

Moreton Bay **Wildlife Hospital** **Foundation**



ANNUAL REPORT

1st July 2022 – 30th June 2023

Mission Statement

The Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation's mission is to improve outcomes for native wildlife in the City of Moreton Bay through fundraising, advocacy, research, education, and establishing and ongoing operation of, a dedicated native wildlife hospital.



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Corporate Directory

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Our Objectives

The Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation (MBWHF) has the following objectives that drive the core activities of the charity to improve the welfare and outcomes of injured wildlife in the City of Moreton Bay.

Primary Objective

Fundraise and collaborate with government & industry to establish and ensure the ongoing operation of the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital.

Secondary Objectives

- Advocate for responsible, sustainable urban development in the City of Moreton Bay.
- Purchase and manage land in the City of Moreton Bay to establish wildlife corridors and rehabilitate degraded areas for native wildlife habitats.
- Collaborate with local wildlife rescue groups to establish and ensure the ongoing successful operation of the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital and wildlife care within the City of Moreton Bay.
- Use funds to support wildlife research and protection.
- Share the high workload of wildlife care provided by local vets and wildlife hospitals outside the City of Moreton Bay.
- Provide training opportunities for secondary and tertiary students.
- Provide opportunities for community education on the preservation of local wildlife and their native habitats.

Our People

The Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation has been established by a group of people from the City of Moreton Bay community, acting on an un-paid, voluntary basis. The founding Board Members are Karin Machell, Christine West, Ngaire Stirling, Rebecca Russell, and Beth Rounsefell.

Our Supporters

During the establishment of the MBWHF, a number of local businesses, as well as our local Council, have supported us through in-kind donations of time or resources:



Thank You



Moreton Bay
Wildlife Hospital



Our Governance

Moreton Bay Wildlife Foundation Ltd is registered with:

Australian Securities & Investment Commission (ASIC)

- Company Registration – Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Ltd (12 May 2022)
- ACN/ABN – 659 367 450 / 206 5936 7450
- Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Business name was registered to the Foundation (15 July 2022)

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

- Registered Purpose (12 May 2022)
 - Preventing or relieving the suffering of animals;
 - Advancing the natural environment

Queensland Government Office of Fair Trading

- Collections Act 1966 and Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Act 1999 (Qld)
20 March 2023 CH4669339

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

- Register of Environmental Organisations (REO) 20 June 2023

Australian Taxation Office

- Tax File Number Registration 608 335 232 (13 May 2022)
- Endorsement as a Deductible Gift Recipient (20 June 2023)

BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors' present their Board Report together with the financial statements for the MBWHF for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 and the auditor's report thereon.

Welcome and thank you for keeping our Community Wild!

Our History

The MBWHF has been established as a community-initiated charity to ensuring wildlife in our region have the best care available. Five dedicated community members set out on a journey to challenge the way development was occurring in their area – with the goal not to stop development, but to challenge the status quo and help shape an urban footprint that allows room for both kids and koalas. By engaging with industry, government, and local residents, a new neighbourhood has



been created in Warner that has retained the existing ecological wildlife corridor, with plans for rehabilitating and widening these corridors to help preserve for our unique native wildlife.

An outcome of this venture was an appreciation of the toll that development was taking on our region's wildlife and the wildlife rescuer and carer network and saw the need for a dedicated, local wildlife hospital. Our community working group set about to establish a charity to raise the funds and awareness of this missing critical component for wildlife preservation.



Identified Need for Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital

The City of Moreton Bay has 805 different animal species, with 68 regarded as rare or threatened by existing legislation¹. With the koala now being listed as Endangered in Queensland² and Moreton Bay being one of the largest regions with koalas in the state, there is a crucial need to assist with preserving the species and others like it.

The City of Moreton Bay is one of the fastest growing regions in Australia, with 88,300 more houses and supporting community infrastructure required to be built by 2041 to accommodate an extra 210,000 residents living in the region³. This represents a 43 percent increase in the local population over the next 20 years and will put even greater pressure on our native habitats and wildlife.

Every year, tens of thousands of native Australian animals require veterinary care and present to specialised hospitals in need of help. Over the last decade, wildlife patients requiring care in SEQ have skyrocketed from 6,000 to over 27,000 per year at RSPCA Wildlife Hospital Wacol alone⁴. The sheer volume of animals RSPCA Queensland treats at this facility makes the Wacol Wildlife Hospital the busiest in the Southern Hemisphere⁵. The current facility caters to 450% more wildlife patients than it has been built to accommodate, and the site is under enormous strain to continue operating at this capacity.

The increased need for wildlife care is exacerbated by habitat loss and natural disasters such as bushfires and floods. For example, in 2022, the RSPCA Wildlife Hospital saw a 30% increase in patients admitted for treatment from flood-affected areas over two weeks.

The current approach to managing injured wildlife in the City of Moreton Bay relies heavily on the volunteer time and resources of local wildlife rescue organisations to rescue, care and rehabilitate sick and injured wildlife. These volunteers routinely travel out of the City of Moreton Bay for up to two hours to wildlife hospitals at Beerwah or Wacol to seek medical treatment for injured koalas, kangaroos, and other wildlife. This often leads to extended trauma and poorer health outcomes for the animals and places a significant mental and financial burden on the volunteer wildlife rescuers.

¹ Department of Environment and Science, Queensland (2013) Rare or threatened animals of Moreton Bay local government area, Wetland Info website (<https://wetlandinfo.des.qld.gov.au/wetlands/facts-maps/wildlife/?ArealD=lga-moreton-bay&Kingdom=animals&SpeciesFilter=RareOrThreatened>)

² *Phascolarctos cinereus* (combined populations of Qld, NSW, and the ACT) — Koala (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales, and the Australian Capital Territory) (environment.gov.au)

³ City of Moreton Bay Council (<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Reports-Policies/Regional-Growth-Management-Strategy-2041>)

⁴ RSPCA Queensland Wildlife Hospital Case for Support – Building a Centre of Excellence

⁵ RSPCA Queensland Wildlife Hospital Case for Support – Building a Centre of Excellence

The four existing wildlife hospitals in the South-East Queensland (SEQ) area are seeing an increase in the number of animals requiring care and are often at capacity during breeding and trauma season. This increasing pressure on the existing system can often lead to poorer outcomes for sick and injured wildlife despite best efforts.

These hospitals form the SEQ Wildlife Hospital Network and are currently funded by the Queensland State Government, as well as grants, donations, and private fundraising. Travel times from the City of Moreton Bay to each of the wildlife hospitals in the SEQ Wildlife Hospital Network is significant and increasing with the traffic associated with the growing SEQ population.

A purpose-built wildlife hospital in the City of Moreton Bay will improve the survival rate of incoming patients through local provision of treatment, resources, and rehabilitation to sick and injured wildlife from the region. Immersive educational and observational experiences throughout the hospital will give members of the public a deeper understanding and education of the region's unique wildlife and how we can preserve these precious native species into the future. Without a purpose-built facility in these times of climate change and habitat loss, our iconic native and endangered wildlife face an uncertain future.



Our Goals

The MBWHF has identified several goals to ensure that our objectives can be achieved over the short to medium term.

Short term goals are primarily focussed on the establishment of the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital:

- Secure an appropriate site for the hospital within the City of Moreton Bay.
- Build brand awareness to attract philanthropic, corporate and industry interest.
- Raise the funds to build a dedicated wildlife hospital in the City of Moreton Bay.
- Oversee the design and build of the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital.
- Appoint a reputable operator for the hospital.
- Build a network of strategic partnerships at a local, state, and federal government level.

Once the hospital has been established and is operational, subsequent goals in the medium term are focussed on continuing to fundraise to allow for ongoing operation and advocacy for wildlife in the City of Moreton Bay.

- Lobby for increased government funding and support for the network of SEQ wildlife hospitals.
- Pursue on-going fundraising for operational expenses through building corporate relationships, attracting philanthropic support and building an active presence across the region.
- Establish expert advisory panels as part of the MBWHF to achieve progress on secondary objectives including land buy-back, training programs and community outreach and education.
- Identify and lobby industry in the City of Moreton Bay to contribute to the operational costs of the wildlife hospital.
- Identify grant and partnership opportunities at all levels of government and with other not-for-profit organisations.
- Develop and promote a Corporate Responsibility Recognition System for Industry called WILD.



Summary of Achievements in 2022 / 2023

The Board was created with five volunteer community representatives each with their own skill set and an underlying commitment to protecting and preserving our community's wildlife.

This first year of the MBWHF has been focused on the establishment of the Foundation and achieving all the requisite registrations and other requirements of becoming a registered charity in Australia able to receive tax-deductible donations.

Development of documents linked to this work included our constitution, business plan, policies, and branding. Our website is public, and we have successfully signed up 52 individual Members and 5 Corporate Members to the MBWF. This has been a significant undertaking for our volunteer Board and testament to our dedication to seeing this charity succeed for the wildlife and residents of Moreton Bay.

However, one of the most significant achievements of our first year is the offer of a site from the City of Moreton Bay to be provided to the MBWHF under leasehold to build the hospital. This land at 420 Old Gympie Road, Dakabin is ideally located for accessibility and engagement with Council is ongoing to work through the Planning and Lease arrangements for the hospital.



In order to begin promoting the MBWHF and start to link with other stakeholders in service to local wildlife and community, and garner support and potential funding, we have been invited to present at several events over the year. Most notably this has included the 3rd National Conference on Koalas hosted by the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital, as well as local Rotary Clubs and the City of Moreton Bay Council Meeting – Community Comment.

The Board continues to advocate for responsible and fauna friendly development throughout the region and have actively been engaged and are working with several developers to communicate this message and hopefully deliver improved outcomes for local fauna.

Looking to the Future

Over the coming year, we hope to continue to build on these initial achievements and start the development process for the hospital including entering into a lease agreement with Council for the land, developing concept plans and continue to engage with government and industry to raise our profile and funds for the MBWHF.

We are determined and committed to achieving the Foundation's objectives and will continue to engage with stakeholders and raise the profile of the MBWHF and what we are aiming to achieve. We know that operational funding is where the real work will begin and are looking at innovative and sustainable fundraising methods, both first of its kind but also modelling successful projects undertaken at other wildlife hospitals both in Australia and across the world.

In recognition that protecting wildlife is a collective responsibility, we are actively engaging in lobbying efforts directed towards the State Government to secure increased funding for all wildlife hospitals in Queensland. Additionally, we are advocating for industry involved in urban development to demonstrate greater consideration for wildlife and habitat preservation in our communities and support services such as wildlife hospitals.



TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board have set the following financial goals for the Foundation.

Financial Goals

Funding to address the development and operational costs of the wildlife hospital will come from a variety of sources across government and industry. All levels of government have shown support for the protection of the environment and our native wildlife whilst aiming to achieve ambitious development goals. We are aiming to apply for government grants and funds through all available channels as well as fundraise privately through industry as well as individual donors.

We anticipate that at least \$15M will be required for the development of the hospital with a subsequent minimum of \$2M per annum in operational costs. The Board will continue to pursue all avenues to raise these funds for this vital local infrastructure.

Investor Considerations

With Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status and registration as an Australian Charity with the Australian Tax Office, this allows all donations over \$2 received by the MBWHF to be claimed as a tax deduction by the donating individual or business if they pay tax in Australia. DGR status will make donating to the MBWHF an attractive prospect for individuals and business. It will also allow the MBWHF to apply for funds from granting or philanthropic bodies which have this as a condition for funding.

The Board are also currently considering a corporate responsibility recognition program aligned with our WILD branding to acknowledge businesses and developments that meet certain criteria. It is envisaged that an endorsement program such as this may provide extra incentive for engagement between industry and the MBWHF.



Annual Financial Statements

Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Ltd

ABN 20 659 367 450

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Prepared by Tangram Advisory

Profit and Loss Report

Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2023

	NOTES	2023	2022
Income			
Membership Fees			
Membership Fees - Corporate		250.00	-
Membership Fees - Individuals		510.00	-
Total Membership Fees		760.00	-
Fundraising			
Contributions Members		625.00	-
Donations Received		446.00	-
Fundraising Gifts		-	172.40
Total Fundraising		1,071.00	172.40
Total Income		1,831.00	172.40
Other Income			
Interest Income		0.08	-
Total Other Income		0.08	-
Total Income		1,831.08	172.40
Expenditure			
Computer Expenses		327.75	-
Fees and Permits		87.00	-
Merchant Fees		0.13	-
Subscription Fees		152.25	-
Website Expenses		14.30	-
Total Expenditure		581.43	-
Net Surplus / Deficit		1,249.65	172.40

Balance Sheet Report

Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Ltd As at 30 June 2023

	30 JUN 2023	30 JUN 2022
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Bendigo Bank - Business Account *4333	976.17	172.40
Bendigo Bank - Donations Account *1102	445.88	-
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,422.05	172.40
Total Current Assets	1,422.05	172.40
Total Assets	1,422.05	172.40
Net Assets	1,422.05	172.40
Equity		
Retained Earnings		
Current Year Earnings	1,249.65	172.40
Retained Earnings	172.40	-
Total Retained Earnings	1,422.05	172.40
Total Equity	1,422.05	172.40

Notes to the Financial Statements

Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2023

The basis of the accounting estimates used in this report is cash paid and cash received unless otherwise stated.
The company is a Public Company limited by guarantee and was formed on 12 May 2022.
The company operates in Queensland.
The company is registered by the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission (ACNC), and is exempt for Australian Income Tax purposes.
The company is not currently registered for GST.
Comparatives shown represent 30 June 2022.

Income

Membership Fee income represents receipts in exchange for services or rights, however are intangible.

Fundraising income represents donations received and contributions from members.

As is common for organisations of this size and type, it is not practicable for the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation to maintain an effective system of internal control over income until their initial entry into the accounting records. Accordingly, income recorded in the financial report is limited to the amounts banked and recorded in the bank accounts of the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation.

Other

The Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Ltd is unaware of any liability not disclosed in this financial report.

Directors Report

Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2023

Director(s):

The names of the Director(s) in office at any time during the period or since the end of the period are:

Beth Diane Rounsefell

Christine West

Karin Louise Machell

Ngaire Maria Stirling

Rebecca Andrea Russell

Directors receive no remuneration in their capacity as Director.

Operating Result

The company returned a surplus of \$1,249.65 for the period ending 30 June 2023.

Audit

Under the ACNC threshold rules, the company is required to have an audit or audit review for the period ending 30 June 2023. The company has engaged Tangram Advisory Pty Ltd to perform that review.

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible person's opinion:

(a) the financial statements and notes present a true and fair view of the financial position of Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Ltd as of 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and

(b) there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the company is not able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors:

Name of Responsible Person:

Rebecca Russell
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 Rebecca Russell
 Director/Treasurer
 Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation

Dated

Sep 13, 2023



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Independent Audit Report

Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2023

Scope

On the basis of the information provided by the directors of the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Limited, these financial statements have been compiled with APES 315 "Compilation of Financial Information", the special purpose financial report of the company for the year ended 30 June 2023. The accompanying special purpose financial statements of the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Limited, which comprises the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 June and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the financial statements have been prepared is to report back to its Directors.

The Responsibility of Directors

The Directors of the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Limited are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

We have reviewed the accounting records and the financial statements to ensure that they accurately report the transactions for the company covering the year ending 30 June 2023. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Review of Accounts

We have completed our review of the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Limited financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023 in accordance with the professional standards.

Our review has been designed to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial report is free of material misstatement. It is not designed to identify matters that may be of interest to management in discharging its responsibilities. Absolute assurance is not possible due to the inherent limitations of a review resulting in the unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected. In saying that we believe the accounts do show a true reflection of the statement of Affairs of the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation Limited.

Assurance Disclaimer

Since the review of compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements. The special purpose financial statements were compiled expressly for the benefit of the Directors who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Name of Firm: Tangram Advisory
Chartered Accountants



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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Government Support

City of Moreton Bay Council for the generous donation of the land for the hospital that will be offered under long-term community leasing arrangements for the hospital.

Major Financial Donors

IGA Eatons Hill – Community Chest Award \$440 donated June 2023

Corporate Supporters

Ausbuild –in-kind donation of

- legal support for establishment of Foundation
- development fees for the establishment of the MBWHF website
- development fees for the branding and collateral for the MBWH

Brisbane Digital Co – in kind donation of

- Reduced fees on the establishment of the website
- Ongoing in-kind support for website maintenance



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Become a Member

We will always welcome new Members to join the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation as a way of showing their support. Individuals and businesses are able to join the MBWHF as Members via our website. The annual membership fee (\$10 per individual, \$100 per business) shall be used to assist with administration costs of the Foundation.

Make a Donation

To help protect Moreton Bay's precious wildlife and achieve our goal of establishing a wildlife hospital, we will need your help. We are currently seeking donations (tax deductible over \$2) via our website, with payments able to be one-off or set up as recurring.

Leave a Bequest

If you would like to make a gift in your Will directly to support the work of the MBWHF, please [email](mailto:team@moretonbaywildlifehospital.com.au) us at team@moretonbaywildlifehospital.com.au for further information.

Become a Corporate Supporter

If you are interested in partnership opportunities or would like to make an in-kind donation of time or services, or would like to get involved with the MBWHF reach out to the team at team@moretonbaywildlifehospital.com.au.

