

Annual General Meeting – 27 November 2023

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Auditorium, 201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199

Welcome and Introduction: Director Wright opened the 2023 Annual General Meeting, welcoming all attendees both online and in person.

Apologies: No apologies were noted.

Period of Silence: Director Wright called for a minute's silence in honour of animals and members who had passed in the last year.

Prayer for Animals: Director Steele read the Prayer for Animals by Albert Schweitzer.

Acceptance of Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting: Director Wright called for any amendments to the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting. Director O'Callaghan seconded the minutes, which were adopted without change.

RESOLUTION: The minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting be accepted.

President's Report: Director Wright moved that the President's Report be accepted. No objections or questions were raised. Director Thompson seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION: The President's Report be accepted.

Questions to Directors:

- Ms Castle raised questions about memberships, membership fees, board elections, and board operations as specified by the constitution and sought confirmation from the Board. Director Wright confirmed that the Board meets bi-monthly, and membership approval processes involve background checks and election processes.
- Ms Thompson outlined views held by the Blue Mountains community regarding the organisation's local site and asked about its future. Mr Coleman stated that RSPCA NSW is in discussions with the State Government and local council to find a mutually beneficial solution and is awaiting further responses.
- Ms Woods spoke in support of retaining the Blue Mountains site for wildlife focussed uses.

Acceptance of Financial Statements: Director Wright invited questions relating to the Financial Statements. No questions were raised.

RESOLUTION: The Financial Statements for FY22/23 tabled at the Annual General Meeting be accepted.

Acceptance of Annual Report: Director Wright invited questions relating to the 2023 Annual Report.

- A reference to partnering with local councils was questioned, given RSPCA NSW had not renewed council pound contracts. Mr Coleman clarified that the management of pound contracts is the responsibility of local councils. RSPCA NSW notified councils that they would not renew contracts but often provided extensions to ensure smooth transitions. Additionally, RSPCA NSW is working with councils to deliver community desexing and healthy pet day programs, and also continues to work with 11 councils around the state to operate the Keeping Cats Safe At Home Program.
- The "multi-stage approach" was questioned, and clarity was sought about what this means. Mr Coleman responded that capital upgrades at multiple sites are currently being completed, with staged construction cycles at each site to continue operations.
- The number of inspectors RSPCA NSW currently has in the field was requested. Mr Coleman answered that RSPCA NSW currently has 57 Inspectors across the state.

RESOLUTION: The Annual Report tabled at the Annual General Meeting be accepted.

Appointment of and Questions to the Auditor: Mr Cameron Slapp, Lead Partner, Audit, KPMG, joined the meeting online. No objections or questions were raised.

RESOLUTION: That KPMG be appointed RSPCA NSW's Auditor for the next reporting period, FY24.

Meeting Close: Director Wright thanked the members and staff of RSPCA NSW for their ongoing support and efforts. The meeting was declared closed.