

# Annual Report 2024



Rescuing Dogs Who Rescue Veterans & First Responders When it's too hard to look back and you are afraid to look forward, look beside you.... I'll be there!

YOUR RESCUE DOG





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## **CEO**

Angie Weeks

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON

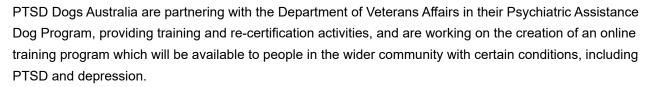
PTSD Dogs Australia do a remarkable job bringing together humans and rescue dogs, in a way that enhances the quality of their lives.

As a former Police Officer, I'm all too familiar with PTSD, it's prevalence amongst veterans and first responders, and the impact this has on their lives, and on their families, friends, and wider community.

Having a trained service dog at their side can make a significant difference to someone suffering from PTSD, helping to reduce their symptoms and improve their mental wellbeing.

In the nearly seven years I have known PTSD Dogs Australia, despite the difficulties faced, they have shown remarkable determination, and it is exciting that their hard work has been recognised nternationally.

In 2023, PTSD Dogs Australia Chief Executive Officer and co-founder Angie Weeks was awarded the Non-Profit Organisation CEO of the Year in the Global CEO Excellence Awards, and Angie was also awarded the Prime Minister's National Veterans' Employment Award in the category of Partner Entrepreneur of the Year.



Over the last twelve months, the staff and volunteers at PTSD Dogs Australia have trained seven assistance dogs, with five of these dogs now living with their handlers and making a big difference in their lives.

As the need for specially trained PTSD Assistance Dogs continues to grow, PTSD Dogs Australia will continue to expand and evolve as the organisation works to bring people and dogs together in mutually beneficial partnerships that change lives for the better.

It has been an honour to support the work of PTSD Dogs Australia, and I congratulate Angie and her team on their achievements to date.

### Llew O'Brien

Federal Member for Wide Bay Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Patron – PTSD Dogs Australia

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

As we reflect on the achievements and challenges of PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd in 2024, it is essential to recognize our unwavering commitment to supporting Australia's 000 First Responders and Defence Force personnel suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Our mission to rescue, and train displaced dogs has not only transformed the lives of these animals but has also provided invaluable companionship and assistance to those who have served our communities.

Our achievements in 2024 are vast and vary greatly, we increased Dog Rescues and Training Programs, we successfully rescued and have in training over 12 dogs, 5 of these dogs have been placed with recipients, a significant increase from the previous year. This growth is a testament to our dedicated team and volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that each dog is prepared to assist individuals coping with PTSD. Our training programs have been refined to enhance the effectiveness of our assistance dogs, focusing on specific tasks that aid in daily living and psychiatric support.

Creation of our Online Train Your Own Assistance Dog finally has been achieved. All 7 modules are now live, and each module has its own training cards with steps to follow along with a specific training video. The online program opens the possibility for civilians to have a qualified Assistance Dog specifically trained to mitigate their PTSD, Major Depression, Agrophobia.

We have established new partnerships with local businesses and mental health organizations, enhancing our resource network. Further to this was a significant living bequest. These collaborations have allowed us to rescue 12 Dogs and place them into training. Our partnership with DVA has doubled our Psychiatric Assistance Dog teams. These relationships created a net profit of over \$280,000.00.

Despite our successes, we faced challenges in 2024, particularly in securing funding and resources. The demand for our services continues to grow, and while we have made strides in community support, sustaining our operations requires ongoing financial contributions. We are actively seeking new funding opportunities and exploring grant options to ensure we can continue our vital work.

The DVA contract has seen our senior trainer travelling all over the east coast, taking her away from the training needed at HQ.

It's deeply important to recognise the positive impact we have had on the volunteers at Red Collar Rescue, they witness the dogs they rescued from death row join our pack and subsequently be placed with veterans and first responders. This ripple effect of positive change may not always be visible, but it is felt far and wide.

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Looking ahead, our primary goals for 2025 include:

Expanding Training Facilities: We are so excited as we have moved into our new Headquarters located in Cooroibah on the Sunshine Coast a 10 acre property. We aim to enhance our training facilities to accommodate more dogs and provide advanced training techniques that can better serve our clients.

Increasing Volunteer Engagement: We will focus on recruiting and training more volunteers to support our operations, ensuring that we can meet the growing demand for our services.

Advocacy for Mental Health Awareness: We plan to intensify our advocacy efforts to promote mental health awareness, particularly regarding PTSD among first responders and veterans. This includes lobbying for policy changes that support mental health initiatives

Partnership are steadfast our biggest priority with a new program being launched early in 2025

In conclusion, PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd remains steadfast in its mission to rescue and train dogs that provide essential support to those affected by PTSD. Our achievements in 2024 reflect the dedication of our team and the generosity of our supporters. As we move forward, we are committed to overcoming challenges and expanding our impact, ensuring that no first responder or veteran has to face their struggles alone. Alongside being able to support other sufferers of PTSD Thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission.





PTSD Dogs Australia LTD is registered with the ACNC as a charity who is advancing social or public welfare and is a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) 18 May 2018 and endorsed by the ATO to access tax concessions including the prestigious DGR endorsement and is covered by Item 1 Section 30.15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

## **ABOUT US**

**PTSD Dogs** deeply understand the service and sacrifices made by our Veterans & First Responders for our country and communities. In return, we are committed to supporting them during their times of need. Our mission is to connect these heroes with trained PTSD Assistance Dogs, offering them unconditional love, support, and companionship to help improve their quality of life. Our services are provided **free of charge** to our clients, and we offer **lifetime support** for both the Assistance Dogs and their Handlers. Through training rooted in games, love, and respect, we foster a positive, compassionate environment for both the dogs and their Handlers.

#### The Role of PTSD Assistance Dogs

A PTSD Assistance Dog serves far beyond the role of a pet. These highly-trained dogs act as **disability support partners**, enabling individuals with PTSD, anxiety, and other service-related disabilities to safely and confidently engage in personal and public life. Each dog is specifically trained to:

- Mitigate the challenges associated with psychiatric disabilities like PTSD or anxiety.
- Create a safe personal space around their Handler in public settings.
- Disrupt negative behaviours and provide grounding through touch, nuzzling, or deep pressure therapy.
- Help Handlers regain focus and return to the present when experiencing a PTSD or anxiety episode.
   Additionally, all PTSD Assistance Dogs are trained to meet strict hygiene and behaviour standards that ensure they are appropriate for public settings.

### **Transforming Lives**

The impact of our work shines through in the lives of our handlers. With the support and love of their assistance dogs, many have:

- Been taken off suicide watch.
- · Reconnected with their families and communities.
- Reduced their reliance on medications.
- Regained the confidence to drive or venture out in public unaccompanied.

These dogs bring **greater independence** to people living with psychiatric disabilities, empowering them to navigate life's challenges with renewed hope and support.

### **Giving Dogs a Second Chance**

Our mission goes beyond helping people, we are also committed to helping dogs. Each year, over **130,000** dogs are euthanized, while around **250,000** individuals living with PTSD could benefit from a Psychiatric Assistance Dog. By rescuing dogs from shelters, we give abandoned dogs a second chance at life and train them to become empathic and sentient PTSD Assistance Dogs. This approach also helps reduce the average wait time for an Assistance Dog from three years to under 12 months. Through our **Animal Assisted Smiles Program**, we extend our reach by supporting First Responder resiliency and fostering stronger bonds between humans and animals.

#### **Our Mission**

At PTSDDA, we are passionate about creating brighter futures for Veterans, First Responders, and shelter dogs. Through love, respect, and support, we bring healing and hope to those who need it most—all at no cost to our clients.

## TRAIN YOUR OWN ASSISTANCE DOG **Training Program**

In 2024 PTSD Dogs Australia launched an online Train Your Own Assistance Dog program to the wider public. This campaign allows civilians the opportunity to train their own dog, or one sourced by PTSD Dogs, as a certified Assistance Dog to mitigate mental health challenges including Anxiety, depression and PTSD. The program consists of online written course material, training videos and hard copy game cards allowing participants Australia-wide to learn the skills required to train their dog to pass a Public Access Test.



## Travel Everywhere **Together**

PTSD Assistance Dogs can accompany their Handler anywhere - even airplanes.

Own program today

Do you need a PTSD assistance dog but can't afford the high costs?

PTSD Dogs Australia's Train Your Own program allows you to train your dog for full GHAD certification without leaving your home.

Our step-by-step program is designed to help people dealing with PTSD, anxiety, or depression by giving them an affordable, flexible path to a certified PTSD assistance dog.

Access expert trainers, practical tools, and track your progress anywhere.

Take the first step towards a more balanced, confident life today.



Scan for more information and book a free 15min call to discuss your suitability.



# **BUILDING BONDS**

# The latest team pairings

## Peter & Em

#TeamEm

Miss Em has come to mean alot to me, I don't leave the house without her. She makes me smile and comforts me during in the day and nights. Miss Em is well aware when I am not myself. It is much easier being comforted by Miss Em than having to explain what is wrong. She is so accepting. My social life has improved to a point where I am comfortable shopping by myself even though I am shopping for the basics like milk and bread. Socialising in small groups I now enjoy and finally I feel socially included. Training has been great we have met several people with similar concerns it has been good being able to talk in total confidence. feeling comfortable out in public knowing Miss Em is with me. Miss EM is a lovely dog she has provided me with love, support and given me the confidence to engage with others.



## **Julian & Teddy**

#TeamTeddy

I have had the pleasure of having Teddy for nearly 12 months. He has settled in, at home and he has become part of my life now. I wasn't sure how I would feel having him to start with. I was thinking about the change he has made and I feel that I now have more confidence in going out. I don't know what I would do without him.



## John & Penny

#TeamPenny

I absolutely adore our precious Penny; she has certainly come along way from when we were introduced to her over a year ago. She loves coming out with us wherever we go, down to our local coffee shop where she will happily lie at my feet. Penny also loves her daily trip to the beach and is now a champion swimmer, recently taken to hunting for jellyfish. When another dog chases her ball, she just gives it over to them which is nice to see because in the early days when we first got her, she was unpredictable with some dogs. Penny is a very happy confident dog, nothing seems to bother her, I now use the garden blower vac to dry her after her wash down. At home she loves being with us and will lie at my feet or even on the couch with me watching TV, (she likes tennis and any animal shows, especially interested in horses). Penny is a wonderful addition to the family; she is affectionate, and it is so nice to see her come running outside with her tail wagging to see me!





## **HEAD AND TAIL COUNT**

# 6 FOSTER FAMILIES





















\$30k from Fundraising Events





**5 Paid Staff** members

# **Company Report**

PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd ABN 96 624 595 759 As at 30 June 2024

Prepared by Accounting and Tax Matters

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# **Balance Sheet**

## PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd As at 30 June 2024

Assets Current Assets Bank Accounts		
Bank Accounts		
Statement Account #771	18,875.91	10,308.16
Gifts & Donations #789	457,166.32	196,948.49
Statement Account Debit Card #379	3,845.96	1,485.11
Petty Cash	100.00	1,100.00
Total Bank Accounts	479,988.19	209,841.76
GST		766.34
Inventory	7,851.82	8,334.59
Trade Debtors	9,929.91	14,053.00
Deposits Paid	4,375.05	123.35
Total Current Assets	502,144.97	233,119.04
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant & Equipment	15,072.34	14,108.29
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant & Equipment	(3,527.95)	(1,946.40)
Computer Equipment	10,379.77	6,472.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(5,609.12)	(2,976.54
Motor Vehicle	72,114.37	36,734.23
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Motor Vehicles	(23,492.40)	(12,278.29)
Buildings	980.24	980.24
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Buildings	(30.28)	(5.77)
Web Design	5,000.00	5,000.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Web Design	(2,500.00)	
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	68,386.97	46,087.76
Total Non-Current Assets	68,386.97	46,087.76
Total Assets	570,531.94	279,206.80
iabilities		
Current Liabilities		
GST	1,121.61	
PAYG Withholdings Payable	2,772.00	2,338.00
Trade Creditors	33.00	1,902.22
Deposits Collected	5,727.25	1,050.72
Total Current Liabilities	9,653.86	5,290.94
Total Liabilities	9,653.86	5,290.94
Net Assets	560,878.08	273,915.86

	30 JUNE 2024	30 JUNE 2023
Retained Earnings	560,878.08	273,915.86
Total Equity	560,878.08	273,915.86

## **Profit and Loss**

## PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2024

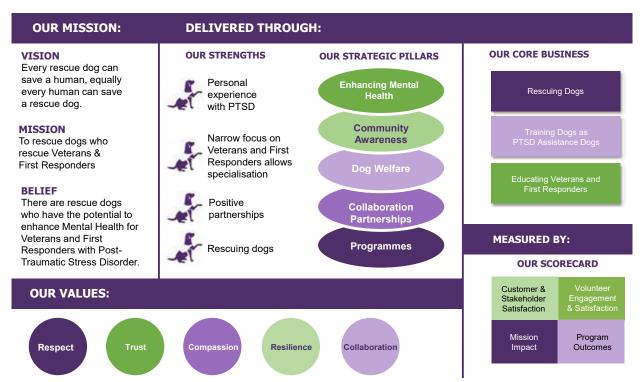
	2024	2023
ncome		
Trading Profit		
Revenue		
Donation/Gift Income	391,650.35	92,191.89
Grant Income	66,610.00	24,500.00
Income from Fundraising Events	30,258.32	20,621.15
Interest Income	5,233.63	17.35
Other Revenue	10,918.77	16,661.63
DVA Income	92,511.84	
Total Revenue	597,182.91	153,992.02
Sale of Goods	6,639.25	3,850.91
Cost of Sales		
Cost of Goods Sold	(1,065.13)	(1,722.36)
Total Cost of Sales	(1,065.13)	(1,722.36)
Total Trading Profit	602,757.03	156,120.57
Total Income	602,757.03	156,120.57
otal Income	602,757.03	156,120.57
xpenses Advertising	3,479.38	851.97
Bad Debts	800.00	1,818.18
Bank Fees	21.51	213.31
Booking Fees	571.32	893.82
Cleaning	535.41	6.55
Computer Expenses	1,489.53	668.52
Consulting & Accounting	500.00	750.00
Consumables	257.40	
Contractors	3,733.07	5,699.87
Depreciation	18,005.35	12,237.07
Dog Expenses	39,411.23	34,576.30
Entertainment	4,998.52	18.18
General Expenses		44.50
Insurance	3,974.93	2,360.65
Legal expenses	181.82	333.64
Meetings	1,620.09	1,699.32
Motor Vehicle Expenses	7,564.12	8,875.52
Office Expenses	916.74	1,260.63
Postage	404.02	344.83
Prizes	80.00	3.97
Quest PS Fees	1,096.59	

286,962.22	(9,981.52)
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315,794.81	166,102.09
712.41	371.75
124,537.62	43,341.00
200.00	405.00
294.54	1,279.88
-	6,239.75
3,055.00	1,756.93
22,219.34	1,172.30
1,650.00	640.84
2,213.26	1,900.16
13,673.99	4,550.86
4,865.59	2,309.96
1,055.93	307.67
25.311.12	2,638.99
185.74	30.17
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# Strategic Plan



Rescuing Dogs Who Rescue Veterans & First Responders



## Compilation Report

## PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2024

Compilation report to PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd, which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2024, the income statement, the statement of cash flows, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

#### The Responsibility of the Directors

The directors of PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd 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 financial statements were prepared.

#### Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the directors we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

#### Assurance Disclaimer

Since a 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 to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively 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.

Julie Morrison

Accounting & Tax Matters

Dated: 20 October 2024

## Notes to the Financial Statements

## PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2024

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and accordingly, this financial report is a special purpose report prepared for the sole purpose of distributing a financial report to members and must not be used for any other purpose. The directors have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and under the historical cost convention, except for certain assets, which, as noted, have been written down to fair value as a result of impairment. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the prior year.

The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

#### Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost is based on the first-in, first out method and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to the existing condition and location.

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at the cost of acquisition or fair value less, if applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Plant and equipment that has been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, is valued and recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired. The plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure that the carrying amount is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the utilisation of the assets and the subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in estimating recoverable amounts.

Freehold land and buildings are measured at their fair value, based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuations by independent external valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings.

Increases in the carrying amount of land and buildings arising on revaluation are credited in equity to a revaluation surplus. Decreases against previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves in equity. All other decreases are charged to profit or loss.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is offset against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

#### Intangibles

Goodwill is recognised as the excess of the purchase price for a business acquired over the fair value of the net assets at the date of acquisition. Goodwill is assessed for impairment annually and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

#### Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables and other receivables, including distributions receivable, are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money. If required a provision for doubtful debt has been created.

#### **Financial Assets**

Investments held are originally recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at fair value which is equivalent to their market bid price at the end of the reporting period. Movements in fair value are recognised through an equity reserve.

#### **Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the company that remain unpaid at 30 Jur 2024. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. They are subject to normal credit terms and do not bear interest

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

#### Revenue Recognition

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the services to customers.

Revenue from commissions is recognised upon delivery of services to customers.

Revenue from interest is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

Revenue from dividends is recognised when the entity has a right to receive the dividend.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

#### Goods and Services Tax

Transactions are recognised net of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

#### Grants

Grant revenue is recognised in the income statement when the entity receives the grant, when it is probable that the entity will receive the economic benefits of the grant and the amount can be reliably measured.

If the grant has conditions attached which must be satisfied before the entity is eligible to receive the grant, the recognition of the revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Where the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value back to the grant contributor, the transaction is considered a reciprocal transaction and the revenue is recognised as a liability in the balance sheet until the required service has been completed, otherwise the income is recognised on receipt.

PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd receives non-reciprocal contributions of assets from the government and other parties for a nominal o zero value. These assets are recognised at their fair value on the date of acquisition in the balance sheet, with an equivalent amount of income recognised in the income statement.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

	2024	20
2. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Bank Accounts		
Gifts & Donations #789	457,166.32	196,948.
Petty Cash	100.00	1,100
Statement Account #771	18,875.91	10,308.
Statement Account Debit Card #379	3,845.96	1,485.
Total Bank Accounts	479,988.19	209,841.
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	479.988.19	209.841.



	2024	2023
3. Receivables		
Current		
Trade Debtors	9,929.91	14,053.00
Total Current	9,929.91	14,053.00
Total Receivables	9,929.91	14,053.00
	2024	2023
4. Inventory		
Inventories		
Inventory	7,851.82	8,334.59
Total Inventories	7,851.82	8,334.59
Total Inventory	7,851.82	8,334.59
	2024	2023
5. Property Plant and Equipment		
Land and Buildings at Fair Value		
Land and Buildings		
Buildings at Cost	980.24	980.24
Accumulated Depreciation of Buildings	(30.28)	(5.77)
Total Land and Buildings	949.96	974.47
Total Land and Buildings at Fair Value	949.96	974.47
Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment at Cost	30,452.11	25,580.29
Accumulated Depreciation of Plant and Equipment	(9,137.07)	(4,922.94)
Total Plant and Equipment	21,315.04	20,657.35
Motor Vehicles		
Motor Vehicles at Cost	72,114.37	36,734.23
Accumulated Depreciation of Motor Vehicles	(23,492.40)	(12,278.29)
Total Motor Vehicles	48,621.97	24,455.94
Computer Equipment		
Computer Equipment		
Computer Equipment	10,379.77	6,472.00
Web Design	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Computer Equipment	15,379.77	11,472.00
Accumulated Depreciation of Computer Equipment		
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(5,609.12)	(2,976.54)

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7,270.65	8,495.4
78,157.62	54,583.2
2024	202
5,727.25	1,050.7
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## **Directors Declaration**

## PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2024

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

- The financial statements and notes, present fairly the company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and its performance
  for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements;
  and
- In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director: Angela Weeks

Sign date: 04.12.2024



Rescuing Dogs Who Rescue Veterans & First Responders

## **OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS**























