverell, IGA Guyra & Coles Inverell, with several more planned to be installed in our town and other townships in the region over the coming months. These will also be utilised to advertise animals for adoption.

HAWKESBURY

Hawkesbury Branch has continued to provide support to the Hawkesbury and Penrith communities throughout the past year.

For the 3rd time this year, the area is experiencing substantial flooding and in the aftermath of these events comes...

increased requests for help with veterinary costs, food, and medications for pets.

We have also seen a significant increase in the number of homeless people reaching out for assistance with either - surrendering their pets, financial assistance to keep pets until they are resettled or paying extremely large veterinary bills. There has also been an increase in calls from refugees, social workers and crisis centres seeking assistance for their clients escaping domestic violence.

The need for subsidised desexing grows each year, and this year, despite the problems the area has faced, we managed to assist with 450 cat desexings and 100 dogs.

Throughout the year, our rescue and rehoming efforts have seen approximately 150 cats and kittens and 38 beautiful dogs find loving homes.

Hawkesbury has also run two successful online auctions and is planning a Trivia Night.



ILLAWARRA

2022 marks the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Illawarra Branch. We have seen many changes in this time, with a significant expansion of activities since 2019.

The most significant is our foster and adoption program, founded in late 2019. **This program has rehomed over 750 cats and kittens since then and 382 in 2021-22.**

Successes for the year include:

- Continuing success in rehoming animals, with the operation of the program through all lockdowns.
- Sharing and collaborating with other groups by sharing knowledge and donating food, taking in excess animals, etc.
- Raising our profile with media interviews and an active social media presence.
- Implementing new management structures which provide redundancy in roles and a greater ability to scale activities.
- Integrating technologies to manage and monitor workflow and improve the quality of information we can access to assist operations and planning.
- Continued financial stability and improved financial reporting capability.

**JERVIS BAY/NOWRA**

One of our biggest thrills this year was being approached by a local pet shop, Finns Fangs-n-Feathers, with the offer of working with us and our foster kittens. This has undoubtedly given our kittens the needed exposure and has been very successful. Since the first week of May, the loving staff have been instrumental in adopting 15 gorgeous AWL kittens. Their care is nothing short of exemplary.

This year we have adopted into new homes 78 cats/kittens and two rabbits. We have desexed 165 cats/kittens/dogs, and puppies.

We have also responded to calls for help from other shelters and rescues. We wish we could do more. Our main aim is to continue our work and make a difference (if only a small one) for these beautiful little creatures.

**MOREE**

Over the past year, the number of companion animals needing our help has remained high. As a result, we sought the help of other rescue groups to enable us to save animal lives. We have travelled long distances to transport the animals to other groups to be rehomed. We have also rehomed a smaller number ourselves. However, we are finding that many rescue shelters are full and unable to take many of our animals.

We still have very few carers involved in fostering. Consequently, the three of us are very much feeling the strain. The health issues we each have had this year, combined with our age and definite 'burnout' issues, means we will absolutely be scaling back on what we do in animal welfare going forward this year.

NAROOMA DOG TRAINING - AWL NSW

Narooma Dog Training Club is pleased to report that we have survived yet more challenges in 2021/22 - from Covid to wet weather to the sudden illness of one of our instructors.

Face to face Branch meetings recommenced in January 2022, along with live announcements and presentations to handlers. Whilst we have yet to reinstate any special fundraising events, **we are thrilled to be back on track with training in all three disciplines - Obedience, Agility and Rally Obedience** - and running in-house club competitions.

We anticipate a return to pre-Covid handler numbers by the end of 2022 and look forward to holding the much-loved "Dogs Christmas Party" and trophy presentation in December.

NDTC is back on track with weekly, safe, and positive canine training for all breeds for upwards of 3 months, thanks to the amazing work of dedicated volunteers. Their resilience and steadfastness are to be commended.

NORTHERN BEACHES

As with many of the AWL Branches, the Northern Beaches Branch has found the last twelve months particularly challenging. Adoption rates and membership numbers have gone down as many people headed back to the office, domestic and international travel increased, and the economic climate worsened. The volatile La Nina weather system also affected stored goods and our animals with pre-existing respiratory conditions.

There were, of course, a lot of positives over the last year, including **saving over eighty animals**. Our Branch also gave out desexing vouchers, helped stray cat colonies and had several successful Home2Home results.

The Home2Home results were particularly satisfying as the owners who needed to surrender their animal/s could keep them in their regular environment until we could find a suitable new home. This reduces the stress on the animals and frees up our foster carers for other cases, enabling our branch to help in more situations.

We also tried a new fund-raising event which was hosting a raffle at The Steyne Hotel in Manly. We did this on two occasions and found it was a tremendous success and something we are looking to do again as soon as possible. We always find the Northern Beaches community supportive of a local AWL branch.

ORANGE

Another year is now behind us, and we can certainly say it was one of our most challenging. Despite some ongoing difficulties, we continued to provide the best animal welfare practices and never wavered from our objective. We could not have done this without our amazing volunteers and foster carers.



The year saw morale hit a low, but we had some successful adoptions that made all the hard work worth it. We continue to discuss our challenges to hopefully gain additional support in these areas to ensure we continue to strive forward for our community and their pets.

**SHOALHAVEN**

It has been a busy year for the Shoalhaven branch with the launch of our new Information Centre and Op shop. The shop has been great for raising awareness of the work the branch does in our local area, as well as raising funds to help run our various programs. It has also given us a home base for our foster program and has reduced the workload for our Welfare Officers.

Our foster program has been very busy with an increase in cats and kittens needing rehoming and a decrease in small breed dogs. **In the last 12 months, we took care of 124 animals and adopted out 97.**

More foster carers are urgently needed to cope with the continued demand. **Our Desexing program desexed 187 animals this year.** It is pleasing to see our continued efforts to educate cat owners paying off, with our cat Desexing numbers continuing to rise.

We have also assisted those struggling financially through the AWL NSW CAAS program. This is an ongoing problem, with more people struggling with vet bills as the cost-of-living rises.

The Shoalhaven branch continues to assist the animals of those affected by homelessness, severe mental health and domestic violence referred to us by our local agencies.

TAMWORTH

AWL NSW Tamworth thanks Head Office for their support. Our issues are addressed as soon as practical to help with problems arising within our rural community.

We love and promote 'Dog House, Australia'. The show is amazing, it has become a tool for our Branch. We are respected for all we do and who we are within our community.

Having food and medication sent up is wonderful, we help families with unaffordable basics.

The branch is active with our desexing program, taking on surrenders and finding new homes for our rescues. We are in great demand with such a high percentage of our community at a financial and educational disadvantage. Education is high on our priority list, and everyone we assist is involved in our education program.

A big thank you to our great team of volunteers.

**WAGGA WAGGA**

The number of rescue requests has grown significantly over the last six months in Wagga. This is primarily a direct result of the rental crisis and the lack of affordable housing. Coupled with the lower-than-average adoption rates, animals are slowly moving through our foster care program.

Our branch has helped people with the financial cost of desexing their pets and issued many vouchers. Still, we see people choosing to breed their pets for financial gain while not having the resources to care for them. Many of the surrendered animals have come from these cases. **We have just found homes for a litter of 10 malnourished puppies. It's lovely to see the enriched life they will now have!**

Fundraising efforts have ranged from small cash donations, handmade items, and bottle-feeding supplies to running stalls at Bunnings and our local malls. **The Wagga Branch is lucky to have the support of other local animal care agencies.** We are planning future adoption days and similar events to help rehome our animals. Significant support has also been found in the local news station. While reporting on one of our stories, they met and adopted a foster cat. That was a good news day!

WESTERN SUBURBS & HILLS DISTRICT

We hoped we could report that this year was considerably better than last year, but, unfortunately, this is not possible, as our dedicated branch volunteers continue to face considerable challenges. However, the good news is that...

the dedication and commitment of our fabulous team have never wavered, despite the challenges.

Our special price desexing initiative went ahead, despite the Covid-19 lock-down and between July 2021 and May 2022, desexing vouchers redeemed confirmed that **163 dogs and 1,812 cats were desexed**, thanks to our voucher issuing team and helpful vets.

Rehoming street kittens and helping timid cats remain important. **Thanks, as always, to Jeanette, our outstanding Cat Welfare Officer, her experienced foster carers, Ross & Leanne, for their creative fund-raising ideas, the volunteers who helped them, and everybody whose continued support ensures the ongoing success of the Western Suburbs & Hills District Branch.**

TREASURER'S REPORT 2021-222

In what has been a very challenging year, we present the Treasurer's Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2022. Animal Welfare League NSW (AWL NSW) recorded a loss of \$2,106,063. The cash balance at the beginning of the period was \$4,467,886 and income received during the financial year was \$7,796,170, expenses were \$9,902,234.

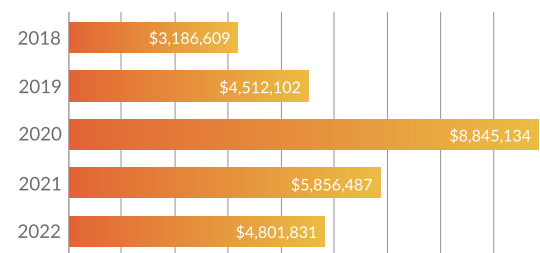
FINANCIAL GOALS

The Board has reviewed the five-year strategic plan to create a financially sustainable operating model. The goal is to realign revenue streams to at least cover the operating expenses associated with a high level of animal care.

INCOME

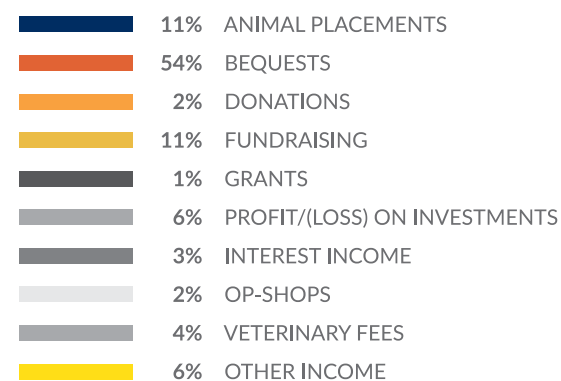
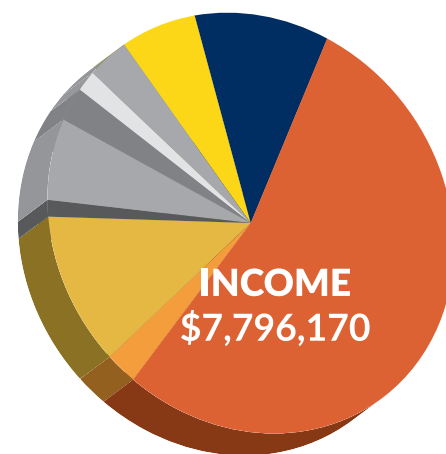
Bequests and legacy income continue to be a significant component representing 61.6% of total income. The five-year average tracking of bequest income is \$5.4M per annum, as indicated in the table below:

BEQUESTS & LEGACY RECEIVED IN THE LAST 5 YEARS



The year ended 30 June 2022 was another challenging year for fundraising with the ongoing pandemic and the impact it had on revenue generation.

If we deduct the overhead cost of fundraising and corporate office, 75% (2021: 76%) of all income was directed to the caring of animals. The Board and Management remain committed to maximising the percentage of funds raised which are directed in this way.



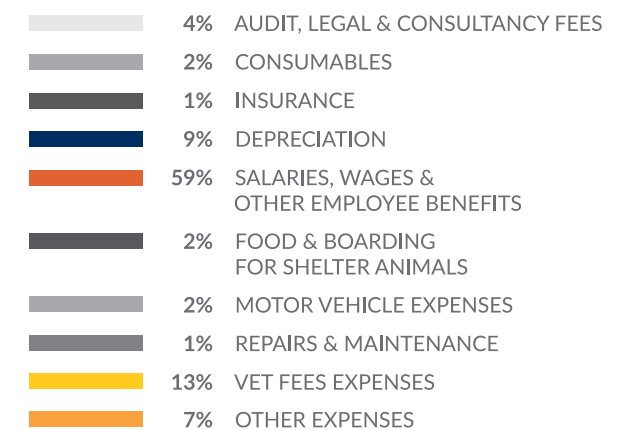
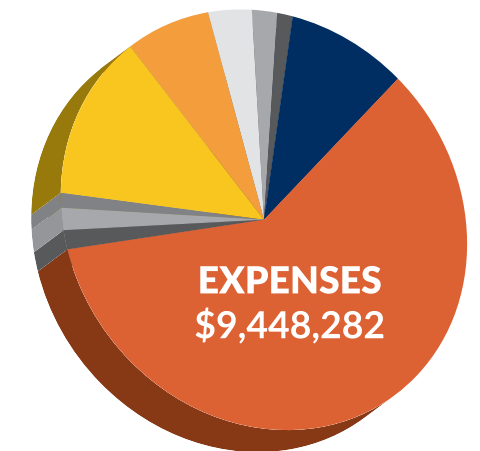
EXPENDITURE

Overall expenditure increased by \$1.1M from the previous year.

The two largest line items with increases over the prior year were Salaries, Wages, and other employee benefits at \$783K and Depreciation expense at \$200K.

The increase in Salaries, Wages and other employee benefits relates to new Animal Attendant positions as well as some other new positions across the organisation.

The Depreciation expense increase over FY21 of \$200K is related to the revaluation of Buildings in FY21, thereby increasing the depreciation charge in FY22.



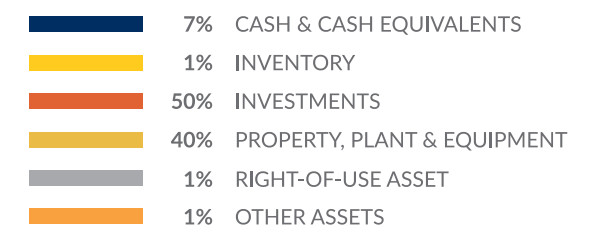
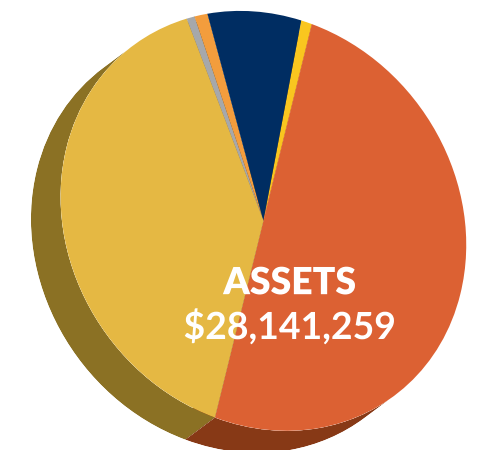
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Member's equity balance for the year ended 30 June 2022 was \$26,928,665 (2021: \$29,034,728) representing a decrease of \$2.1M from the previous year.

Total Assets were \$28.1M and Total Liabilities were \$1.2M.

I want to thank the staff, volunteers, branch members & supporters for their ongoing commitment & passion for AWL NSW.

Karma Auden
Director/Treasurer



ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021-2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	2022	2021		2022	2021
INCOME	\$	\$	EXPENSES	\$	\$
Animal placements	947,596	765,936	Audit, Legal & consultancy Fees	331,006	159,683
Bequests	4,801,831	5,856,487	Computer Expenses	84,892	81,743
Boarding	509	7,121	Consumables	187,758	20,642
Dividends	45,631	64,013	Depreciation	869,480	669,471
Donations	213,787	371,818	Equipment Hire	12,221	22,677
Fundraising	1,023,555	909,835	Food & Boarding for Shelter Animals	138,103	228,451
Gain on sale of assets	-	393,093	Fundraising Expenses	119,896	50,568
Grants	114,145	171,360	Insurance	115,327	108,597
Interest income	245,426	235,524	Motor Vehicle Expenses	161,202	139,961
Membership	26,320	17,982	Postage Expenses	36,326	61,523
Merchandise	21,791	43,286	Publication & Printing Expenses	19,742	113,932
Profit/(Loss) on Investments	(574,716)	-	Rent	66,873	29,193
Op-Shops	152,715	143,888	Repairs & Maintenance	106,771	112,030
Veterinary fees	311,762	166,073	Salaries, Wages & Other Employee Benefits	5,617,043	4,833,974
Other income	465,817	1,868,827	Utilities	109,011	89,281
TOTAL INCOME	7,796,170	11,015,244	Vet Fees Expenses		
			-Branches	1,105,437	982,813
			-Shelter External	156,338	187,287
			Other Expenses	210,858	426,484
			TOTAL EXPENSES	9,448,282	8,318,310
			(Loss)/Profit Before Income Tax	(2,106,063)	2,478,235
			Income Tax Expense	-	-
			(Loss)/Profit After Income Tax	(2,106,063)	2,478,235
			Other Comprehensive Loss		
			Loss on Revaluation of Land & Buildings	-	(263,979)
			Total Other Comprehensive Loss	-	(263,979)
			NET (LOSS)/PROFIT	(2,106,063)	2,214,256

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2022	2021
ASSETS	\$	\$
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,092,459	4,189,784
Term Deposits	-	278,100
Receivables & Other Debtors	90,060	40,063
Inventory	242,616	268,751
Other Current Assets	126,447	86,922
Investments - Equity Method	14,070,518	12,682,661
Intangible Assets	84,171	126,507
Property, Plant & Equipment	11,248,316	12,321,152
Right-Of-Use Asset	186,673	231,474
TOTAL ASSETS	28,141,259	30,225,414
LIABILITIES		
Trade & Other Payables	547,588	498,980
Provisions	464,948	452,872
Lease Liabilities	200,058	238,834
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,212,594	1,190,686
NET ASSETS	26,928,665	29,034,728
MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Reserves	6,690,544	6,690,544
Retained Surplus	20,238,121	22,344,184
TOTAL MEMBER'S EQUITY	26,928,665	29,034,728



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Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of companion animals and humans alike. — Dr David Hope, President AWL NSW





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