



ACT Wildlife

Annual Report

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Acknowledgement of Country

ACT Wildlife acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the ACT, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they and their Elders, past, present and emerging, make to the life of this city and this region.

President's Report

We have all faced many hurdles over the past few years, and whilst many welcome not being in drought, La Nina has proven that rainfalls have their own challenges. Of course, our rain levels were nowhere like the North-Eastern parts of Australia, but Canberra did get its fair amount, and our poor burrow-dwelling marsupials struggled the most. Some of our waterfowl also seem to nest near rain-made water holes, sometimes several hundreds of metres from permanent water features with major roads crossing 'their paths'.

This year we experience a slight drop in volunteer and carer numbers which may account for lower numbers of animals in care (down by 43) and phone calls (down by 1,710). Our highest cases (2,109) again, were from our bird species, followed by possums (507). However, it must be said that our carers, transporters, phone operators and rescuers still managed to provide above and beyond assistance to the community and the thousands (2,820) of animals which passed through our doors.

Whilst I cannot praise enough the dedication and devotion our volunteers provide day after day, I must also acknowledge our Fire and Rescue Services, and our community Vets, for without their support many of our rescues would not have been possible or survived.

It has also been a welcome to see some of our normal activities returning in the latter part of the year, with face-to-face training sessions, working group gatherings, and our 'socially distant' end-of-year party bringing people out of their homes a little more. Our Duffy based native garden is starting to take shape and worth a visit. It seemed our restored freedom also offered many of us opportunities to visit distant friends and family, with some wildlife hitching a ride (lizards, frogs), or crossing the border to get specialised care including a large number of flying fox pups and the occasional wombat joey.

As with all things financial, the cost of products and services continue to rise, and our financial status was not as healthy as previous years. Our donations have taken a plunge, as did most of our other income sources. Yet, our expenses continue to rise, like grocery bills, Food and Consumables doubled in 2022. Our 2023 calendar, proving once again that the community is behind us with sales providing much needed revenue. We continue to receive some ACT Government funding which allows the community to reach us during business hours via phone or through our Jerra Wetlands walk-in centre, however more opportunities will need to be made in the coming year.

As we mature, the organisation has also undergone further changes, with our struggling telephone system getting upgraded via new mobile app, our internet getting a dish and personnel changes amongst our species and admin coordinators. We also introduced several new Committee members, including myself taking up the President's role in July 2022.

Overall, the organisation has managed to rise to each challenge and cope with the heartbreaks the year brought. Our membership has grown, and new initiatives and opportunities continue to present themselves. Our service to both the community and our wonderful wildlife will continue to grow and develop, as we look forward to 2023.

Yana del Valle

President



Our Vision

The welfare and biodiversity of wildlife in the ACT is maintained.

Our Mission

The purpose of ACT Wildlife is to:

- Rescue, rehabilitate and release injured, sick and orphaned native wildlife
- Educate the public about sharing the urban interface with native wildlife
- Provide professional training to ensure a high standard of welfare for animals in care



Common Brushtail Possum - Chris Rogers

Our Patrons

Ian Fraser – Naturalist, Conservationist and Author

Ian is an Australian naturalist, conservationist and author, based in Canberra since 1980. He sees his main role as contributing to education about wildlife and the environment, to promote understanding and support for conservation efforts. For over 20 years he presented a fortnightly natural history show on Canberra ABC Radio, and still makes periodic appearances there and on Radio National. He teaches bird and other natural history courses to adult students at the ANU Centre for Continuing Education.



Genevieve Jacobs – Journalist

The arts, gardening and the environment, history and politics, and family issues are among Genevieve's interests but as an incurably nosy person, she enjoys discovering people's stories and loves nothing more than a good yarn.

Genevieve was happy to promote our cause as often as possible on her ABC 666 morning radio show, and kicked off this commitment by interviewing Marg Peachey (ACTW President) about the problems associated with fruit tree netting and the local flying fox population. Genevieve has also offered to act as MC at fundraising events we run.



Karen Viggers – Author

Karen is the award-winning internationally best-selling author of four novels: *The Stranding*, *The Lightkeeper's Wife*, *The Grass Castle* and *The Orchardist's Daughter*.

She writes contemporary fiction set in Australian landscapes, and her work explores connection with the bush, grief, loss, healing in nature, death, family, and friendship. Her books also tackle contentious issues including choices at the end of life, whale rescue, kangaroo culling and scientific research on animals.

Karen is a wildlife veterinarian who has worked and travelled in many remote parts of Australia. Her novels are known for their evocative portrayal of people, landscapes and wildlife.



Overview

During 2022 ACT Wildlife received 11,290 phone calls. While most of these calls were answered by our wonderful staff, many of our volunteers took calls over weekends and evenings. The number of calls received was 1,710 less than in 2021.

Many calls can be resolved by educating the public as to how to manage an animal that they see or rescue and transport to either a vet or coordinator. This relieves the pressure of our staff and volunteers.

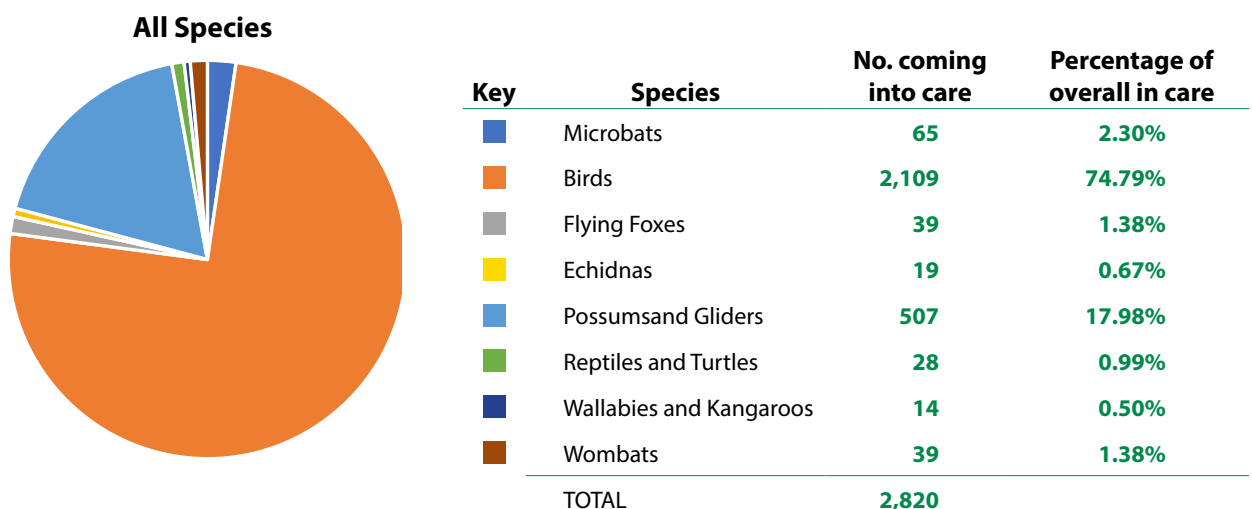
These calls resulted in 2,820 animals coming into care which was just 140 less than 2021. This is not to downplay the work that our amazing carers have put in to rehabilitate our precious native wildlife. Animals such as wombats can be in care for up to 18 months. Caring is a full-time commitment and all our carers are volunteers.

This total does not include the many animals that were transported to vets and did not come into our care.

Outcomes of the different species and statistics of the phone calls can be seen in the following pages. Below are the overall statistics for the wildlife that needed rescue or rehabilitation. Our goal is also to release as many animals as we can back into their natural habitat.

Reasons for coming into care are as varied as there are species.

- Birds were in care due mainly from animal attacks, collisions with windows or cars, orphaned or unable to fly.
- Echidnas were either trapped or hit by cars.
- Flying-foxes suffered from electrocution, natural disasters or orphaned.
- Microbats mainly came into care due to loss of habitat, trapped or unable to fly.
- Possums were mainly orphaned, poisoned, hit by cars, attacked by another animal or caught by cats. Possums affected by dermatitis were also brought into care and treated over a period of two weeks.
- Reptiles and Turtles were predominantly hit by cars
- Wallabies and Kangaroos were predominantly hit by cars
- The majority of Wombats in care were orphaned whose mothers were hit by cars.



Birds

In 2022 ACT Wildlife received 2,109 birds. As with the trend across all volunteer organisations we had fewer bird carers, which put a lot more pressure on other carers.

Both 2021-2022 Summer and 2022-2023 Summer there was more rain than average and hollow-nesters suffered with fewer chicks fledging because of wet hollows. We observed about 50% of crimson rosellas that came into care as chicks and fledglings died. They declined over a 24-hour period, went off their food and died. It is not known what caused this and we will be testing next summer to determine the cause if it happens again. In the 2022-23 summer we also had more unexplained deaths of pardalote and silvereye chicks. Seemingly thriving and then looking weak and died within hours.

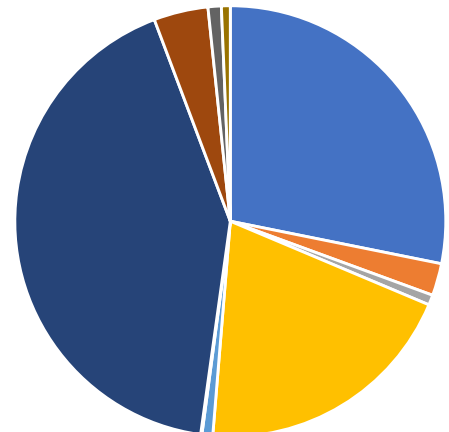
We had our usual numbers of Black Pacific (47) and Australian Wood Ducks (110) and three Grey Teals. Ducklings are always a delight to raise and release. Most become dislocated from their parents when crossing roads or travelling through long grass and are found alone or in small groups.

There were a few interesting birds that are not commonly in care – two White-faced Herons, four young Pelicans that were dislocated from breeding flocks migrating during extremely high winds, and one each of Barking Owl, Azure Kingfisher, Brush Bronzewing, Fairy Martin, Wedgetail Eagle, Little Eagle and a Yellow-tailed black Cockatoo, and a first for ACT Wildlife, a Blue-Faced Honeyeater.



Blue-faced Honeyeater

Bird Outcomes



Released	887	42.06%
Euthanased	421	19.96%
Died	594	28.17%
Taken to Vet	86	4.08%
DOA	51	2.42%
Transfer - Wildcare	14	0.66%
Transfer - Other	21	1.00%
Escaped	16	0.76%
In Care	17	0.81%
Permanent Care	2	0.09%
TOTAL	2,109	

Possums

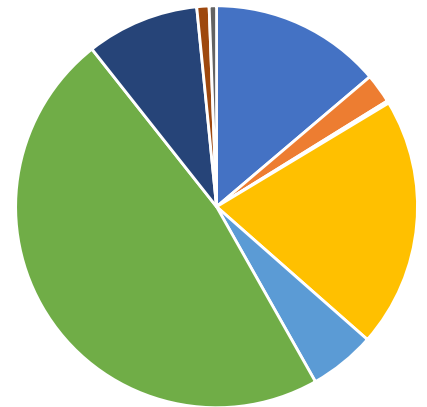
2022 was much like the last few years for possums. We are getting a lot of possums coming into care of all ages. Most common reasons for them entering into care is dog attacks, car strikes and poisoning.

Due to the large amount of possums coming into care, a lot of carers are struggling to keep up with the constant flow of possums coming in and out, we really do need more carers in order to cover the amount that is coming in. We have had a bit of a mystery eye problem going on with a large number of possums coming into care, with no real clear idea of what is causing it.



Common brush-tail possum

Possum Outcomes



■ Died	70	13.81%
■ DOA	12	2.37%
■ Escaped	1	0.20%
■ Euthanased	102	20.12%
■ In Care	27	5.33%
■ Released	241	47.53%
■ Taken to Vet	46	9.07%
■ Transfer - other	5	0.99%
■ Transfer - Wildcare	3	0.59%
TOTAL	502	

Wombats

During 2022 the Wombat carers received 29 new wombats.

These ranged from a non viable 50g pinkie to an adult wild wombat weighing in excess of 25 kg.

Of the 29 that came into care two (including a badly injured adolescent female) were released, six were transferred to other care groups, seven died or were euthanased and 14 remain in care. A further 10 wombats in care from the previous year were released.

There are 10 volunteers with long term enclosures who are well set up to provide care for wombats until they are over 20 kg and independent enough for release. This is an impressive level of commitment.

Our volunteers are also able to care for large wombats with significant injuries and/or advanced mange. These animals require complex handling and care and each of them has been released in good health, or transferred back to NSW wildlife groups to continue rehabilitation.



Wombat joey Callistemon "Calli" still in care.

Wombat Outcomes



Died	4	10.26%
Euthanased	3	7.69%
In Care	14	35.90%
Released	12	30.77%
Transfer - other	6	15.38%
TOTAL	39	

Wombat Mange

We have made a lot of progress with mange this year with the new temporary licence for Bravecto coming out. This means longer protection for wombats and a lot less work for volunteers. The coordinator continues to work closely with conservation research with the Bravecto trials.

The wombat reporting portal has been a great success with the public and over 100 wombats have been reported through the portal. Currently most of these wombats are being treated by Wombat Rescue due to the low number of mange volunteers within ACTWildlife.



Banjo and Dozer

Flying-foxes

We had a very quiet season in 2021-22, with few flying-foxes coming into care, including only one pup. However spring/summer of 2022 was busy with 20 pups and one adult in care.

Very unseasonal cold snaps in November and December 2022 resulted in a high number of flying-fox pups dying from hypothermia in NSW, southern QLD and in the ACT. In the Commonwealth Park colony at least 25 pups died due to unseasonal cold snaps.

As a result of the cold wet spring and early summer, higher than usual numbers of orphan pups from country NSW required care. ACT Wildlife has provided support for several NSW animal rescue groups, by taking in 17 orphans to raise until they are ready to be transferred to creche in NSW.

Many pups that came into care were significantly underweight, which contributed to other health problems. Other groups that care for flying-foxes have also seen high numbers of underweight pups. It seems likely that this is a continuing legacy of the 2020 bushfires' impact on native food sources.

The ACT Government vet tested two flying-fox pups for COVID-19 in November after their carers contracted the virus. The pups had at this stage already been moved to different carers; this happened as soon as the original carer observed symptoms and took a RAT. Fortunately, the testing found that the pups had not contracted COVID-19.

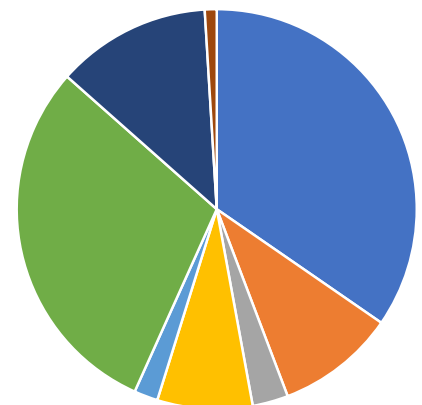
Regular meetings with the National Capital Authority were held to discuss extreme weather event planning, upgrades to the gardens under the colony, and access to the colony during extended periods when fences were erected for events.

Training – Eight bat carers updated their training by attending WIRES bat training and a further six members completed the ACT Wildlife bat training course.



Flying-fox pup

Bat Outcomes (Flying-foxes and Microbats)



Died	36	34.62%
DOA	10	9.62%
Escaped	3	2.88%
Euthanased	8	7.69%
In Care	2	1.92%
Released	31	29.81%
Sent to Creche	13	12.50%
Taken to Vet	1	0.96%
TOTAL	104	

Microbats

In 2022, 65 microbats came into the care of ACT Wildlife. Of these, 27 made it to release, which is almost 40%. Six remained in care at the end of the period.

Microbats are very fragile and small and because only those people who have been vaccinated for Australian Bat Lyssavirus can handle them, they are often not able to be assessed in depth before they arrive in care. This could be a factor for the remaining bats, of which 25 died and two were dead on arrival. Only three of the bats required euthanasia. Because ACT Wildlife takes care to refer animals with obvious fractures immediately for vet assessment, rather than to a carer, it is likely that some animals with injuries that would make them unsuitable for release even after rehabilitation are euthanased rather than coming into care at all. This is humane for the bats and also assists our carers to focus on those animals that have a better chance of rehabilitation.

Most microbats came into care due to being trapped in a structure or found on the ground. Of those known to have fallen victim to cat attack, the survival rate was poor. Hopefully new containment laws will see this statistics improve in years to come.

This year has seen increased sharing of knowledge between organisations. Special thanks to the wonderful carers and experts in WIRES, Wildcare, LAOKO, Hunter Wildlife Rescue, and Australasian Bat Society, and others who generously shared their time and skills with us.



Microbat mum with two pups

Echidnas

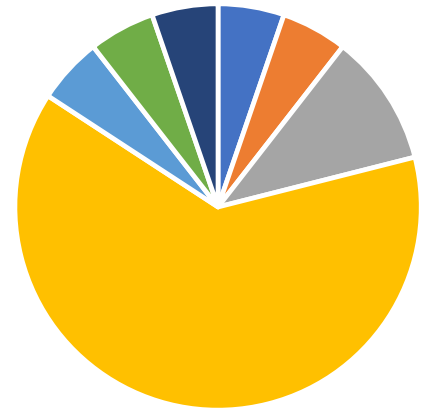
During 2022 19 Echidnas came into care, six had been hit by a car, the rest were either trapped or sick. Of the 19 in care, 12 were successfully released.

Echidnas coming into care are rare and are only cared for by very experienced carers.



Short-beaked echidna

Echidna Outcomes



■ Died	1	5.26%
■ Escaped	1	5.26%
■ Euthanased	2	10.53%
■ Released	12	63.16%
■ Taken to Vet	1	5.26%
■ Transfer - other	1	5.26%
■ Transfer - Wildcare	1	5.26%
TOTAL	19	

Reptiles and Turtles

2022 was a fairly normal year for reptile and turtle carers, with the majority of animals that came into care, being subsequently released.

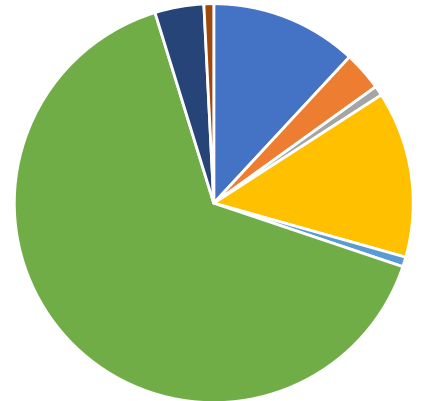
We did have a couple of things stand out, first was in February the coordinator received a slightly panicked call from a carer saying, that she had one Blue Tongue when she left in the morning for work, and now has about 16. Unbeknown to all, the Blue Tongue was pregnant, and had given birth to 15 babies. These were quickly distributed amongst our carers, who got them all hunting, then released over the following two weeks.

Our second one was, that we had six Gippsland Water Dragons come into care (after only two in the previous nine years) over a couple of weeks. These included four babies, who were brumating under construction supplies at the National Botanic Gardens. Sadly, one didn't make it but, the other three thrived, and were released back to the Gardens in September.



Top: Eastern long-necked turtle
Above: Blotched blue-tongued lizard

Reptile and Turtle Outcomes



■ Died	15	11.90%
■ DOA	4	3.17%
■ Escaped	1	0.79%
■ Euthanased	17	13.49%
■ In Care	1	0.79%
■ Released	82	65.08%
■ Taken to Vet	5	3.97%
■ Transfer - other	1	0.79%
TOTAL	126	

Macropods

It has been another quiet year for macropod calls in the ACT. Good rainfall has helped to provide enough feed in nature reserves. Calls have included concerns for macropods which have come onto our streets, injured macropods which may need to be euthanised by a ranger and joeys which need to be cared for: Eastern Greys to NSW with Wildcare and wallabies and wallaroos to us.

We have four wallabies in care at the moment. two are red-necked wallabies now over 5kg. One night last winter on a farm, an unusual calling sound was heard and on investigation Koa, then a pinky was so lucky to be found. Posey is a true survivor with many unusual life skills including peeling lemons to eat the rind and hitting Koa on the head when she wants something he has. In a few weeks, after being weaned, they will go into prerelease care with one of our carers who has a large fox-proof area from which they will be released after the worst of winter.

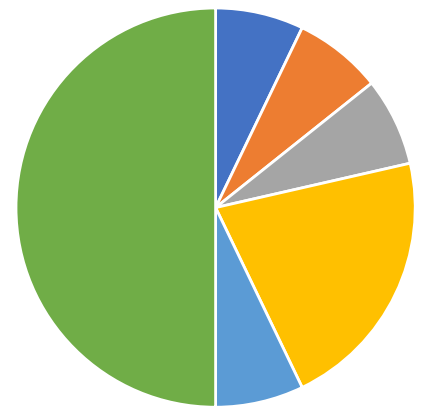
Vipul's carer says he 'is a bright young red-necked wallaby that came into care after his mum was hit by a car in Bruce. He loves his bottle!! Never is his bottle late because he will get out of bed and hunt you down for it. He loves dandelions and a run in the backyard. He has a bright future in front of him.' He is now over 1kg and will soon be buddied.

Shazza, a swamp wallaby, was found as a young pinky, a few metres from her mum, near Mulligan's Flat (another car accident) covered in ants. Her very experienced carer magically got her through the first week and now she is thriving and has doubled her weight since being found. She is a dark velvet, and zooms in spurts.



Koa, Swamp wallaby

Macropod Outcomes



■ Died	1	7.14%
■ DOA	1	7.14%
■ Euthanased	1	7.14%
■ In Care	3	21.43%
■ Transfer - other	1	7.14%
■ Transfer - Wildcare	7	50.00%
TOTAL	14	

Membership

Significant changes happened in 2022 to our membership signup and registration processes. We cancelled our subscription to Better Impact after initiating its use at the start of 2021. It had many great features. Members had secure personal logins and could update their own profiles including interests and skills. It had excellent communication tools too. However it could not manage training and group attendance records in a way that didn't cause confusion and extra work for those doing the administration. In the end we could not justify the annual subscription.

New members may join using a form on our website. This generates an automatic email with payment and involvement information. New membership may also be obtained via enrolment in our courses. Details are then transferred to our Wildman database by the coordinator.

Changes were made to the website to provide a list of our coordinators and executives in a password protected page. Email addresses were created to provide easy and confidential communication with them by our members and the general public, if necessary.

Several administrative duties were transferred to the Membership Coordinator this year to centralise the transfer of members details, financial records and distribution of annual membership cards.

Finally, in 2022 we had 368 financial members. Among those there were an estimated 90 Carers and 45 listed Phone and Transporter volunteers.

Social Media

ACTW's social media presence is across Facebook and Instagram, with the total number of followers at approx. 33K. Daily posts are created and moderated on Facebook, while the same stories are posted on Instagram and moderated on that platform (moderate = answer questions from followers, respond to their comments, etc.) Others help with moderating on Facebook, and contributing memes and graphics. The idea is to cover as many species in care as possible, and feature their carers. A typical week consists of Meme Monday, Possum Tuesday, Wombat Wednesday, Reptile Thursday, Feathered Friday, Baturday, Wallaby Sunday.



Fundraising

A new initiative was introduced late in 2022 in the form a small flyer to hand to members of public who call ACT Wildlife to rescue wildlife. The flyer thanks them for calling and provides a QR code to donate. The flyer can be placed on fridges or noticeboards for future reference as it has the 24/7 Hotline number. Also some A4 flyers were printed and handed to local businesses to display on their counters. The flyer states that our wildlife need help and also has the QR code to our donations page.

Thank you for helping rescue native wildlife.



Every day our native wildlife are in need of rescue, rehabilitation and release.

ACT Wildlife is the **ONLY** multi-species organisation that rescues, rehabilitates and releases wildlife in the ACT. It is run by volunteers who are passionate about caring for our native wildlife

Your one-off or monthly donation will assist with food, veterinary services, housing, rescues and transport.

Scan the QR code below to donate



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0432 300 033

You can become a wildlife rescuer!



ACT Wildlife welcomes new members who are passionate about our local wildlife.

Training is offered on rescuing and caring for five different species: Bats (including Flying Foxes and microbats), Birds, Possums, Reptiles and Wombats.

Head to our website to find when the next training courses will be held.

Volunteers are also needed for various positions, find out more on our website.

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2023 Calendar

- Calls went out to our carers for suitable photos for assessment for inclusion in the calendar with the proviso that the animal photographed must have been in care during 2021/22 and have a Wildman record. Evan, Anita and some volunteers from the social media team also journeyed to some carers homes to take additional photos. In the end, the Committee was able to select a good range of photos that covered the majority of species that were cared for.
- For this calendar we introduced a first for ACTW, in that we sought expressions of interest from businesses and organisations for a sponsorship of the month pages whereby the sponsors logo and contact were included. We successfully secured sponsorship that covered the total printing costs.
- As with last years calendar we had buyers from around the globe with 100 calendars (approximately 12% of total sold) sent to overseas supporters from countries as diverse as China, Japan, Slovenia, England, Norway and the United States.
- Our two biggest individual sales were 200 calendars to the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate in the ACT Government, and 15 to a supporter in the United State for the second year running.
- ACTW also made a number of calendars available gratis to Fire Stations and Veterinary Practices in recognition of their valued support.
- Our total profit on sales for the 2023 calendar is approximately \$5,646.
- Overall the ACTW calendar, as well as being a sound fundraiser, highlights the work done by ACTW volunteers and highlights the unique Australian wildlife found in our bush Capital.
- The Sub-committee is now looking for photos and associated backstories for next years calendar!



Sponsor A Species

The Sponsor A Species fundraiser program is progressing with approx. 136 sponsors. Folks can sponsor birds, bats, possums, reptiles and wombats, with wombats overwhelmingly the most popular species to sponsor.

There are three levels of sponsorship -- **Fledgling, Wild Thing and Wildlife Warrior**. The levels cost from \$5 to \$15 a month, with escalating rewards. At the top level a sponsor receives thanks on our platforms and the ACTW website, two newsletters a year and around three wildlife talks a year. The talks are held at the Duffy HQ with carers coming in to explain about their species in care, and give insight into life as a carer.

In late 2022 local politicians were contacted (Assembly and federal level) and given the latest newsletter. There was some response, positive when two politicians signed up as sponsors – Greens MLA Jo Clay and Liberal Nicole Lawder.



Phones

We have a great Phone and Transport team!

Our team includes the Canberra community who report injured animals, the vets who assess the animals and pass them to us, our staff at Jerrabomberra Wetlands and our entire volunteer team for filling in all the gaps.

Of the 11,292 calls staff members took 43% and 57% were taken by volunteers.

Our phone system allows us to automatically divert kangaroo calls to Access Canberra. About 10% of incoming calls are diverted. This represents a reduction of calls that are handled by our volunteers and staff but a 10% increase in the stats shown above.

We introduced *xMatters* late in 2022. It is a rescue app run for us by WIRES. *xMatters* was extended to other groups as a result of WIRES receiving a lot of donations following the 2020 fires and they administer it for us.

It's important to stress to our callers, which we highlight during our training, that unless the Member of Public can stay with the injured animal, we may not be able to attend. Of course we do not want any animal to suffer and every effort is made to attend the last 'seen alive' location. Unattended injured animals are also noted on *WhatsApp P&T* so should anyone of our volunteers be driving in the area, they can respond to the call. There were 1,219 animals not found.

Rescuers are commended for taking 6,439 animals to a vet for assessment and, if required, euthanasia. It is up to the rescuer to determine if this is needed as they are the people who see the animal, whereas phone operators only hear what callers say who may be emotionally involved with the animal and it is more difficult to judge.

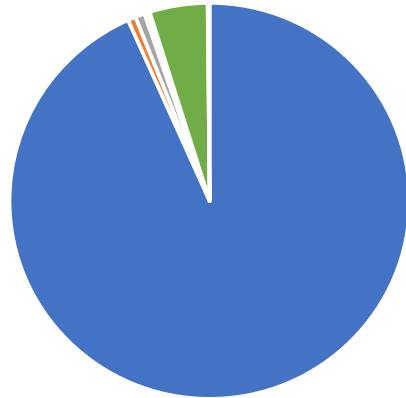


Rescue of a Short-beaked echidna

Phones *cont'd*

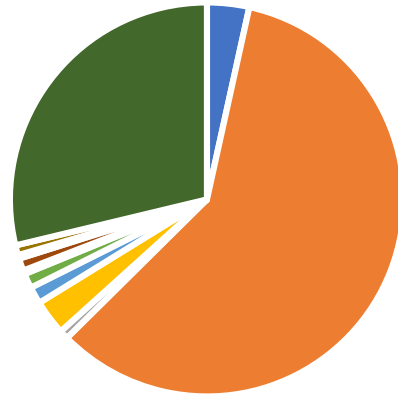
Incoming Calls

Member of Public	10536
Access Canberra	72
From Carers	86
From Rangers	37
RSPCA	13
Vets	528
Wildcare/Wires	18



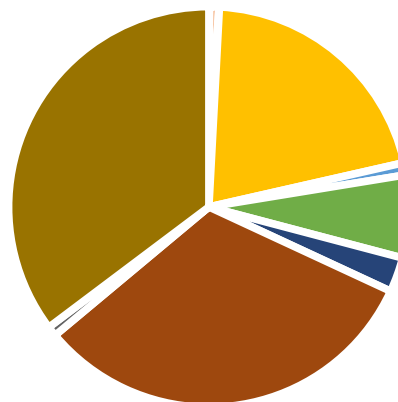
Call Actions Required

Carer Callback	377
Advice Given	6449
Followup Call Required	80
Missed Calls	315
Referred To AC	153
Referred To Neil Harvey	132
Out of Area	33
Referred to Rangers	111
Referred to RSPCA	32
Referred to Wildcare	89
Transporter Sent	3136



Call Outcomes

Fire and Rescue	14
ACTW assessed	128
ACTW follow up required	11
ACTW no action required	3764
ACTW no action - resources/safety	179
ACTW Not found	1219
ACTW released	513
ACTW transported to carer	5847
ACTW transported to Jerrabomberra	148
ACTW transported to vet	6439



Training

Although we conducted 29 courses last year we only had 263 attendees across all training sessions.

We did have an exceptional number of people doing online training in 2020 and 2021 but 2022 was a strange year being the year after two years of Covid. In 2022 we resumed our face-to-face training.

As a result of this training we gained new volunteers for Phone and Transport (3), Birds (4), Possums (4), Wombats (1).

Quite a few people upgraded their training and phone volunteers did species courses to help them with answering the phone.

There were two new courses offered: Transport and Rescue, which is specifically about physical rescues; and training for xMatters, which advertises rescues and follows up with more detailed information.

There had been a number of bird courses run online over the last three years that we held a practical bird handling/treatment/discussion day with good attendance and a request for another day.

Training Attendees

	Jan	Feb	March	May	July	August	Sept	Nov
Orientation	21		9	21	6		18	18
Phone and Transport	9			5	7		10	7
Bird – Basic		11			10		7	7
Bird – Advanced		7				5		
Bird – baby birds								
Bird - Practical day							13	
WildMan - phone call entry	6							
WildMan - animal entry	20							
Bats						10		
Wombats						13		
Possums			9			8		6
SUB TOTALs	56	18	18	26	23	36	48	38
TOTAL	263							

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report

The last year was a year of consolidation for ACT Wildlife with lower donations and fortunately higher government grants received. In 2022 staffing at our Jerrabomberra facility was increased with the aid of a four year commitment to grant assistance from the ACT government.

Income

Income for the year was \$274,280 including \$151,479 in government grants.

Donations totalled \$72,596 compared to \$235,350 in 2021. Donations in 2021 had been greatly increased by two generous bequests.

Other income of \$19,374 was mainly from calendar sales and training fees.

Expenses

Employee expenses at \$124,294 was our largest cost and an increase of almost 20% on 2021 due to employing effectively 2.4 full time staff equivalents compared to two in 2021. The salary rate only increased marginally in line with the award.

Administration expenses increased due to paying \$18,000 for a cultural review by lawyers Mills & Oakley which was finally received in late 2022.

Depreciation was also higher due to capitalising several assets during the year.

Deficit

The deficit for the year was \$27,041 compared to a surplus of \$238,337 in 2021. The large surpluses in 2020 and 2021 were due to very generous bequests and lower staff costs.

Balance Sheet

Total assets decreased from \$773,077 to \$687,172 including \$551,684 in cash.

Liabilities decreased from \$88,130 to \$29,266 due to lower unspent balances on grants.

Total equity at year-end was \$657,906 compared to \$684,947 for 2021.

Independent Reviewer's Report

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of ACT Wildlife incorporated which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2022, on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the responsible entities' members of the board declaration who are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Report in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards, *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Act 2012* and *ACT Associations Incorporations Act 1991*, giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of ACT Wildlife incorporated.

A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently, does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report of ACT Wildlife Incorporated for the period ended 31 December 2022 does not give a true and fair view of the financial position of ACT Wildlife Association as at 31 December 2022, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards, *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Act 2012* and *ACT Associations Incorporations Act 1991*.

Signed: _____

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Income		
Donations	72,596	235,350
Grants	18,919	62,783
Government Grants	151,479	103,508
Memberships	11,617	13,225
Bank Interest	295	231
Other Income	19,374	28,706
Total income	274,280	443,803
Expenses		
Grant expenses	25,560	8,719
Employee expenses	124,294	104,269
Administration expenses	47,416	28,383
Depreciation	35,519	30,232
Food & Consumables	25,069	12,386
Other expenses	43,463	21,477
Total expenses	301,321	205,466
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	(27,041)	238,337

Statement of Financial Position

as at 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	544,335	600,007
Trade and other receivables	3,482	3,179
Stock on hand	3,867	5,121
Total current assets	551,684	608,307
Fixed Assets		
Vehicles	48,073	56,198
Aviaries, Cages, Computers and equipment	37,089	57,989
Clinic & Garage	50,326	50,583
Total Fixed Assets	135,488	164,770
Total assets	687,172	773,077
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Grants	5,940	18,517
Government Grants	12,357	60,753
Revenue in Advance	4,000	-
Employee provisions	6,969	8,860
Total current liabilities	29,266	88,130
Non-current Liabilities		
Employee provisions	-	-
Other non-current liabilities	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	-	-
Total liabilities	29,266	88,130
Net assets	657,906	684,947
EQUITY		
Capital	37,481	37,481
Current year (Deficit) Surplus	(27,041)	238,337
Retained earnings	647,466	409,129
Total equity	657,906	684,947

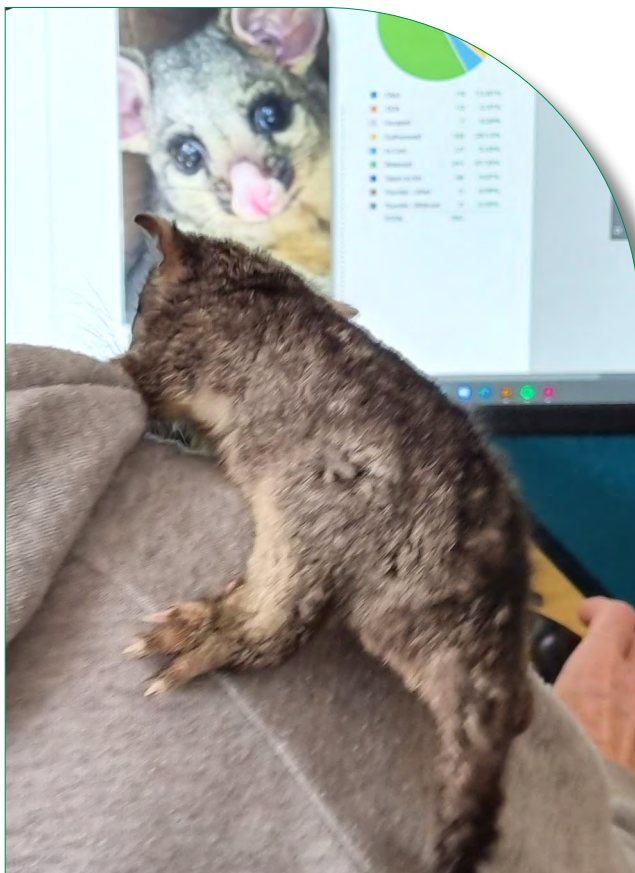
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