



Royal Humane Society  
of New South Wales

# Annual Report 2021/22



Founded 1877



## **PATRON IN CHIEF**

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



## **PATRON**

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Governor of New South Wales

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Mr Alan Batley AM

Mr Stewart Doyle

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Mrs Beatrice Gray

Major General The Honourable Justice Clifton Hoebein AM RFD (Ret'd)

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1877 - 1921 Mr F. H. Dangar  
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1985 - 1989 Sir Neville Pixley MBE GCStJ VRD  
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2017 - 2020 Mrs B. Gray

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## ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES Incorporated

Instituted 25th July 1877

ABN Number: 68 581 296 689

*Founded in 1877 to recognise human bravery when saving or endeavouring to save life.*

# 144th ANNUAL REPORT for the YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

## CHAIR

Colonel Dangar



The Council of the Society is pleased to provide the 2021-2022 Annual Report.

The Society appreciates the ongoing and enthusiastic involvement of our President Mr Donald McDonald AC and we are very grateful for the support he has provided during this reporting period.

## AWARDS

The Awards presented by the Society for 2021-2022, described later in this Annual Report, comprise: 1 Gallegan Award, 4 Gold Medals, 15 Silver Medals, 28 Bronze Medals, 1 Pixley Award, 1 Certificate of Merit, and 3 Letters of Commendation.

Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC would normally have presented the Awards at an Investiture Ceremony at Government House Sydney; however, due to COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions it was decided to postpone the 2021 Investiture Ceremony and to combine it with the 2022 Investiture Ceremony held in November 2022.

## STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL (UNITED KINGDOM)

The Stanhope Gold Medal is an international award given annually by the Royal Humane Society United Kingdom for the most courageous and heroic rescue of the year.

Our Society was delighted to receive the news that the 2021 recipient of the Stanhope Gold Medal was the Society's nominee Mr Jamie Ingram who we congratulate on joining the List of distinguished recipients of the award.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's 144th Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 6 December 2021, when Councillors and Office Bearers were elected for twelve months.

## RECOGNITION AS A NATIONALLY REGISTERED CHARITY

The Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) was inaugurated in 2013 with a requirement that all charities within the Commonwealth must be registered with the Commission. The Society received recognition in 2013.

The Society was granted Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status in 2020, and as such, this status is registered accordingly with the ACNC and Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

## FINANCE

The Society's audited balance sheet as at 30 June 2022 and its income and expenditure account for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 appear at the back of this Annual Report.

## APPRECIATION

The Royal Humane Society of New South Wales continues to operate with a limited budget. As such I am grateful for the continued support of the Society's Councillors who gladly give of their time in an honorary capacity. The modest revenue derived from contributions is spent exclusively on the administrative costs of the Society's Charter *"to recognise human bravery when saving or endeavouring to save Life"*.

The Society is most grateful for the Vice Regal Patronage it is accorded by Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC Governor of NSW. Our annual Investiture is facilitated by the Office of the Governor and Her Excellency's Official Secretary Colonel Michael Miller RFD who provides outstanding assistance to this Vice Regal occasion.

The New South Wales Government is a long-time annual and valued supporter of the Society.

Fire and Rescue NSW provides the Society with our office and meeting room as well as IT support.

The NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, and Ambulance NSW remain major contributors to investigating and reporting upon cases presented to the Council.

We are most grateful for the financial assistance provided by the Premier of NSW, NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Ambulance, NSW TPI Association. Photographs are provided by Rob Tuckwell Photography, Official Photographer to the Governor of NSW.

I thank our Patron, our President, my fellow Councillors, and those who assist in supporting roles for the ongoing dedication they bring to fulfilling the Society's objectives. Their support is greatly appreciated.

I wish to acknowledge Mrs Beatrice Gray and Major General The Honourable Justice Clifton Hoeben AM RFD (Ret'd) who both retired from the Society in this reporting period, and thank them for their commitment and support of the Society during their respective tenures, noting both have been Chairs of the Society.

## VALE

It is with sadness I report the passing of two of the Society's Life Governors - Major General Raymond Sharp AO RFD ED (Ret'd) and Mr Alan Batley AM.

Major General Sharp and Mr Batley both made a significant contribution to the Society during their tenures on the Council. In recognition of this commitment and their support of the Society over many years, they were appointed Life Governors.

On behalf of the Society, I express our condolences and thoughts to the Sharp and Batley families, and thank both gentlemen for their generous commitment to the Society.

Lest We Forget



# BACKGROUND TO THE SOCIETY

The Royal Humane Society of New South Wales was instituted on 25 July 1887. The Society was formed as the National Shipwreck Relief Society and held its first meeting at the Royal Exchange, Sydney on Friday 25 July 1887.

In 1902 His Majesty King Edward VII gave approval for the Society to be known as the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society of NSW.

In 1968 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II approved the change of name to the Royal Humane Society of NSW in common with all Commonwealth Nations.

The Society was Incorporated on 26 February 2010.

## OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Society is to give public recognition to acts of bravery by bestowing awards on those who risk their own lives in saving or attempting to save the lives of others, and by so doing to promote brave and courageous acts within the community, and benefit the public in general through the recognition of such acts.

## HOW THE SOCIETY FUNCTIONS

The management of the affairs of the Society is vested in a Council consisting of a Patron, a President, a Chair, a Vice-Chair, Councillors, an Honorary Secretary/Public Officer, an Honorary Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Auditor, and Solicitor.

All nominated cases of reported bravery are investigated by the Society. Such investigations involve reports from the New South Wales Police Force and the NSW Emergency Services Agencies. Copies of all reports are distributed to Officers and Councillors of the Society in advance of meetings to enable consideration to be given to them before discussion. Voting at meetings determines the granting of an award.

## KINDRED SOCIETIES

A warm relationship continues with our kindred Royal Humane Societies in the Commonwealth of Nations.

## THE SOCIETY'S AWARDS

The Society's Awards are the Galleghan Award, Gold Medal, Silver Medal, Bronze Medal, Certificate of Merit, Letter of Commendation, and the Sir Neville Pixley Award, which is a special award to recognise bravery by a young person in the performance of a humane act.

The Galleghan Award, instituted in 1996, recognises the most outstanding act of bravery in the year. The winner of the Galleghan Award is nominated by the NSW Society for the Stanhope Medal (United Kingdom).

The 2021 Galleghan Award was awarded to Mr Jamie Ingram.

## THE GALLEGHAN AWARD



**GOLD MEDAL**



**SILVER MEDAL**



**BRONZE MEDAL**



## WEARING OF MEDALS AND RIBBONS

Recipients of Medals are entitled to wear the medal or ribbon (as appropriate) on the right breast. When only the ribbon is worn, a gold, silver or bronze star emblem is worn centrally on the ribbon to denote the class of medal awarded to the wearer.

Members of the Australian Defence Force, Police, and Emergency Services who are the recipient of a Royal Humane Society Award are entitled to wear that award in accordance with their respective Service protocols.



## STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL

The Stanhope Gold Medal, an award of the Royal Humane Society (London), was instituted in 1873 as the English Society's highest award for bravery each year.

In 1962, all kindred Commonwealth Societies were invited to nominate each year their best cases for adjudication for this award.

Since that time, nominations by the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales to the Royal Humane Society in London for the "Bravest of the Brave" award, the Stanhope Gold Medal, have been successful on twelve occasions:

- 1963 Frederick John Knight
- 1965 Lieutenant Barry J Campbell RAA
- 1980 Bruce Wallace McPherson
- 1982 Dulcie Kalms
- 1992 Rodney Stephen Peters
- 1993 Aaron Ledden
- 1996 Constable Ian Maurice Boughton
- 2001 Dr Richard Morris  
Ambulance Paramedic Christopher Wilkinson  
Ambulance Paramedic Paul Featherstone
- 2008 Oguz (Alex) Taskun SC
- 2014 Andrew Cochran
- 2020 Nicola Gilio
- 2021 Jamie Ingram



# Photos of the 2022 Investiture Held at Government House, Sydney



**Mr Jamie Ingram**  
RHS Gold Medal and  
RHS UK Stanhope Medal

**Paramedic Amanda Fitzpatric**  
Silver Medal



**Mr Tanguy Chiron**  
Bronze Medal



**Senior Constable Hansell Perena**  
Silver Medal



**Mrs Niki Rayner-Harvey**  
Silver Medal



**Mrs Heather Fletcher**  
Certificate of Merit



# MEDALS AWARDED IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOLLOWING BRAVE DEEDS 2020-2021

**Mr John GERSBACH** – Bronze Medal

*In November 2019 Mr Gersbach and Watts was driving south from Wellington when a truck loaded with hay rounded a corner, overturned and skidded towards him with the hay catching fire. The flames were about to engulf the cab however he kicked out the windshield of the truck which enabled the driver to crawl out moments before the whole rig was engulfed.*



**Mr Jamie INGRAM** – Gold Medal, Gallagher Award and Stanhope Medal

**Mr Jason SHORE** – Gold Medal

**Mr John BAMFORD** – Silver Medal

**Mr Michael APPLEBY** – Bronze Medal

**Mr Witold SKONIECZNY** – Bronze Medal

**Firefighter Gonzalo HERRERA** – Gold Medal

**Firefighter Mitchell BENNETTS** – Gold Medal

*One lunchtime in April 2019 a man, armed with a kitchen knife, ran northwards through the streets of the Sydney CBD, slashing at bystanders and car drivers. He was pursued by courageous citizens and firefighters who caught up with him in Wynyard Lane, where he informed them he was carrying a bomb. Mr Ingram felled and pinned him with a cafe chair, while the others immobilised him with a plastic milk crate and by standing on his limbs in full knowledge that until Police arrived they were in danger should the alleged bomb detonate.*



**Ms Katie Lee CARLIN** – Bronze Medal

**Mr Gerald CARLIN** – Bronze Medal

**Ms Mary FULLER** – Letter of Commendation

*In January 2020 a woman, taking a dawn walk in Griffith was attacked by two Pit Bull cross terriers, one grabbing her by the leg and another by the arm and dragging her across a bitumen road. Mr and Mrs Carlin ran to her aid, and while the dogs also tried to attack them fended them off with a shovel until Police arrived.*



**Sergeant Robert HARPER** – Silver Medal  
**Senior Constable Hansell PEREIRA** – Silver Medal  
**Senior Constable Abraham BAIDENGAN** – Silver Medal

*In January 2017, a fire broke out in a home unit in Belmore, lit by an offender who hurled abuse at the first Police officers on the scene and threw objects at them from the balcony. Officers Harper, Pereira and Baidengan from the SW Metropolitan Region Enforcement Squad Operations Support Group then arrived forced the front door of the apartment and climbed over barricading furniture in search of the offender. By this stage black smoke was nearly down to floor level and the officers had to crawl through flames to search the premises, finally apprehending the offender in a bathroom. Meanwhile rising smoke in the stairwell of the building had trapped the occupants of two apartments on the top floor and the officers although hardly able to breathe, formed a human chain to escort them to safety.*



**Paramedic Elizabeth JEFFERIES** – Silver Medal  
**Paramedic Amanda FITZPATRICK** – Silver Medal

*In March 2020 Paramedics Jefferies and Fitzpatrick responded to a callout to a family gathering in Merrylands where a woman had been assaulted and injured. While treating her a fight broke out between multiple males, females and children. The Paramedics tried to calm the combatants as they retreated to the ambulance but were assaulted in the process, one being flung against the side of the vehicle. Once inside the ambulance, they issued a "code 1" call for support, and then observed a man stab another several times, as his distraught five-year-old son looked on. The Paramedics then pushed through the melee and bundled the boy and his father into the ambulance and began treating him as they raced to hospital.*



**Mr Brett GLEESON** - Bronze Medal  
**Mr Sarah BYWATER** - Bronze Medal

*In January 2019 a vehicle, travelling at high speed veered off a road at Lake Burrendong, crashed into a tree and burst into flame. Mr Gleeson and Ms Bywater who lived nearby helped the passenger remove the trapped driver from the blazing wreck and escorted both injured men to their house where they administered first aid until paramedics arrived.*





**Mr Matthew KLEMM** – Bronze Medal  
**Ms Karen ROWSON** – Bronze Medal  
**Mr Michael SMITH** – Bronze Medal  
**Ms Jean-Monique HAWKINS** – Bronze Medal  
**Mr Ray ADAM** – Bronze Medal  
**Mr Trevor THOMPSON** – Bronze Medal

*In April 2019, a woman was trapped inside her burning car following a collision with a prime mover at an intersection in Jindabyne. Messrs Klemm, Smith and Adam, Ms Rawson and Ms Hawkins attended the scene and tried unsuccessfully to open the doors of the vehicle with a crowbar and attack the flames with fire extinguishers while the smoke and heat intensified, but to no avail. Mr Thompson then arrived with a 1,000 litre tank of water on the tray of his ute and despite the low water pressure and the intense heat, the rescuers were able to douse the fire and prevent any further injury to the victim.*



**Miss Pearl CLARK** - Pixley Award

*In May 2016 Pearl Clark, then aged 11, came home from school where her father was asleep following surgery the previous day. She could not find her mother, but noticed the bathroom door was shut and when she tried to open it discovered her mother was lying unconscious on the floor blocking the way. Pearl then called 000 and followed instructions to allow NSW Ambulance access to the house.*



**Sergeant Michael McCLAFFERTY** – Bronze Medal  
**Leading Senior Constable Brent WHITEN** – Bronze Medal  
**Constable Cameron MEANI** – Bronze Medal

*In July 2018, a fire broke out in the living room of a house in Chipping Norton and spread quickly trapping the owner and his 83 year old mother inside. The three Police officers were first on the scene. Constable Meani managed to gain entry through a rear door to enable them to crawl inside through dense smoke and heat to rescue the male occupant who was unconscious in the living room and then search the other rooms for the elderly lady, however she had managed to find her way out.*



**Paramedic Tim ELLIS** - Silver Medal

*In March 2016 Police and Paramedics responded to a concern for welfare call and attended the Pat Morton lookout in the early evening. A female was outside the fence and was sitting on a ledge on the cliff with her legs dangling over the edge.*

*Paramedic Ellis got her to calm down and as he talked he slowly moved closer until he was sitting beside her.*

*He remained talking to her and she broke down and started to cry. He put an arm around her back to comfort her, which she allowed, and then put his other arm around the front of her in a bear hug fashion. The woman then lunged forward over the edge attempting to jump with the ambulance officer holding her.*

*Police officers, who had been keeping their distance because the woman had been antagonistic towards them, jumped over the fence, grabbed the woman and Paramedic Ellis and dragged them away from the edge of the cliff.*

*It is clear that Paramedic Ellis placed himself in extreme danger in order to save the woman's life.*



#### **Ms Deborah COOK – Silver Medal**

*In June 2020, a small dog entered a neighbour's property in Gledswood Hills and was attacked by a pair of Staffordshire terriers. The neighbour tried to protect the little dog but was herself attacked. Mrs Cook climbed on some Otto bins to scale the dividing fence and although her knees were injured kicked, hit and wrangled the attacking dogs who backed off, which enabled the victim to retreat inside the house until Police arrived.*



#### **Mr Gregory BELL – Silver Medal**

*In January 2020, an elderly man drove his car through the rear wall of his waterfront garage, down a boat ramp and into the Ballina Canal where it began to sink. Mr Bell, a neighbour, entered the water and found the victim still in the vehicle with his seatbelt fastened, alive but unresponsive. After several unsuccessful efforts to free the victim the car sank and after diving three times in desperation Mr Bell undid the seatbelt and brought the victim to the surface, still alive.*



#### **Paramedic Matthew WILSON – Bronze Medal**

#### **RFS Volunteer Phillip BLACKMORE – Bronze Medal**

*One Sunday in 2020 a car exploded in the driveway of a house in Gwandalan. Messrs Wilson and Blackmore arrived to find the owner lying close by, unconscious, bleeding, badly burnt and not breathing. Despite the serious risk of further explosions, they courageously administered CPR in close proximity to the burning vehicle until paramedics arrived.*



### **Mr Ben RAFFERTY – Letter of Commendation**

*In August 2020 Mr Ben Rafferty was roused by the sound of a car horn after the passing driver had seen the blaze and sought to raise the alarm. Having called '000' Mr Rafferty ran to the blaze rather than keeping a safe distance. He roused the home owners Mr and Mrs Ryvchins in order to evacuate the home and then sought to suppress the fire before it spread to the home; the power lines overhead; and the gas meter, which Mr Ryvchin states was just inches away from the flames.*

*Mr Rafferty's actions helped to ensure a swift evacuation of Mr and Mrs Ryvchin and their 6 month old baby from the property. He also suppressed and extinguished the flames which had burned part of the property's garage and timber decking*

*By the time the NSW Fire and Rescue arrived, the flames had apparently been extinguished.*



### **Mr Julian PYE – Letter of Commendation**

*In March 2021 a pedestrian in his late forties crossed the intersection of Bronte Rd and Oxford St in a sluggish, unsteady manner, then fell to the footpath where he lay floundering on his back and unable to get up. Mr Pye ran to his assistance and with the help of a bystander propped the victim against a wall and began questioning him to establish his state of mind, however the victim was unresponsive, breathing rapidly, flushed and sweating profusely. Mr Pye called 000 to request the attendance of an ambulance.*

*Mr Pye placed the pedestrian in the recovery position and commenced CPR. When the ambulance arrived paramedics considered he might require physical restraint on regaining consciousness and requested Mr Pye to remain in attendance while he was intubated and stabilised. The victim was 185cm tall and of solid build and there was a risk that either he or those tending him could be injured.*

*During this episode Mr Pye could have suffered physical harm had the victim become violent on awakening. For these reasons it is considered that Mr Pye placed himself in some personal danger in the course of his humane actions.*



### **Mr Stephen Vernon – Bronze Medal**

### **Mr Tanguy Chiron – Bronze Medal**

*In March 2021 a male, who had previously attempted suicide, jumped into the Harbour from the Sydney Opera House where he floated face down without making any effort to swim. Mr Vernon jumped in but the victim resisted his efforts to assist him at which point Mr Chiron, a former life guard, dived in and attached a floatation device to the victim to prevent him from injury. All three were taken on board a ferry and taken to Man O'War steps unharmed.*



**Mr Harrison SMYTHE – Bronze Medal**

*In January 2021, 16 year old Harrison Smythe was surfing at Blue Bay on the Central coast in waves that were described as "massive" when two children entered the water and were quickly swept out to sea in a rip. Without hesitation Harrison took one child on his board and paddled through the heavy breakers to land him safely on the beach while a second surfer, who could not be located by the Society, rescued the other.*



**Senior Constable Michael ALDRIDGE – Silver Medal**

**Senior Constable Aaron WEATHERLEY – Silver Medal**

**Mr Ian McINTOSH – Silver Medal**

**Mr Justin MUNRO – Silver Medal**

*One evening in April 2017 a motor cruiser went aground on jagged rocks in a heavy surf at Middle Rock Beach south of Port Macquarie. The elderly occupants were unable to escape, the tide was coming in and the boat was filling fast. SC Aldridge and SC Weatherley entered the deep, surging water and with the assistance of Messrs McIntosh and Munro set up a rope safety line and assisted the occupants to the shore, all being knocked over several times by breaking waves in the process.*



**Senior Constable Brian Rogers – Bronze Medal**

**Ms Heather Fletcher – Certificate of Merit**

*In November 2016 SC Rogers attended a collision between two motor vehicles on Nimbin Road, one of which was on its side with the badly injured driver pinned inside. The wreck was unstable with petrol and oil leaking on to the roadway. Ms Fletcher, a bystander, administered first aid using the Police kit while SC Rogers crawled underneath the vehicle to support the victim's weight and ease her pain. Unfortunately she died in his arms.*



**Mr Blake PARKE – Bronze Medal**

**Mr Sebastian HUNTER – Bronze Medal**

*In September 2020 Mr Parke and Mr Hunter saw smoke issuing from a house. In his attempt to flee the fire, the occupant wedged himself in the laundry window. Mr Parke and Mr Hunter were able to free the occupant and extinguish the blasé before emergency services attended.*



**Mr Deke RAYNER HARVEY** – Silver Medal  
**Mrs Vikki RAYNER HARVEY** – Silver Medal  
**Mr Augusto MEDERIOUS** – Certificate of Merit

*In June 2021 Mr and Mrs Rayner-Harvey, Mr Mederious notices smoke issuing from their neighbors house and the two occupants were trapped. Using a ladder Mr and Mrs Rayner-Harvey, Mr Mederious entered the property despite intense heat and flames and rescued the occupants.*



**Qualified Firefighter Nathan SULLIVAN** – Bronze Medal

*In January 2021 rescues a 12 year old boy after he lost his footing walking the edge of a waterfall in Barrington Tops National Park and fell in but did not reappear.*

*Mr Sullivan clambered down the rocks and entered the water, swam through the turbulent water where the boy had disappeared. Searching the water Mr Sullivan felt the boy's leg and was able to drag him to safety. The boy was conscious but exhausted and had a head injury but survived the incident.*



**Mr John HUXLEY** – Bronze Medal  
**Mr Graham O'REILLY** – Bronze Medal  
**Ms Yvonne O'REILLY** – Bronze Medal  
**Ms Sonia MARKS** – Bronze Medal

*In August 2019 a man suffered a medical episode while driving through Kyogle, his car then bursting through a fence, crossing a school playground, crashing into a concrete lunch table and bursting into flames. Messrs Huxley and O'Reilly, although blinded by heat and smoke, undid the victim's seatbelt and moved him a short distance away in order for Mrs O'Reilly, a registered nurse, and Ms Marks to administer CPR. At that point objects in the burning car began to explode placing the two women in significant danger, however they remained at their post until emergency services arrived.*





The Royal Humane Society of New South Wales gratefully acknowledges the continuing support of its major donors.



**NSW Police Force**



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## 2020-21

### HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5 DECEMBER 2022

This report should be read in conjunction with the attached Audited Annual Financial Report for the year to 30 June 2022.

The main points to note are:

- Receipts for the financial year to 30 June 2020 were \$12,636, which was approximately \$2,000 below those for FY21, due mainly to the much lower interest income earned arising from the historically low term deposit rates available. In light of the recent increases in the RBA's base rate, term deposit rates have begun to rise again and it is expected that interest income for FY23 will be back above the \$4,000 earned in FY20.
- Cash received during FY22 included \$5,000 from the Department of Police and Justice, which serves as a "top up" to the \$5,000 (plus GST) provided by the NSW Premier. Following discussion with the Society's auditors, recognition of this revenue has been deferred into FY23 to ensure that it is matched with the expenditure to which it is intended to contribute. This reflects the fact that due to delays in the finalisation of the 2022 Investiture, a large part of the attendant expenditure on medals, certificates, etc., was not made until after the FY22 year end.
- Income for the year included the Society's first DGR eligible donation, which was kindly made by the Deputy Chair, Mr David Turner.
- Payments totalled \$12,198, which was approximately \$6,600 below the prior year. This was due to the delay in payments for medals for the 2022 annual awards, explained above. The surplus for the year was \$438.
- The Society continues to generate a small annual surplus, notwithstanding the intermittent nature of some of its donations. With the steady increase in term deposit rates and the ongoing support of the Premier and Department of Police and Justice, this is expected to continue based on current expenditure levels. However, the Executive Committee and Council continue to consider new opportunities for financial support, especially in view of the upcoming State election and the uncertainty surrounding future Government support that it may bring.
- I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Society's auditors Cutcher & Neale in Newcastle and the lead partner, Mark O'Connor. Cutcher & Neale have continued to audit the Society's accounts and prepare its annual Financial Statements at a much reduced fee rate than would normally be expected.

- Receipts and payment for the three months to 30 September 2022, may be summarised as follows:

	\$
<b>Receipts</b>	
Donations	1,000.00
Replacement certificate fee	50.00
Bank interest	<u>133.88</u>
	1,183.88
<b>Payments</b>	
Wages	2,052.00
Council meeting catering	158.00
Award trophy	<u>154.00</u>
	2,364.00
<b>Cash outflow for the period</b>	<u>(1,180.12)</u>

- As mentioned above, a further \$5,000 was subsequently received from the Department of Police and Justice in October, which will be used to meet part of the costs of the 2022 Investiture

There are no other matters to report at this stage of the current financial year.

Chris Honey  
Honorary Treasurer

23 November 2022

# FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

**ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF  
NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
as at 30 JUNE 2022**

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	400,715	395,250
Accrued Income		38	67
Receivables		-	5,000
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>400,753</b>	<b>400,317</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payables		614	616
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>614</b>	<b>616</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		<b>400,139</b>	<b>399,701</b>

**INCOME STATEMENT  
for the YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Revenue from Ordinary Activities</b>			
Donations and Grants		11,137	9,500
Interest		973	4,038
Sundry		526	1,165
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>12,636</b>	<b>14,703</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Annual Award Presentation		(1,278)	(8,039)
Auditor Remuneration	6	(550)	(550)
Honorarium	7	(9,029)	(8,988)
Other Expenses		(1,341)	(1,161)
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>(12,198)</b>	<b>(18,737)</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>438</b>	<b>(4,034)</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these Statements.



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NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED**  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS**  
**for the YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	Accumulated Funds
	\$
Balance as at 1 July 2020	403,735
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(4,034)
Balance as at 30 June 2021	<u>399,701</u>
Balance as at 1 July 2021	399,701
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	438
Balance as at 30 June 2022	<u>400,139</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Changes in Equity

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Cashflows from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from activities and donors		16,661	11,234
Interest received		1,002	4,275
Payments to suppliers and employees		<u>(12,198)</u>	<u>(19,632)</u>
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	9	<u>5,465</u>	<u>(4,123)</u>
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		395,250	399,373
Cash at the end of the financial year		<u>400,715</u>	<u>395,250</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Cash Flows

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**Note 1 Summary of Accounting Policies**

**Financial Accounting Framework**

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009* and *Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The Councillors have determined that the Society is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

**Significant Accounting Policies**

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resultant financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions and other events is reported. The accounting policies used are consistent with those adopted in the previous year.

**Note 2 Income Tax**

The Society has been endorsed as an income tax exempt charity under subdivision 50-B of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*. The Society's Australian Business Number is 68 581 296 689.

**Note 3 Constitution**

The Society was founded on 25 July 1877. It was previously an unincorporated body and it was incorporated under the *Associations Incorporations Act 1984 (NSW)* on 26 February 2010.

Upon incorporation, the persons who were members immediately before the date of incorporation, together with any other persons who from time to time become members of the incorporated association (as from the time they become members), are an incorporated association by the name of Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated.

Assets of the former association vest in the incorporated association and rights and liabilities of the former association became the rights and liabilities of the incorporated association. The incorporated association is capable of performing all of the functions of the body corporate, including the power to acquire, hold and dispose of property. Monies may be invested in any investment authorised by the *Trustee Act 1925-1942 (NSW)*.

Upon dissolution, assets and funds on hand may, after payment of all expenses and liabilities, be handed over to such registered or exempted charities as a majority of members at a General Meeting may decide.

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**Note 4 Cash and Cash Equivalents**

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cash at bank	51,095	45,420
Cash on short term deposits	349,546	349,546
Petty cash	74	284
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>400,715</u>	<u>395,250</u>

**Note 5 Remuneration of Officers**

The Members of Council, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer are appointed on an honorary basis and do not receive remuneration either directly or indirectly.

**Note 6 Remuneration of Auditor**

Audit of the financial report	<u>550</u>	<u>550</u>
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**Note 7 Remuneration of Assistant Secretary**

An honorarium is paid to the Assistant Secretary	<u>9,029</u>	<u>8,988</u>
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**Note 8 Financial Instruments**

**Credit Risk** refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Society. The Society has adopted a policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties as appropriately credentialed as a means of mitigating the risk of losses from defaults. The carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities as shown on the face of the Statement of Financial Position represents the maximum credit risk to which the Society is exposed.

**Net Fair Value** of the financial assets and liabilities is represented by the carrying amount of the financial assets as shown on the face of the Statement of Financial Position at the reporting date. All the assets and liabilities are of such nature that they are not actually traded.

**Note 9 Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows**

Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Operating Surplus/(Deficit):

<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>(4,034)</b>
Net cash provided by operating activities before changes in net assets and liabilities:		
Decrease / (increase) in other current assets	5,029	236
Increase / (decrease) in other current liabilities	(2)	(326)
Net Cash provided by operating activities	<u>5,465</u>	<u>(4,123)</u>


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**COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION for the YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

In the Councillors' opinion:

1. The financial statements and notes set out on pages 1 to 4 present fairly the Society's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
3. The Income Statement gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals.
4. The Statement of Financial Position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society with respect to fundraising appeals.
5. The provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), the regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied by the Society.
6. The internal controls exercised by the Society are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the Society from all its fundraising appeals.

This declaration has been made in accordance with a resolution of the Council of the Society.

  
Colonel Alexander (Fred) Dangar (Ret'd)

Chair

  
Chris Honey

Honorary Treasurer

5 December 2022

Dated

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**Auditor's Independence Declaration**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2022, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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(An authorised audit company)



M.J. O'Connor CA  
Director

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21 November 2022





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