



AussieArk

AUSTRALIAS WILDLIFE ARK ANNUAL REPORT

2021 – 2022 Financial Year
ABN: 51 417 871 203

Aussie Ark is, one of New South Wales's largest independently owned and operated conservation organisation and is home to 16 keystone species once found along the east coast of Australia. The vision of Aussie Ark is to establish a robust insurance population of Australian threatened, and endangered species such as the Tasmanian devil, Eastern quoll and Long-nosed potoroo, suitable for release into large, predator-proof fenced sanctuaries and into the wild. We remain committed to saving the Tasmanian devil from extinction, as we did at inception in 2011, and now can apply this experience in building robust insurance populations to other Australian species in need.

Our core activities include building insurance populations, fire management, feral cat & fox exclusion, feral herbivore control, weed eradication, bush rejuvenation, field science programs, rewilding and wildlife translocations. In fact, we are the first conservation organisation to initiate a war on weeds, one that we will WIN! In addition to this, we are also the only organisation dedicating to restoring the flora and fauna of the Great Dividing Range, back to its pre-European settlement state. Aussie Ark is committed to creating real outcomes and allocating donation funds to direct conservation.

VISION


Creating a long-term future for Australia's threatened wildlife.

MISSION

- To protect Australia's threatened species with robust insurance populations,
- To create healthy ecosystems within Aussie Ark sanctuaries and through rewilding,
- To have long-term tangible outcomes for the species in our care,
- To be a proactive, professional, transparent, and effective organisation.

CONTENTS

Committee of Management	4
President's Report	6
Director's Report	8
Project Partners	10
Key Achievements	12
Conservation and Operations	14
Marketing and Communications	18
Fundraising and Administration	20



Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the 2021-2022 Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated Annual Report. We apologise if any omissions or errors have occurred. If you discover an error or omission, please notify the Secretary and Public Officer, Liz Gabriel at admin@aussieark.org.au.

OUR TEAM

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT - VOLUNTEERS



TIM FAULKNER
President



LIZ GABRIEL
Treasurer and Secretary



CHRIS CHAPMAN
Committee of
Management Member



BRAD WALKER
Committee of
Management Member



CAROLINE LEES
Committee of
Management Member



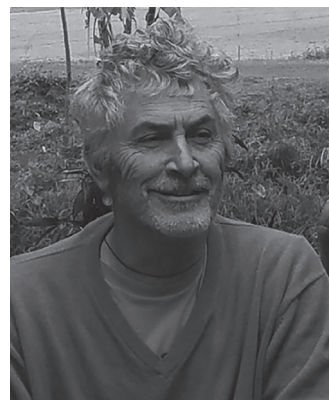
SCOTT ELWIN
Committee of
Management Member



MATT RADNIDGE
Committee of
Management Member



BRUCE KUBBERE
Aussie Ark Patron



PAUL ANDREW
Aussie Ark Patron

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT - VOLUNTEERS



JOHN WEIGEL
Founding Director



ROBYN WEIGEL
Director



TIM FAULKNER
Managing Director



LIZ GABRIEL
Deputy Managing Director



HAYLEY SHUTE
Conservation Manager

OPERATIONS



DEAN REID
Operations Manager



KELLY DAVIS
Curator



TYLER GRALTON
Supervisor



RORY FRANCIS
Ranger



MATT HELM
Ranger

FUNDRAISING AND MARKETING



BRODIE MENEY
Fundraising, Marketing and
Administration Manager



JO RUNCIMAN
Partnerships and
Sponsorship Director



TARA TORNING
Fundraising and
Marketing Assistant



CHELSEA PEARSON
Fundraising, Marketing
and Accounts Assistant



MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Over the past decade, I have observed with great admiration the remarkable growth of Aussie Ark. Through firsthand experience, I have witnessed the transformative power of passion, determination, and resilience in the preservation of Australia's native wildlife. Collaborating closely with the devoted team at Aussie Ark for 13 years, we have achieved truly exceptional outcomes. Despite facing challenges such as bushfires, floods, global crises, and lockdowns, our unwavering mission remains to secure a sustainable future for Australia's wildlife.

The past year has brought both rewards and obstacles. Aussie Ark has made significant strides in its development, including the successful acquisition of sanctuaries and substantial funding thanks to our valued partners who are dedicated to supporting projects for threatened species. Considerable progress has been made in capital works, and the population of endangered species under our care has shown positive growth. However, we have encountered challenges stemming from bureaucratic processes that have, regrettably, hindered conservation efforts. Nonetheless, we remain steadfast in navigating these challenges while keeping our focus firmly on our mission to safeguard threatened species.

I would like to highlight several key events that have transpired throughout the year, each representing noteworthy milestones and achievements. I encourage all those who are available to attend these events and appreciate the successes they signify. The culmination of extensive and often unseen work is essential for the successful release of threatened species into sanctuaries or the wild. The release of any endangered species is inherently remarkable and significant.

The following events have taken place: The largest release of endangered Eastern Quolls on mainland Australia. The opening and establishment of a state-of-the-art facility, Conservation Ark, dedicated to Aussie Ark's turtle and amphibian projects. The acquisition of Mongo Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, a 1,500-hectare property in

Upper Mongogarie, NSW. Planting of 26,000 trees in Mongo Valley Wildlife Sanctuary to provide food and shelter for arboreal species. The birth of 775 endangered species, inclusive of mammals, turtles, and amphibians, under the care of Aussie Ark, setting the stage for numerous rewilding and release initiatives in the coming year.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our esteemed partners, including the Australian Reptile Park, Re:wild, WildArk, Glencore, WIRES, Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered (FAME), Australian Geographic, Ellerton, Symbio Wildlife Park, Coles, Volkswagen, Sydney Helicopters, and the Australian Federal Government, whose support has been instrumental in our endeavours.

While Aussie Ark operates within the sphere of biodiversity conservation, it is often overshadowed by the prominent issue of climate change. We advocate for the preservation of endangered species through an organisation focused on delivering tangible results and outcomes. Unfortunately, our country still faces numerous challenges, and it is disheartening to note that Australia holds the unenviable title of having the world's highest extinction rate for small mammals. Approximately 40 small mammal species have vanished in the last 200 years, equivalent to the rest of the world's losses combined. Additionally, we rank second globally in terms of biodiversity loss, surpassed only by Indonesia. At a time when climate change rightly commands significant attention, it is alarming to witness New South Wales experiencing one of the highest rates of deforestation worldwide. This incongruity demands our attention. With the support of our partners and the unwavering commitment of our dedicated team, we proudly assume our role in addressing these challenges and anticipate growing relevance in the years to come.



Tim Faulkner
Managing Director

FOUNDING DIRECTORS REPORT

As the founding director of Aussie Ark, I am deeply concerned about the current wildlife crisis in Australia. With the devastating effects of climate change, habitat destruction, and widespread bushfires, many of Australia's native species are now at risk of extinction.

Australia has one of the highest rates of species extinction in the world, with over 1,500 species listed as threatened or endangered. This includes iconic species such as the Koala, Tasmanian devil, and Eastern quoll. The loss of these species would not only be a tragedy for Australia, but it would also have global consequences, as Australia is home to many unique and irreplaceable species that play important ecological roles for our ecosystem.

At Aussie Ark, we are committed to protecting and conserving Australia's native wildlife. Our focus is on saving endangered species by breeding them in captivity and rewilding them back into feral-proof large sanctuaries, with the desire for eventual release into the wild. We work with a range of partners, including conservation organisations, universities, corporates, and government agencies, to develop and implement conservation programs that are based on the latest scientific research.

One of our flagship programs is the Tasmanian devil breeding program, which aims to save this iconic species from extinction. Tasmanian devils are facing a deadly facial tumour disease that has already wiped out more than 90% of their population. At Aussie Ark, we have established a breeding facility for Tasmanian devils that has successfully bred and released devils back into the wild.

In addition to our breeding programs, we also work to protect and restore habitat for native species. We partner with landowners to establish predator-free sanctuaries, where endangered species can live and breed without the threat of introduced predators such as foxes and cats. We also work to restore degraded habitat through reforestation and other land management practices.

Our work is more important now than ever before. The recent bushfires in Australia have had a devastating impact on wildlife, with an estimated 3 billion animals killed or displaced. Many species have lost critical habitat, and some populations may never recover. The effects of climate change, including drought and extreme weather events, also pose a major threat to native species.

As a non-for-profit organisation, we rely on the support of our donors and partners to carry out our important work. We are grateful for the ongoing support of our donors, partners, and staff, who are all committed to saving Australia's unique wildlife.

The current wildlife crisis in Australia is a major challenge that requires urgent action. At Aussie Ark, we are dedicated to protecting and conserving Australia's native species, and we will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that future generations can enjoy the wonder and beauty of Australia's unique wildlife.



John Weigel
Founding Director - Aussie Ark



PROJECT PARTNERS

Aussie Ark is incredibly fortunate to have the support of both committed individuals and organisations. Running a conservation program, such as Aussie Ark, quickly becomes an expensive venture, however saving our wildlife is priceless. We rely on the ongoing support from our project partners to make Aussie Ark a reality – without their support it wouldn't be possible.

AUSTRALIAN REPTILE PARK

The Australian Reptile Park was established in 1948 by the late, Eric Worrell. It is the only zoo in Australia committed to saving lives with its antivenom milking program in place for the past 50+ years, saving over 300 lives each year as the sole supplier of raw venom for the production of antivenom. The Australian Reptile Park is the driving force behind Aussie Ark and has donated significant funding, resources and time to ensure the success of the project.

RE:WILD

Saving wildlife species from extinction is the driving force behind Re:wild, working with partners such as Aussie Ark, to ensure species are around for generations to come. Re:wild has built its success upon a foundation of excellence in Exploration, Research and Conservation. Re:wild's three key goals are; Save Species, Protect Wildlands and Build Capacity.

FOUNDATION FOR AUSTRALIA'S MOST ENDANGERED SPECIES (FAME)

FAME has been a key supporter since the very beginning of Aussie Ark. They were so convinced by the Aussie Ark concept, that they made their largest ever contribution to a conservation project to ensure that it could be established. FAME is a national registered charity, a tax-deductible gift recipient organisation and an Aussie Ark partner, reliant upon donations from individuals to help curb the extinction of Australia's most endangered species

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC

Being Australia's foremost geographical destination magazine, it captures the essence and spirit of Australia through its meticulously crafted and beautifully presented stories and photography. The highly respected authoritative, and much loved brand, seeks to inspire, educate and entertain, connecting readers to Australian landscapes, plants and animals, science, industry and people. Australian Geographic has not only helped promote Aussie Ark's cause but has also sponsored the Eastern quoll enclosures at Aussie Ark, helping us build on what we know is a successful model.

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

The University of Newcastle, Australia is a world-class university with a strong focus on student experience, excellence in teaching, and research. Aussie Ark has a long standing history with the university in the delivery of multiple projects, and collaboration on many others.

ELLERSTON PTY LTD

Aussie Ark is built on land owned by the Packer family for the term of the project. This has provided Aussie Ark with the much-needed support to develop our captive breeding program to establish a sustainable insurance population, with enough space for future expansion.

WIRES

WIRES, Australia's largest wildlife rescue organisation, has been rescuing and caring for native animals 365 days a year for almost 35 years. WIRES' mission is to actively rehabilitate and preserve Australian wildlife and inspire others to do the same. Annually, WIRES provide rescue advice and assistance for tens of thousands of sick, injured, orphaned and displaced animals and run around 100 wildlife training courses for thousands of participants.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Australian Federal Government have been a great financial backer of Aussie Ark and our initiatives since inception 2011. A variety of grants established by the government have allowed Aussie Ark to deliver needed conservation for wildlife in Australia. The recent response of Government to the bushfire disaster, meant that Aussie Ark was able to expand existing projects and establish new ones.

GLENCORE

Glencore have operated in Australia for over 20 years and hold significant interests in a range of commodity industries across all mainland states and the Northern Territory. The company is headquartered in Sydney and is a major Australian employer, with over 15,000 employees working across various industries. The partnership between Aussie Ark and Glencore came about when Glencore looking for a local community environmental project with tangible outcomes that would make a real difference for Australian wildlife. Aussie Ark is also in the same region as one of Glencore's operating centres (the Upper Hunter) and the company is always on the lookout for local charities to support.

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Western Sydney University is one of Australia's leading institutions, ranked in the top 250 universities globally. Aussie Ark has worked with Western Sydney University on the delivery of many projects, including the successful rewilding of Manning River Turtles.

SYDNEY HELICOPTERS

Sydney Helicopters have provided air work, charter services and tours along the east coast of Australia since 1985. It's exciting to see private enterprises supporting conservation initiatives such as Aussie Ark.

SYMBIO WILDLIFE PARK

Symbio Wildlife Park is a privately owned and run wildlife park in Helensburgh, Sydney. Providing not only opportunities for visitors to become engaged and enabling close interaction with some of the world's most unique animals. Symbio Wildlife Park is a professional organisation, supportive of outcome based, progressive conservation programs such as Aussie Ark and helps to promote Aussie Ark's objectives and cause to over 100,000 visitors each year.

VOLKSWAGEN

Volkswagen Group Australia (VGA) is the nation's biggest and most successful importer of European cars, SUVs, and commercial vehicles. Headquartered in Sydney with a major new facility in Melbourne, this national sales company consists of Volkswagen passenger vehicles, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles and SKODA. This year VGA welcomes the prestige brand Audi to the company. Next year VGA will introduce the CUPRA range to Australia. VGA has been led by managing director Michael Bartsch since 2015. It employs some 300 people directly. Thousands more are employed by more than 180 Volkswagen, Audi and SKODA dealers nationwide.

COLES

Coles is one of Australia's largest supermarket chains and they value the "Australian Way". Together with Aussie Ark, Coles are working to help all Australian (including our furry, scally and slimy ones) feel protected.

WILDARK

WildArk's mission is to promote and support activities that educate, enable, provide resources, or inspire humanity to sustainably conserve, protect or restore the environment and the world's ecosystems, natural resources, wildlife and wild places.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

The University of Sydney is one of the best universities in Australia, and is consistently ranked in the top 50 universities in the world. Aussie Ark is proud to work with Sydney University for the implementation of many projects across our conservation projects.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Animals Bred
775



Animals Rewilded
50



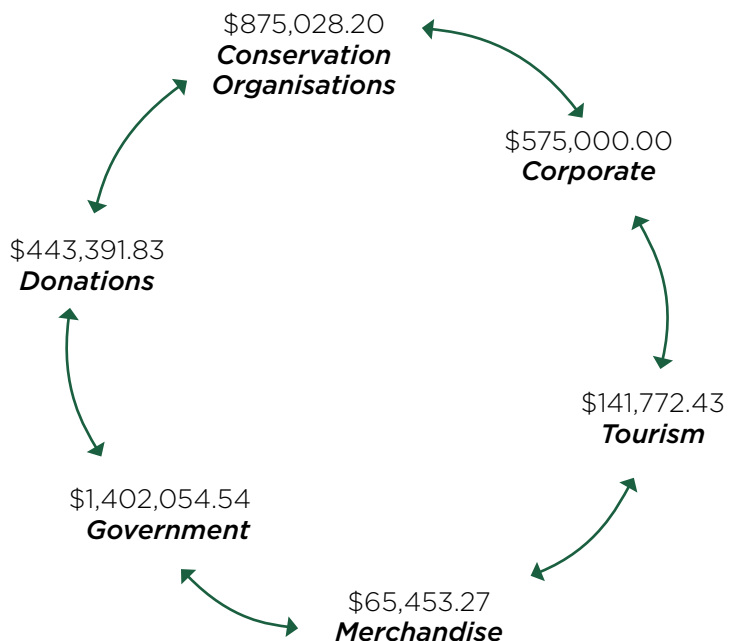
Trees Planted
26,000



Nest Boxes Installed 150

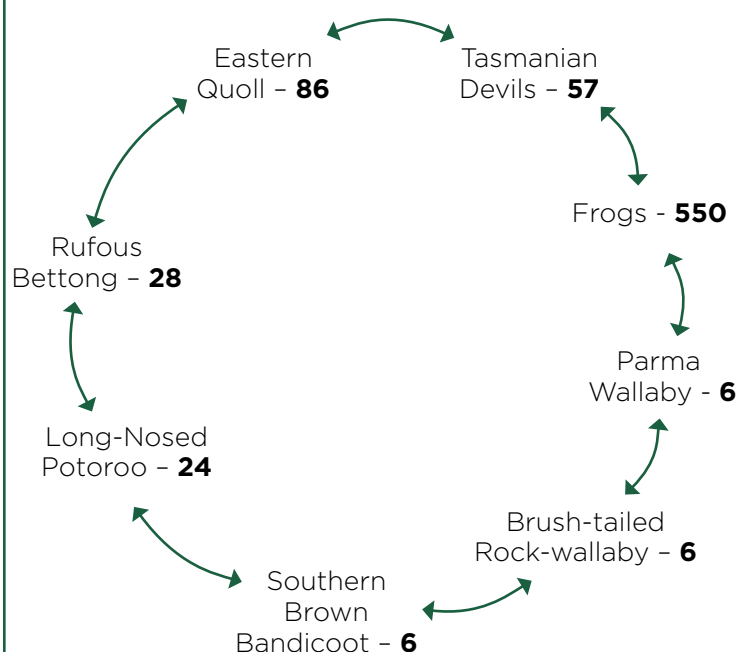
INCOME

During the 2021 - 2022 financial year, Aussie Ark received **\$3,502,700.27** in income, including.



JOEYS

As of the date of this report, confirmed is a total of 775 joeys born at Aussie Ark during the 2022 breeding season.



The 2021 – 2022 financial year saw Australia smashed with more natural weather disasters. A pattern our country seems unable to escape. The continuing flood disasters have provided a new set of challenges for our unique species. Many ground dwelling icons, like the wombat, simply cannot escape flood waters. Moreso, the aftermath of these flood waters leaves our wildlife exposed and vulnerable to increased predation, car strike and disease.

Long term solutions and protection of our wildlife is needed. Aussie Ark can be that for Aussie wildlife. Breeding, insurance population of threatened and endangered species, safeguard their extinction for rewilding back to their ecosystems. Over the last year, Aussie Ark has continued to push on and deliver real, tangible conservation outcomes for our species.

We have had great success in all of our breeding programs and have excitedly celebrated all the new arrivals to our facility. We hope this excitement continues as we finalise joey numbers in our Barrington Wildlife sanctuary for species like the Eastern quoll and Tasmanian devil.

This year's breeding season included the birth of hundreds of frogs, following the opening of our newest facilities in 2021. We have had the privilege of watching the return of many species back to a wild environment in our Barrington Wildlife Sanctuary. Including our single largest release of Eastern Quolls, which saw 50 individuals released.

We began construction on a new Spotted-tail quoll facility, which aims to mimic the success of our Eastern quoll program. The Spotted-tail quoll is an incredibly unique species, synonymous with the Barrington Tops and its steady decline, could lead to the species disappearing from our forests.

Our newest wildlife sanctuary, Mongo Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, is prepped and ready to begin development. The sanctuary is located approximately 30 kilometres from the world heritage listed Mallanganee National Park and 70 kilometres from the Richmond Range National Park. The soon to be sanctuary is located within one of the most bio-diverse regions in Australia, reflected by the diversity of vegetation communities which support a range of mammals, birds, reptiles, frogs, and invertebrates.



CONSERVATION AND OPERATIONS



TEAM IN THE FIELD

The Aussie Ark team is made up of passionate and committed individuals who are focused on delivering positive outcomes for Australia's unique wildlife. The animals under our care at Aussie Ark are maintained to an extremely high level, thanks to the dedication of our team on the ground in the Barrington Tops.

The 2021-2022 financial year saw our team spend a great deal of time in our wildlife sanctuaries monitoring and surveying the wildlife. This included surveys in our Barrington Wildlife Sanctuary, which is teeming with wildlife. Greater Gliders, a recently uplisted species, can be found in abundance in the protection of our safe haven. Excitingly, surveys for koala populations were undertaken using state of the art thermal imaging technology.

Additionally, ongoing monitoring activities allow the team to stay updated on the trends, movements and activities of all species reintroduced into the sanctuary. These intensive monitoring exercises have managed to capture some incredible sights including a Platypus in our creeks and a Rakali, a native water rat!

WILDLIFE

Since 2011, Aussie Ark has vowed to protect endangered species from extinction and has been doing so with the utmost passion and dedication for our native wildlife. With a vision of providing a long-term future to our threatened native wildlife, Aussie Ark became one of NSW's largest wildlife charities.

Previously named Devil Ark, Aussie Ark built its success off its breeding program for the endangered Tasmanian devil. Afflicted by a deadly disease, the Tasmanian Devil Facial Tumour Disease (DFTD), the species' population is decreasing at an unprecedented rate and without Aussie Ark intervention, this iconic animal could disappear forever. Over the years, Aussie Ark staff have bred a genetically diverse insurance population and have welcomed hundreds of strong and healthy joeys into the program. This year, 213 joeys were born into the program, including 74 (known) born in the Barrington Wildlife Sanctuary, and hundreds of endangered frogs!

Since 2017 Aussie Ark has expanded its umbrella of

protection to encompass other endangered native Australian species. Those species are: Eastern quoll, Southern-brown bandicoot, Parma wallaby, Brush-tailed rock-wallaby, Long-nosed potoroo, and Rufous bettong. More recently, we have expanded to include 3 turtle species, the Manning River Turtle, Hunter River Turtle, and Bell's Turtle. We have also begun to work with the Giant Barred frog, Stuttering Barred frog, Green and Golden Bell frog and the Green Tree frog. Most recently, a new program for the Broad-headed snake has been developed. Since European settlement, all of those species' populations have undergone a significant decline in abundance. Threats such as habitat fragmentation and predation from feral pests including cats, foxes, and pigs, are leading many native species towards extinction.

The Eastern quoll breeding program is, year after year, delivering a significant growth when it comes to the species insurance population. During the 2022 breeding season, Aussie Ark welcomed 86 Eastern quoll joeys. Of these 86, 63 were born in the Barrington Wildlife Sanctuary following the release of Eastern quolls in 2020. This is a HUGE success for Aussie Ark

and highlights the importance of protected wild spaces in the protection of endangered wildlife.

Aussie Ark embraced the arrival of 6 Southern-brown bandicoot joeys. Of the estimated 12 species of bandicoots in Australia, approximately half are now extinct, threatened with extinction or extremely rare. As an ecosystem engineer, its survival is paramount. Bandicoots help aerate soil and leaf litter assisting in natural litter breakdown, penetration of seedlings, organic mixing, thus improving nutrient availability for plants. In addition, they help spread fungi through the ecosystem, which assist plants to increase nutrient absorption.

Aussie Ark's Parma wallaby's insurance population has been thriving. Due to many threats faced by Parma wallabies, their range has been confined to the wet sclerophyll forests of Southern New South Wales. Aussie Ark's breeding program for the Parma wallaby is set up to ensure the protection of the species well into the future and this breeding season we saw the birth of 6 wallabies.

Brush-tailed rock-wallabies were deeply affected by the 19/20 bushfire disaster and their status was thrust into the limelight. Aussie Ark was already working with the species prior to the bushfire's crisis, however following the further decline of the species Aussie Ark was able to double our holding capacity at the Ark, through the development of new breeding facilities. As such this year Aussie Ark welcomed the birth 6 Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby joeys.

The Long-nosed potoroo is one of the smallest and most ancient members of the kangaroo family and have remained relatively unchanged for around 10 million years. Once widespread along

the East coast of Australia, the species holds a great importance as an ecosystem engineer. As a species they contribute to the health of the Aussie Ark wild sanctuaries by promoting underground fungal growth to benefit a range of fauna and flora species within the fenced areas. This financial year, Aussie Ark welcomed 24 Long nosed potoroo joeys. Those joeys are part of the next generation of individuals to further the survival of their species.

The Rufous bettong insurance population is guaranteed by Aussie Ark's breeding program. With an increase every year, the Rufous bettong population grew further with the addition of 28 joeys into the program. Suffering from the effects of many threats like the expansion of agricultural land, Rufous Bettongs have suffered significant declines in their natural distribution. As a means to preserve the species, Aussie Ark is protecting wild areas inhabited by this species by removing or managing stock and feral herbivores, conserving native vegetation, managing fire and controlling feral predators.

The Manning River turtle is one of Aussie Ark's newest species. Following the construction of the first-ever breeding facility for the species, Aussie Ark staff have collected in the field numerous Manning River turtle individuals to start Aussie Ark's long awaited Manning River turtle breeding program. This year, we were able to release the first 10 juvenile turtles back to the wild in a world first for the species!

Aussie Ark aims to diversify its species within the next years and its staff is working tirelessly to put into action many other projects so as to prevent any other native species from flying under our conservation radar.



SITE REHABILITATION

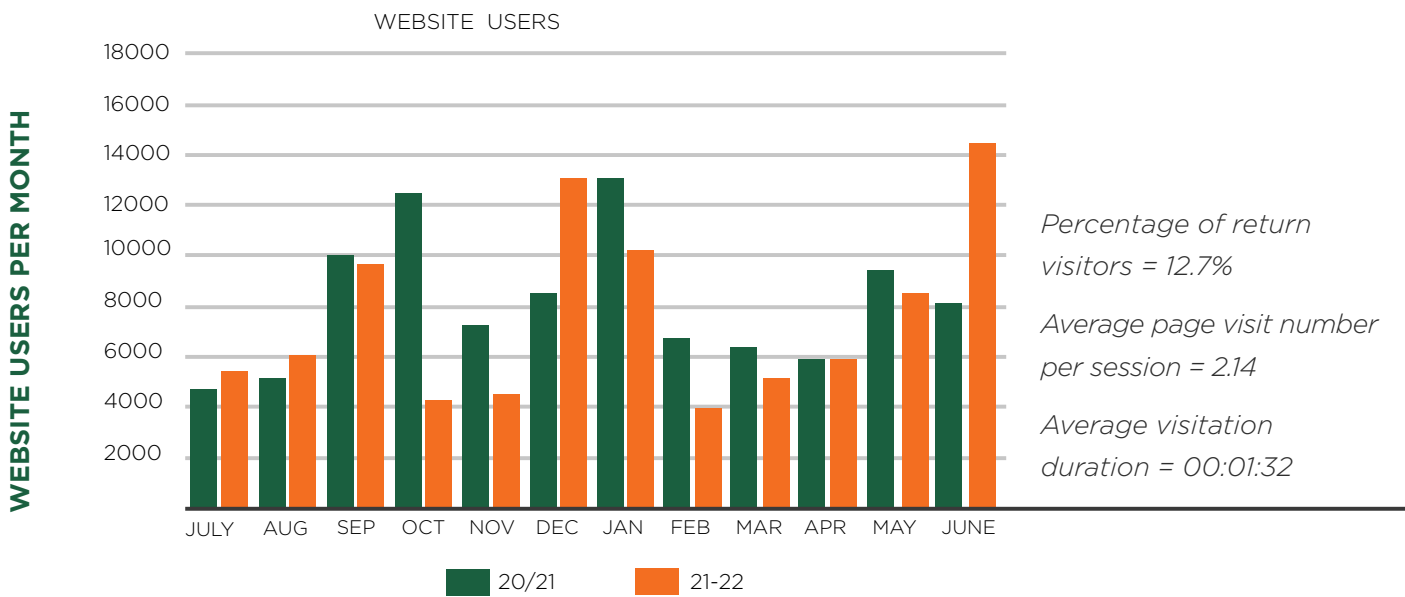
For many years now, Aussie Ark has waged a war on the Scotch Broom, a highly invasive and noxious introduced weed that has taken over 10,000ha in the Barrington Tops. Introduced by the European settlers to Australia, Scotch Broom thrives in cooler conditions and forms a dense group of bushes.

The march of Scotch Broom poses a significant threat to the future of many endangered species, including terrestrial orchids and other specialized plants in the highlands. If not controlled, the weed can modify native ecosystems by increasing the frequency and intensity of fire, changing vegetation structure, altering soil chemistry, and providing harbour for invasive animals.

The removal of the noxious weed has been a major focus for the Aussie Ark team. In the 2021-2022 financial year, Aussie Ark has been working to remove approximately 18 hectares of Scotch Broom using an intensive multi-faceted management plan involving herbicide spraying and the cut and painting method. This method consists of cutting the broom at the base and applying poison to the stem immediately. Whilst this manual handling is labour intensive, the result is wonderful and longer lasting than most other techniques.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

SOCIAL MEDIA



MEDIA

Australia's Wildlife Ark incorporated was the subject of 402 media stories during this financial year. These ranged from small newspapers and online media stories to major television news segments and breakfast television.

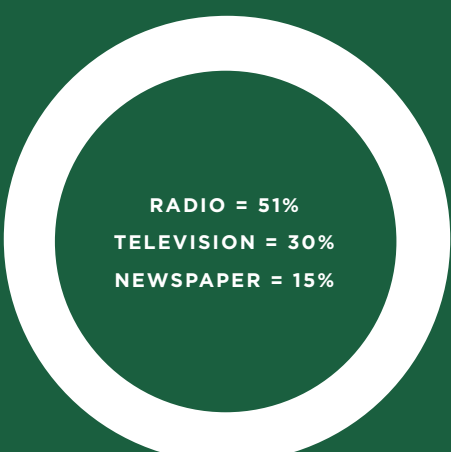
OVERALL



DIGITAL



PRINT/VOICE





FUNDRAISING AND ADMINISTRATION

2021-2022
INCOME \$3,502,700.27

GENERAL DONATIONS	CONSERVATION ORGANISATIONS	CORPORATE	GOVERNMENT GRANT	EDUCATION AND TOURISM	SALES
\$443,391.83	\$875,028.20	\$575,000.00	\$1,402,054.54	\$141,772.43	\$65,453.27
Online Donations Appeal Campaigns Newsletters Donations Tins Adoptions Crowdfunding	Re:wild FAME WildArk WIRES Symbio Wildlife Park	Coles Volkswagen Glencore	Federal State Austrade	Open Days Accomodation Onsite Tours	Merchandise Events Assets



GIFTS IN KIND

Several local businesses contribute to Aussie Ark by providing valuable in-kind goods and services, thus reducing expenditure. Some contributors for this period include;

AUSTRALIAN REPTILE PARK

Management services

ELLERSTON

Reduced Mechanical rates

Reduced Veterinary Rates

MACHINERY

Freight equipment

Resources for fire reduction

UPPER HUNTER WEED AUTHORITY

Weed management activities

BUNNINGS

Petrol pressure washer

SURVIVAL EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS

First aid kits and snake bandages

COLES MUSWELLBROOK

Cleaning supplies and towels

AGL

AG petrol post drive = \$379.00

Volunteers

55,440kg of Roo

WANGI MENS SHED

Small Macropod Feeder Boxes

STQ Nest Boxes and Labour





Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

Contents

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Page
Financial Statements	
Committees' Report	1
Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the ACNC Act 2012	2
Independent Audit Report	3
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income	5
Statement of Financial Position	6
Statement of Changes in Equity	7
Statement of Cash Flows	8
Notes to the Financial Statements	9
Responsible Persons' Declaration	17

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

Committees' Report 30 June 2022

The committee present their report on Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

Operating result

The profit of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$ 1,367,067 (2021:\$ 2,189,571).

General information

Principal activities

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated (Aussie Ark) was established in 2011 as 'Devil Ark', with a focus on saving the iconic Tasmanian devil from extinction. Since then and due to overwhelming success, the role of the organisation has expanded, and now has a vision of creating a long-term future for our threatened Australian species. Aussie Ark will continue to conserve our native wildlife, free from unnatural predation. Aussie Ark is an adaptive, innovative, charitable organisation, committed to changing the trajectory of declining species.

Committee members

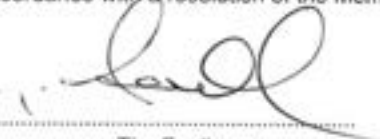
The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Tim Faulkner	President
Elizabeth Gabriel	Secretary & Treasurer
Caroline Lees	Committee Member
Chris Chapman	Committee Member
Matt Radnidge	Committee Member
Scott Elwin	Committee Member
Brad Walker	Committee Member

Events after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee:

President: 
Tim Faulkner

Treasurer: 
Elizabeth Gabriel

Dated 20 February 2023



Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 to the Responsible Persons of Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

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 section 60-40 of 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.

Balanced Audit & Assurance

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Connor", is written over a horizontal line.

Brent Connor CA
Audit Principal

20 February 2023

EAST GOSFORD, NSW, 2250



Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

Independent Audit Report to the members of Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible persons' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Registered Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Registered Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Responsible Entities for the Financial Report

The responsible persons of the Registered Entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the responsible persons are responsible for assessing the Registered Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible entities either intends to liquidate the Registered Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Registered Entity's financial reporting process.



Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

Independent Audit Report to the members of Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

Balanced Audit & Assurance

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Connor", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Brent Connor CA
Audit Principal

EAST GOSFORD, NSW, 2250

20 February 2023

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022**

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue	3	3,411,387	4,549,847
Finance income		247	190
Other revenue		196,685	331,014
Cost of goods sold		(53,303)	(38,652)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(195,450)	(138,962)
Education expenses		(89,756)	(57,134)
Fundraising expenses		(183,174)	(285,484)
Animal management		-	(267,767)
Other administration expenses		(120,435)	(453,027)
Research / conservation expenses		(702,333)	(830,227)
Sanctuaries expenses		(704,804)	(94,920)
Special project expenses		(191,997)	(525,307)
Profit for the year		1,367,067	2,189,571

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

Statement of Financial Position
As At 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	4,374,396	3,489,579
Trade and other receivables	5	262,014	218,000
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		4,636,410	3,707,579
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	3,706,274	3,181,036
Biological assets	7	1	1
Prepaid assets		813,750	813,750
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		4,520,025	3,994,787
TOTAL ASSETS		9,156,435	7,702,366
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	8	267,610	163,942
Borrowings	9	4,616	8,658
Other financial liabilities	10	13,048	13,048
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		285,274	185,648
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other financial liabilities	10	6,464	19,088
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		6,464	19,088
TOTAL LIABILITIES		291,738	204,736
NET ASSETS		8,864,697	7,497,630
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		8,864,697	7,497,630
TOTAL EQUITY		8,864,697	7,497,630

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

**Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022**

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2021	7,497,630	7,497,630
Profit attributable to members	1,367,067	1,367,067
Balance at 30 June 2022	8,864,697	8,864,697

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2020	5,353,110	5,353,110
Profit attributable to members	2,189,571	2,189,571
Retrospective adjustment	(45,051)	(45,051)
Balance at 30 June 2021	7,497,630	7,497,630

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 293

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022
	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Receipts	2,934,893
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,946,176)
Donations received	629,165
Interest received	<u>247</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	13 <u>1,618,129</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	<u>(720,688)</u>
Net cash (used in) investing activities	<u>(720,688)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Repayment of borrowings	<u>(12,624)</u>
Net cash (used in) financing activities	<u>(12,624)</u>
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	884,817
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>3,489,579</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	4 <u>4,374,396</u>

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

The financial report covers Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated as an individual entity. Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated is a not-for-profit Association, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The principal activities of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2022 were an animal preservation project based near the Barrington Tops of New South Wales, Australia. The project has expanded to include species such as the Tasmanian Devil, Koalas, the Manning River Turtle, Eastern Quolls and the Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby.

The functional and presentation currency of Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated is Australian dollars.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Management committee on 20 February 2023.

1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

Grant revenue

Grants are recognised at fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all grant conditions will be met. Grants relating to expense items are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match the grant to the costs they are compensating.

Rental income

Investment property revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Amounts are recognised when the amounts of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that the future economic benefit will flow to the entity.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association is entitled to it. Amounts are recognised when the amounts of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that the future economic benefit will flow to the entity.

(b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 283

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies****(d) Property, plant and equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Land and buildings

Land and buildings are measured using the cost model.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate
Freehold Land	0%
Site Improvements	3% - 10%
Plant and Equipment	3% - 33%
Motor Vehicles	10% - 25%

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

(e) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(f) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial liabilities

The Association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise trade payables and other loans.

(g) Biological assets

The animal collection managed by Australia's Wildlife Ark are recorded in the accounting records at \$1.00 and this is consistent with industry practice.

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022****3 Revenue****(a) Revenue**

- sponsorship	126,000	125,000
- gain on sale of assets	-	23,400
- business booster - ATO	3,200	35,402
- donations	503,165	711,942
- grants	2,779,022	3,654,103
	<u>3,411,387</u>	<u>4,549,847</u>

4 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand

4,374,396	3,489,579
<u>4,374,396</u>	<u>3,489,579</u>

5 Trade Receivables

CURRENT

Trade receivables

262,014	218,000
<u>262,014</u>	<u>218,000</u>

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022****6 Property, plant and equipment**

	2022 \$	2021 \$
LAND AND BUILDINGS		
Freehold land		
At cost	1,385,908	1,385,908
Total freehold land	1,385,908	1,385,908
Site improvement		
At cost	470,789	397,890
Accumulated depreciation	(237,428)	(215,752)
Total site improvements	233,361	182,138
Total land and buildings	1,619,269	1,568,046
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment		
At cost	2,270,209	1,725,826
Accumulated depreciation	(409,500)	(282,982)
Total plant and equipment	1,860,709	1,442,844
Motor vehicles		
At cost	350,838	247,432
Accumulated depreciation	(124,542)	(77,286)
Total motor vehicles	226,296	170,146
Total plant and equipment	2,087,005	1,612,990
Total property, plant and equipment	3,706,274	3,181,036

(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Land \$	Site Improvement \$	Plant and Equipment \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Total \$
Year ended 30 June 2022					
Balance at the beginning of year	1,385,908	182,138	1,442,844	170,146	3,181,036
Additions	-	72,899	544,383	103,406	720,688
Depreciation expense	-	(21,676)	(126,518)	(47,256)	(195,450)
Balance at the end of the year	1,385,908	233,361	1,860,709	226,296	3,706,274

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

7 Biological Assets

The endangered and threatened native wildlife species managed by the Association in captive breeding facilities established by the Association with the intention of saving these species from extinction and provide progeny for re-wilding are recorded here and are valued in the Association's accounts at \$1.00 (one dollar) as there is not a demonstrable commercial market for these species and this is consistent with industry practice. Below is a livestock summary of Australia's Wildlife Ark Inc.

SPECIES	2022		2021	
	Sex Ratio	Total	Sex Ratio	Total
Tasmanian Devil	86.81	177	91.82.33	206
Eastern Quoll	84.67	151	82.60	142
Southern Brown Bandicoot	9.12	21	8.9	17
Long-Nose Potoroo	30.47	77	21.28	49
Parma Wallaby	20.16.2	38	14.14	28
Rufous Bettong	25.30	55	12.18	30
Brush-Tailed Rock Wallaby	7.9.2	18	9.6	15

8 Trade and Other Payables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	193,125	88,525
GST payable	6,269	(1,658)
Employee benefits	54,304	53,579
Accrued expenses	6,200	5,800
PAYG Withholding	-	10,014
Other payables	7,712	7,682
	<u>267,610</u>	<u>163,942</u>

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

9 Borrowings

CURRENT		
ANZ credit cards	4,616	8,658
	<u>4,616</u>	<u>8,658</u>

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

Notes to the Financial Statements**For the Year Ended 30 June 2022****10 Other Financial Liabilities**

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Toyota MV Finance	13,048	13,048
	<u>13,048</u>	<u>13,048</u>
NON-CURRENT		
Toyota MV Finance	6,464	19,088
	<u>6,464</u>	<u>19,088</u>

11 Members' Guarantee

In accordance with Clause 20 of the constitution of the organisation, the liability of a member to contribute towards the payment of debts and liabilities of the association or the cost, charges and expense of the association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of the membership of the association. The number of members as at 30 June 2022 was 59 (2021: 59) and the amount of unpaid fees was \$NIL (2020: \$NIL)

12 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Management committee, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2022 (30 June 2021: None).

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022****13 Cash Flow Information****(a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities**

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	2022
	\$
Profit for the year	1,367,067
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities	
Non-cash flows in profit:	
- depreciation	195,450
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
- (increase) in trade and other receivables	(44,014)
- decrease in trade and other payables	98,901
- decrease in provisions	725
Cashflows from operations	<u>1,618,129</u>

14 Events after the end of the Reporting Period

The financial report was authorised for issue on 20 February 2023 by the Management committee.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

15 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated
36 Myoora Road
SOMERSBY NSW 2250

Australia's Wildlife Ark Incorporated

ABN 51 417 871 203

Responsible Persons' Declaration

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

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013*.

Responsible person



Timothy Faulkner

Responsible person



Elizabeth Gabriel

Dated 20 February 2023





ABN 51 417 871 203
PO Box 192, Gosford, NSW 2250
02 4326 5333
admin@aussieark.org.au
www.aussieark.org.au