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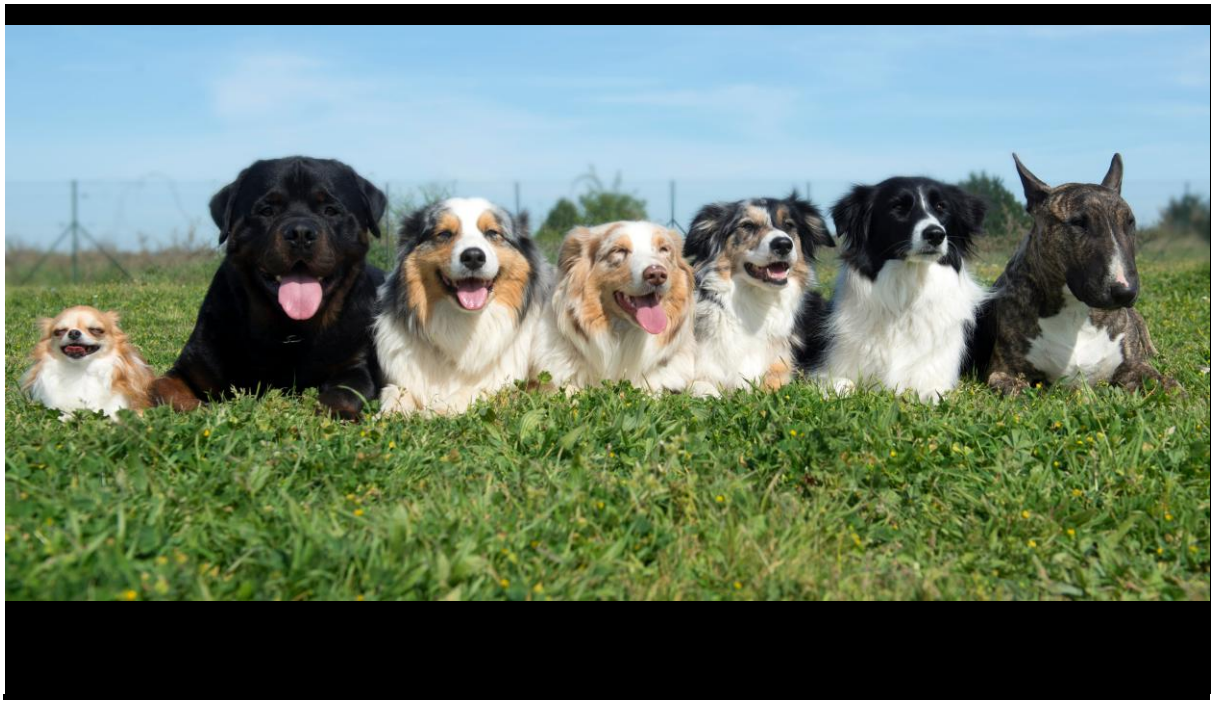

Annual Report 2024-2025

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Chair's Report – 2024–2025
Royal NSW Canine Council Health and Welfare Charity Limited

The 2024–2025 year has been one of meaningful progress, purposeful impact, and strategic investment for the Royal NSW Canine Council Health and Welfare Charity Limited.

Throughout the year, the Charity has remained steadfast in its mission—to provide direct relief to dogs in need, support vulnerable members of our community, and invest in initiatives that deliver lasting improvements in canine health and welfare.

A defining feature of this reporting period has been the Board's deliberate decision to increase funding directed towards welfare and research activities. This has resulted in a planned operating deficit, reflecting a considered and responsible strategy to ensure that funds are actively deployed where they are needed most—supporting real outcomes for dogs—rather than being held in reserve.

The Charity continues to operate with a highly efficient, volunteer-led model. With no paid staff and minimal administrative overheads, we are proud that the overwhelming majority of funds raised are channelled directly into frontline welfare initiatives, maximising impact for every dollar contributed.

On behalf of the Board, I extend our sincere appreciation to our dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and Dogs NSW for their ongoing support and commitment. Your contribution is fundamental to the Charity's success and to the positive difference we continue to make in the lives of dogs and the people who care for them.

Together, we remain committed to advancing the health, welfare, and wellbeing of dogs across our community.

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About the Charity

The Royal NSW Canine Council Health and Welfare Charity Ltd is an initiative of DOGS NSW. It is a community charity committed to relieve the suffering of dogs, to assist in the direct care of abandoned dogs through support of the DOGS NSW Rescue Groups, and to assist with research into matters that will improve the health of dogs and thus improve their health and welfare.

The aim of the charity is to promote better health, care and welfare of dogs.

The Charity exists to:

- Provide direct relief of suffering for dogs in need
- Support dogs impacted by disasters and emergency situations
- Assist dogs owned by homeless and marginalised individuals
- Fund research that advances canine health and welfare outcomes

At its core, the Charity recognises the important role dogs play in people's lives and is committed to strengthening the wellbeing of both dogs and the communities they are part of.

The charity recognises and promotes the unique bond between humans and dogs and will work actively to promote the welfare, happiness and health of dogs in the community.

As the Charity is an integral activity of DOGS NSW it pays no rent and pays no service fees for the day to day running of the Charity. Of course, it must pay certain statutory fees as set by government agencies and very minimal administration expenses. It is run entirely by volunteers and has no paid employees; thus, unlike other canine charities, we can guarantee that money raised or donated goes directly to the welfare of dogs – a donation is not wasted on administrative fees because we can keep these minimal.

The Royal NSW Canine Health and Welfare Charity Ltd is a charity registered with the Australian Charities and not-for profit Commission and all donations over $2.00 are tax deductible for the donor.

DOGS NSW considers the Charity to be greatly significant and is directing the $1 puppy levy to the Charity to secure long-term benefits for DOGS NSW members as well as the general canine community in NSW.

Directors 2024-2025

Hugh Gent OAM – Chair



Hugh has been President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dogs Australia since 1998. He was a Director of the Royal NSW Canine Council from 1988–2003 and President and Chairman of the Board from 1994-1997. In 2004 he was awarded Life Membership for his long service to the Council and dog fraternity. Hugh is a Dogs Australia All Breeds Dog Judge. In the 2006 Australia Day Honours he was awarded a Medal in the Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to Canine Activities, in particular to the Dogs Australia and the Royal NSW Canine Council.



Brian Crump – FRSA

Brian Crump has bred and exhibited German Spitz (Mittel) for over 20 years. Brian is engaged in International Education at tertiary level and holds post-graduate degrees in philosophy and ethics. Brian is actively involved in a number of community organisations and is a trustee of the Sir Henry Royce Foundation Australia. Brian is a past president of the Non-Sporting Dog Club of NSW.



Dr Karen Hedberg BVSc

Karen Hedberg is a veterinarian who has been heavily involved in dogs and dog breeding for over 40 years. She is also on the Board of Directors of The Royal NSW Canine Council Ltd. Having been involved in developing and promoting health testing schemes in many varied breeds, she is the current Chairperson of the Dogs Australia Canine Health and Wellbeing Committee. Karen sees the Charity as having great potential to push health and welfare concerns for all breeds as well as to promote research into common problems affecting dogs.



Lynette Brown

Lynette has held the following positions: Chairman, Senior Vice Chairman, and Member of the Board of Directors of The Royal NSW Canine Council Ltd, Director, Dogs Australia, Chairman, DOGS NSW Finance Committee, Chairman, DOGS NSW Judges Committee, Chairman DOGS NSW Spring Fair International Show Committee, Member DOGS NSW Media and Government Legislation Committee, DOGS NSW Conformation Judges Education Training Committee Member and Terrier Co-coordinator. Lynette is an Dogs Australia All Breeds Judge and Life Member of the British Terrier Club of NSW and a Member of DOGS NSW and Terrier breeder since 1986.



Kim Crumpton BAppSci (Hons 1)

Kim is a Senior Regulatory Affairs Strategist (Oncology) at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Australia/New Zealand, International Regulatory Sciences and Policy, with more than 20 years industry experience and has a Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours Class 1) from Charles Sturt University.

After completing her Honours in animal exercise physiology Kim deferred her PhD to take up an industry offer in veterinary pharmaceuticals, moving across into medicine soon after discovering a love for the challenge of the junction of science, medicine and regulations that brings cutting edge therapies to those who need it most. Previously an accredited volunteer Therapy Dog team, Kim shows, trials, and breeds Staffordshire Bull Terriers, is a member three Australian breed clubs, a long-standing member of Team K9Pro and is co-founder of Sporting Stafford's Australia; a passion project that works to promote the functional Staffordshire Bull Terrier with year-on-year increases in sport participation since its inception.



The Hon Malcolm Craig KC

Malcolm is a barrister of many years standing and was a judge of The Land and Environment Court of NSW from 2010 to 2016. Since then Malcolm has returned to the bar.



Rebecca Coventry

Rebecca Coventry is the Director of Learning and Teaching – Agriculture, Animal Studies, Food and Science at TAFE NSW. She has over 15 years' experience in vocational education and training, with expertise in animal welfare, veterinary nursing, and applied animal science.

Rebecca has worked across veterinary practice, animal care, and agriculture, and is a strong advocate for high-quality, industry-aligned training and animal welfare.

She is a Director and Past President of the Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia, contributing to the advancement of veterinary nursing through education, professional standards, and workforce development.

Rebecca has been involved in the dog community from a young age, beginning with Staffordshire Bull Terriers, and now exhibiting in the Gundog group with English Pointers. She brings a practical and education-focused perspective to the Charity, with a strong commitment to canine health and welfare.



Ann Fieldhouse LLB (Syd) and LLM (Syd)

Ann is a Solicitor of NSW Supreme Court and an Accredited Mediator with the Resolution Institute. Ann has over 4 decades of experience in a broad range of legal practice, both in the public and private sector, and is currently practising as a sole practitioner in the Southern Highlands of NSW

The Charity at a Glance (2024–2025)

The Royal NSW Canine Council Health and Welfare Charity Limited continued to strengthen its commitment to canine welfare, community support, and charitable impact throughout the 2024–2025 reporting period.

Key Financial Highlights

- **Total Income:** $32,579
- **Total Expenditure:** $53,910
- **Net Operating Result:** ($21,331)

The operating deficit for the year was a planned and deliberate outcome, reflecting the Board's decision to increase investment in charitable activities and maximise the immediate impact of the Charity's programs and welfare initiatives.

Program Focus Areas

The Charity's activities during the year centred on four key areas of impact:

- Direct relief and welfare support for dogs in need
- Community support initiatives benefiting vulnerable individuals and groups
- Prevention, education, and canine health initiatives
- Research funding to support improved long-term welfare outcomes

Operating Model

The Charity continues to operate under a highly efficient, volunteer-led governance model, enabling the majority of funds raised to be directed toward frontline welfare activities and charitable programs.

Key operational highlights include:

- **0 employees**
- **10 volunteer Directors** providing governance, leadership, and strategic oversight
- Ongoing operational and administrative support provided by DOGS NSW

This collaborative and low-overhead structure supports the Charity's commitment to responsible stewardship, sustainability, and delivering maximum value and impact from every contribution received.





Our Impact Approach

The Charity delivers its work across four key areas:

Direct Relief

Providing immediate support to dogs experiencing suffering due to illness, injury, neglect, or emergency situations.

Community Support

Assisting dogs owned by people experiencing homelessness or financial hardship, ensuring access to food, veterinary care, and essential support.

Prevention and Health Initiatives

Supporting programs such as disease awareness and prevention, including the Ehrlichiosis Program.

Research and Evidence-Based Welfare

Funding research that contributes to improved understanding, prevention, and treatment of conditions affecting dogs.

Impact in Action (2025)

During the 2024–2025 reporting period, the Charity delivered targeted support across its key focus areas.

Investing in Canine Health

The Charity expanded its contribution to research and health initiatives, including support for programs addressing **Ehrlichiosis**, a significant emerging disease

impacting dogs. These initiatives contribute to improved awareness, early detection, and management, supporting better welfare outcomes across affected populations.

Supporting Dogs in Emergencies

The Charity provided financial assistance to support dogs impacted by natural disasters and emergency situations, ensuring access to veterinary care and recovery support.

Supporting Vulnerable Communities

Through its pilot program, the Charity continued to support dogs belonging to individuals experiencing homelessness or hardship, recognising the critical role companion animals play in wellbeing and stability.

Strengthening Evidence-Based Welfare

The Charity expanded its contribution to research, providing funding to initiatives focused on improving the direct relief of suffering in dogs and strengthening evidence-based welfare practices.

These activities reflect a balanced approach, addressing immediate need while investing in long-term solutions.

Programs Delivered

The Charity delivered the following programs during the year:

- **Assistance for Dogs Impacted by Natural Disasters and Emergencies**
- **Ehrlichiosis Program**
- **Pilot Program Supporting Dogs Owned by Homeless People**
- **Research into Direct Relief of Suffering of Canines**

These programs align directly with the Charity's purpose and continue to evolve in response to emerging needs across the community.

Program Spotlight #1

Responding to Ehrlichiosis in Partnership with AMRRIC



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Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities

In 2024–2025, the Charity strengthened its commitment to improving canine health outcomes through targeted support of initiatives addressing Ehrlichiosis, an emerging tick-borne disease impacting dogs across Australia.

Working in partnership with Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC), the Charity contributed to efforts focused on:

- Increasing awareness of Ehrlichiosis and its impact on canine health
- Supporting early detection and response in affected communities
- Improving access to care and treatment for dogs at risk

Ehrlichiosis presents a significant welfare challenge, particularly in regional and remote areas where access to veterinary services may be limited. Through collaboration with AMRRIC, the Charity is able to support practical, community-based approaches that address both immediate welfare needs and longer-term disease management.

This partnership reflects the Charity's broader commitment to:

- Supporting evidence-informed interventions
- Working collaboratively with trusted sector organisations
- Delivering impact where it is most needed

By investing in initiatives such as this, the Charity continues to contribute to improved health outcomes for dogs, while supporting the communities who care for them.

Program Spotlight #2

Supporting Dogs and Their Owners in the Community

In 2024–2025, the Charity continued to deliver its pilot program supporting dogs owned by people experiencing homelessness and hardship, recognising the critical role companion animals play in emotional wellbeing, connection and stability.



Working in collaboration with Hawkesbury Helping Hands and the St Vincent's Hospital Outreach Program, the Charity supported practical, community-based initiatives to help ensure both dogs and their owners receive care and support.

Through this program, the Charity contributed to:

- Providing access to food and essential supplies for dogs
- Supporting veterinary care and treatment where needed
- Assisting outreach services to respond to the needs of vulnerable individuals and their animals

For many people experiencing homelessness, their dog is a primary companion and source of emotional support. Helping these dogs remain healthy and cared for improves animal welfare outcomes and strengthens the wellbeing of their owners.

This program reflects the Charity's commitment to:

- Supporting vulnerable communities through animal welfare
- Partnering with trusted local organisations
- Delivering practical, compassionate support where it is most needed

By partnering with organisations already embedded locally, the Charity can extend its reach and deliver meaningful, on-the-ground impact.

Why it matters

For many individuals experiencing homelessness, access to services is often dependent on being able to keep their dog. Supporting the welfare of these animals helps remove barriers to care and strengthens community connection.

Fundraising Activities and Community Support





During the reporting period, the Royal NSW Canine Council Health and Welfare Charity Limited successfully delivered two conformation shows, which served as important fundraising, engagement, and community-building events for the Charity. These events were strongly supported by members, exhibitors, volunteers, and the broader dog community, reflecting the shared commitment to advancing canine welfare and supporting the Charity's mission.

In conjunction with each event, silent auctions were conducted to further support fundraising efforts. These initiatives generated valuable additional income for the Charity's welfare and research programs, while also providing members and

supporters with meaningful opportunities to contribute directly to the Charity's work.

The Charity also gratefully acknowledges the financial donations received throughout the year from individuals, members, and supporters whose generosity has enabled the continuation and expansion of welfare-focused initiatives and direct assistance programs.

In addition to financial support, the Charity received significant in-kind contributions from members and the community, particularly through coat and bedding donation drives. These practical contributions provided immediate assistance and comfort to dogs in need and demonstrated the compassionate and community-focused spirit that underpins the organisation's work.

Collectively, these activities highlight the strength, generosity, and dedication of the Charity's supporters and reinforce the important role community engagement plays in achieving positive and lasting canine welfare outcomes.



Financial Overview



The 2025 financial year reflects a deliberate and strategic shift toward increased charitable program delivery and impact-focused investment by the Royal NSW Canine Council Health and Welfare Charity Limited. Throughout the year, the Board remained committed to directing available resources toward initiatives that deliver meaningful and measurable outcomes in canine welfare, community support, and research.

Income

Total income for the year was **$32,579**, generated primarily through donations, fundraising initiatives, and DOGS NSW levy contributions. The continued support of members, donors, and the broader community remains essential in enabling the Charity to undertake and expand its welfare activities.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the reporting period was **$53,910**, reflecting the Charity's strong focus on direct program delivery and charitable impact.

Key expenditure areas included:

- **$39,000** directed toward the direct relief of suffering and welfare support for animals in need
- **$9,000** invested in research initiatives supporting long-term canine health and welfare outcomes
- Remaining expenditure allocated to program support, administration, governance, and operational activities necessary to deliver services effectively and responsibly

Where the Money Goes

The Charity remains committed to maintaining a high-impact, low-overhead operating model, ensuring that the majority of funds received are directed toward frontline charitable activities and long-term welfare outcomes.

Expenditure allocation for the year was approximately:

- **72%** → Direct welfare and relief support
- **17%** → Research and long-term impact initiatives
- **11%** → Operational and administrative support

This expenditure profile demonstrates the Board's ongoing commitment to maximising the charitable value and community impact of every dollar received.

Operating Result

The Charity recorded a net operating deficit of **($21,331)** for the year.

This outcome was planned and reflects a conscious decision by the Board to increase investment into charitable programs, welfare assistance, and research activities during the reporting period. The deficit represents a purposeful deployment of accumulated reserves to achieve greater immediate impact for dogs and the communities the Charity supports.

Financial Position

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As at **30 June 2025**:

- **Total Assets:** $65,039
- **Total Liabilities:** $0
- **Net Assets:** $65,039

The Charity remains in a financially stable position, with no liabilities and sufficient reserves to support future charitable activities, strategic priorities, and ongoing program delivery. The Board will continue to manage the Charity's resources prudently to ensure long-term sustainability while maintaining a strong focus on delivering meaningful welfare outcomes.

Governance

The Royal NSW Canine Council Health and Welfare Charity Limited is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors committed to providing strong leadership, sound governance, and strategic oversight to ensure the Charity continues to operate in accordance with its purpose, values, and regulatory obligations.

The Board is responsible for guiding the strategic direction of the Charity, maintaining appropriate governance frameworks, overseeing financial stewardship, and ensuring compliance with all relevant legislative and reporting requirements.

During the reporting period:

- No related party transactions were identified or undertaken
- The Charity continued to meet all reporting and compliance obligations with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

- Board continuity and governance stability remained strong throughout the year, supporting the effective operation and ongoing development of the Charity

The Board also acknowledges the planned leadership transition undertaken during the reporting period:

- Lynette Brand concluded her role with the Charity during the year, with appreciation for her contribution and service
- Ross Sinclair was appointed to the Board effective 1 January 2026, supporting the continued leadership and strategic direction of the organisation

The Board remains committed to maintaining high standards of governance, transparency, accountability, and ethical stewardship in support of the Charity's mission and long-term sustainability.

Acknowledgement of Support

The Board of the Royal NSW Canine Council Health and Welfare Charity Limited extends its sincere appreciation to the many individuals and organisations whose ongoing support enables the Charity to continue delivering meaningful outcomes for dogs and the wider community.

In particular, the Board acknowledges:

- DOGS NSW, for its continued operational, strategic, and organisational support
- Our dedicated volunteers, whose commitment, professionalism, and generosity of time are fundamental to the effective operation of the Charity
- Our donors, sponsors, and supporters, whose financial and in-kind contributions directly improve the lives and welfare of dogs in need

Every contribution—whether through volunteering, fundraising, advocacy, partnerships, or financial support—plays a vital role in advancing the Charity's mission and strengthening its capacity to respond to emerging community and welfare needs.

The Board remains deeply grateful for the collective efforts, goodwill, and shared commitment that continue to support the Charity's work and help create positive and lasting outcomes for dogs and the people who care for them.

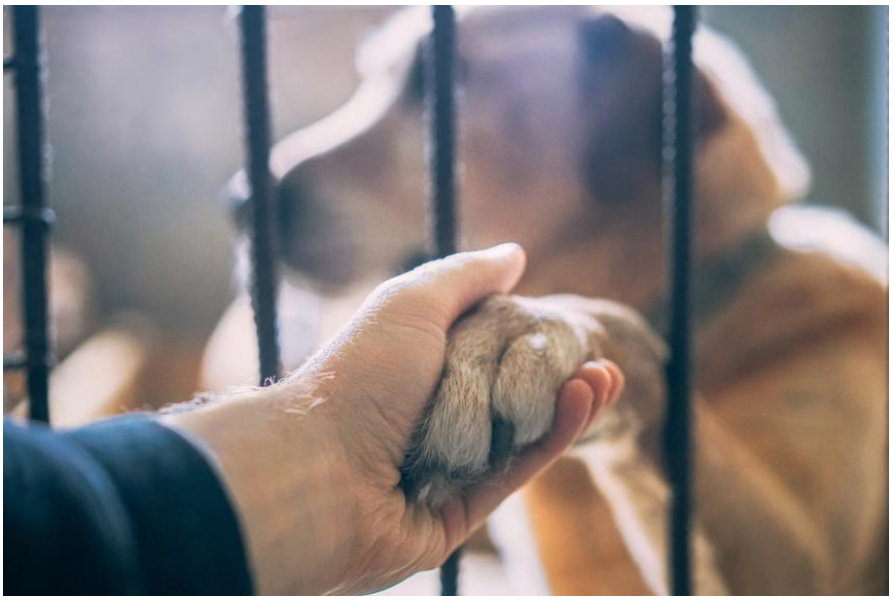
Looking Ahead

As the Royal NSW Canine Council Health and Welfare Charity Limited looks to the future, the organisation remains firmly committed to strengthening its impact across canine health, welfare, and community support initiatives. Building on the progress achieved during the year, the Charity will continue to focus on delivering meaningful and sustainable outcomes for dogs and the people who care for them.

In the coming year, the Charity will prioritise:

- Expanding assistance and emergency support for dogs affected by natural disasters, crisis situations, and unforeseen hardship
- Strengthening programs that support vulnerable individuals and communities through the positive connection between people and dogs
- Continuing to invest in research, education, and initiatives that advance long-term canine health and welfare outcomes
- Enhancing fundraising capability, partnerships, and community engagement to ensure the ongoing sustainability and growth of the Charity's work

The Charity recognises that collaboration, compassion, and responsible stewardship are central to achieving lasting outcomes. With the continued support of members, donors, volunteers, and the broader community, the organisation remains well positioned to respond to emerging needs and create positive change for both dogs and the communities they enrich.





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