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ANZCCART Australia

Board Chair Report

Professor Alastair Sloan

2024 has been another year of significant progress and strategic development for ANZCCART Australia, and I am both proud and excited to reflect on our achievements and the opportunities ahead.

During my tenure as Chair, which has now spanned nearly two years, ANZCCART has developed a new strategic plan aimed at advancing our key initiatives and ongoing projects, securing funding, and reviewing our constitution and board structure.

A key highlight this year has been the ongoing success of the Australian Openness Agreement. Since its launch, we have seen a steady increase in the number of institutions that have committed to transparency and the ethical principles the agreement upholds. This would not have been possible without the dedication of our Project Officer, Malcolm France, whose tireless efforts have been pivotal in driving this important initiative.

In 2024, we expanded our focus on data collection and reporting, with a significant new project in the works: the development of a national statistics picture for animal use in teaching and research across Australia. This project, born from our strategic planning sessions in 2023, is set to provide valuable insights into the scope of animal use in research and education, and will help inform policy and public understanding. We are collaborating with various state-level agencies to create a comprehensive, national picture, and I am confident that this will be a major step forward in advancing our collective efforts.

Our work in supporting the ethical treatment of animals in research and teaching continues to grow, and I am particularly pleased with our increasing involvement in international collaborations and the dissemination of best practices. These efforts, of course, would not be possible without the unwavering support of our key sponsors - CSIRO, Universities Australia, and the Royal Society of New Zealand. Their generous financial contributions are vital to the success of our initiatives, and we are deeply grateful for their continued partnership.

As we look to 2025, I remain optimistic about the potential for ANZCCART to continue making a positive impact on the landscape of animal research in Australia. The challenges we face are not small, but with our collective commitment, expertise, and collaboration, I am confident that we will continue to make strides in promoting the ethical use of animals in research and education.

Thank you to our dedicated board members, staff, and supporters for their ongoing hard work and passion. Together, we will continue to move forward with purpose and integrity.

Professor Alastair Sloan

Who we are and what we stand for:

ANZCCART's Vision:

To be the leading source of information and advice concerning the ethical, social and scientific use of animals in research and teaching.

Mission Statement:

ANZCCART's corporate mission and objectives are to promote:

1. Informed open discussion and debate within the community when considering ethical, social, cultural and scientific issues relating to the use of animals in research and teaching, by providing a neutral forum.
2. Excellence in the use of animals supplied for or used in research and teaching.
3. Responsible scientific use of animals.
4. The 3Rs principle of Replacement, Reduction and Refinement as they apply to the use of animals for scientific purposes.
5. Strategic partnerships to contribute to the education and training of scientists, students, animal care staff, members of Animal Ethics Committees and the broader community.

ANZCCART's Role:

ANZCCART seeks to achieve these objectives, first by providing an ongoing focus to the social, ethical, cultural and scientific issues involved, second by providing a forum for discussion of these issues and third by facilitating access to relevant specialist advice and resources. Further, through its publications and activities ANZCCART is a source of information for the general public about how animals are used in research and teaching in Australia and New Zealand.

ANZCCART Strategic Pillars

New opportunities

ANZCCART Australia Board seeks to grow and develop the following opportunities.

- ComPass
- Australian Openness Agreement
- National Statistics and Reporting
- Independent External Reviews Register
- Public Attitudes Survey

Training

- ⇒ Conferences
- ⇒ Training
- ⇒ ComPass
- ⇒ Direct Training

Publications

- Proceedings
- Newsletters
- Website platform

Leadership

Leading and advising all those involved in research and teaching that utilizes animals.

- Advice
- Direct feedback & support
- 3Rs
- Website

PREPARE



Some of the key documents that ANZCCART refers to and endorses.

These documents provide a strong framework around which our organisation can achieve its vision and mission.



ComPass Animal Welfare Training Course



As we look back on the progress of ComPass in 2024, we are excited to share several significant milestones and updates. The beginning of the year saw the total number of users across all ComPass modules reach 11,861. Since the launch of Phase One modules in December 2020, we have experienced a steady influx of users, averaging 235 new users per month for Phase One. More broadly, the platform has seen an average of 324 new users each month for all modules, reflecting the growing demand for accessible, up-to-date training in animal care and welfare.

In line with the ongoing commitment to keeping ComPass relevant and comprehensive, we have made substantial updates to the platform's modules. The three-year training cycle, aligned with ComPass' third anniversary in December 2023, has been a pivotal point for these revisions. With the aim of ensuring repeat users remain up to date for certification purposes, these updates have included a significant increase in New Zealand Aotearoa content, enhanced welfare topics, and the addition of more government resources and links. These updates are designed not only to improve user experience but also to ensure that ComPass training remains aligned with the latest standards and regulations.

In early July, as the updates to ComPass materials neared completion, user numbers surged by more than 2,000, bringing the total to 14,127. These updated modules provided an opportunity for previous users to re-register as new users, enabling them to receive a certificate of completion using their institutional email address. This proactive approach has helped to support users in maintaining their accreditation while fostering continuous engagement with the platform. This increase in users demonstrates both the effectiveness of the updates and the increasing recognition of ComPass as a leading resource in the field.

In addition to these updates, we are pleased to announce significant progress on the highly anticipated Farm Animal Welfare module. Following discussions at the strategic meeting on 3 October 2023, work began in earnest on the module, which is now nearing completion. The module, set to launch in mid-2025, consists of 14 sections and will provide comprehensive coverage on the welfare of a wide range of farmed animals, including horses, donkeys, deer, goats, camelids, fish, and fowl. This new addition will be a vital resource for ComPass users, enhancing understanding of ethical practices and the wellbeing of various farmed species. The development of this module reflects our ongoing commitment to advancing knowledge and promoting best practices in animal care.

ComPass grew out of what was identified as a need from the sector, to not only have access to current training but training that would be considered a standard which could be taken by people from institution to institution. Gail Anderson was employed by ANZCCART in May 2020 to develop ComPass and to deliver that need. Gail's contract for this work concluded at the end of July 2024. The Boards of ANZCCART offer our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Gail for her outstanding achievements in developing the ComPass training course.

As we look forward to the future, we remain dedicated to providing high-quality, evidence-based training that supports the professional development of individuals and institutions across Australia and New Zealand. The success of ComPass, in its current form and as it continues to evolve, is a testament to the collaboration and shared vision of ANZCCART and we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

ANZCCART Australia Board and Staff Members:

As at the end of 2024

Name	Member type	Tenure	Position
Professor Alastair Sloan BSc (Hons), PhD, PGCert, FHEA, CBiol, FRSB, FICD, FFDRCSI	Lay Member	To April 2026	Chair
Ms Cathy Pitkin BA(Hum), BBus(Comm) MIntComDev, Certificate in Executive Management, Leadership and Development	CSIRO Representative	To April 2027	Deputy Chair
Dr Mandy Paterson BVSc (Hons) MEd PhD	RSPCA Representative	To April 2025	
Emeritus Professor Pat Cragg BSc (Hons) PhD (Brist)	RSNZ Representative	To April 2026	
Professor Alan Tilbrook BSc (Agric.) Hon, PhD	Universities Australia Representative	From November 2022 ongoing	
Dr Alice Marshall BVSc (Hons)	Lay Member	From March 2024 To November 2024	Communication Specialist
Dr Malcolm France BVSc PhD MANZCVS (Pathology)	Consultant	Ongoing	Project Officer
Emerita Professor Gail Anderson BVSc (Hons), MSc, PhD, DACVS, CCRP, Principal Fellow Higher Education Academy (UK)	Staff	To July 2024	ComPass Co-ordinator
Ms Chris Wadey	Staff	Continuing	Company Secretary Administrative Manager

ANZCCART Australia Board Meetings attendance

Board meeting attendance for 2024

	27 February	26 March	30 April	28 May	23 July	30 July	15 October	26 November
Alastair Sloan	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cathy Pitkin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pat Cragg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mandy Paterson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
Alice Marshall	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	-	-	-	N/A
Alan Tilbrook	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-
Malcolm France	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Gail Anderson	✓	✓	-	-	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A
Chris Wadey	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Directors Benefits

Since 31 December 2018, no Director has received or become entitled to receive any benefit by reason of a contract made by the Economic Entity or a related corporation with the Director or with a firm of which he/ she is a member, or with a Company in which he/she has a substantial financial interest.



Information on Directors for 2024

Professor Alastair Sloan

BSc (Hons), PhD, PGCert, FHEA, CBiol, FRSB, FICD, FFDRCSI

ANZCCART Chair since April 2023. Alastair has a BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Wales and PhD in Oral Biology and Pathology from The University of Birmingham, UK and a significant career in research and leadership within academic institutions and professional bodies both within the UK and Australia. He has a long-standing interest and background in advancing the 3Rs in biomedical research and bioengineering, commitment for supporting ANZCCART's mission to be a leading source of information and advice concerning best practice on the ethical and scientific use of animals in research and teaching, and enthusiasm for the development of our next three year strategy.

Ms Cathy Pitkin

BA (Hum), BBus (Comm), MIntComDev, Certificate in Executive Management, Leadership and Development

Cathy has over 25 years' experience working in leadership roles across private, government, NGO and research organisations and she is a member of the AICD. Cathy is currently Executive Manager Social Responsibility and Ethics at CSIRO with responsibility for the organisation's research ethics and integrity function. This includes oversight of animal ethics and welfare within the organisation's research practice.

Professor Alan Tilbrook

BSc (Agric.) Hon, PhD

Professor Alan Tilbrook has over 30 years of experience in leading scientific research on the welfare of animals. His predominant research discipline is neuroendocrinology. He has also established and leads The Animal Welfare Collaborative a national initiative to improve the welfare of animals that is led by The University of Queensland, The University of Western Australia, The University of Adelaide and The University of Newcastle. He is Chair and Research Champion of the National Animal Welfare Research, Development and Extension Strategy and was a founder and Deputy Director of the Animal Welfare Science Centre. For a number of years Professor Tilbrook chaired the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee of South Australia, which advises the South Australian Government on animal welfare, and from 2013 to 2017 he was the chair of the Primary Industries and Regions South Australia Animal Ethics Committee.

Information on current Directors cont

Emeritus Professor Pat Cragg ***BSc (Hons) PhD (Brist)***

Chair of the ANZCCART New Zealand Board since April 2020. Pat is a physiologist, and from undergraduate training, a zoologist; her research area covered cardiorespiratory function and control in health and disease; her breadth of teaching is typified as a co- editor of a long-standing physiology textbook. Prior to retirement in May 2018, she held appointments at the University of Otago, for instance as Head of Department of Physiology, Associate Dean Academic Health Sciences and Acting Dean of School of Biomedical Sciences. Pat was on the University's Animal Ethics Committee for 27 years and on the ANZCCART New Zealand Board for 18 years, with 4 years as Deputy Chair, as well as 7 years as the New Zealand representative on the ANZCCART Australian Board. For many years Pat was Secretary of the Physiological Society of New Zealand and Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Otago Medical Research Foundation (OMRF); she now Chairs the OMRF Council. From mid-April 2019 to end of January 2022 she returned from retirement to be the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic at the University of Otago.

Dr Mandy Paterson ***BVSc (Hons), MEd, PhD***

Mandy has worked as the Principal Scientist for RSPCA Qld for 12 years. She worked as a clinical veterinarian for over 20 years and then moved into research. Her areas of interest include animal welfare policy and research, shelter management and practice, and wildlife policy and management. Mandy represents the RSPCA on several Government and industry committees and working groups.

Dr Alice Marshall ***BVSc (Hons)***

Alice Marshall trained and worked as a journalist and has significant experience in communications, scientific communication and stakeholder management. In December 2023 Alice was studying for an MBA with a view to sit the veterinary membership exam in Animal Welfare with the Australian & New Zealand College of Veterinary Surgeons in June 2024 (MANZCVS).



ANZCCART Australia Board Report 2024

2024 has been a year marked by growth, continued collaboration, and a steadfast commitment to the care of animals in research and teaching.

As we look back on the year, we recognize the collective efforts of the Board, staff, stakeholders, and colleagues who have made these achievements possible. We continue to be guided by our mission to ensure the ethical use of animals in research and teaching, and to promote transparency, best practices, and improved standards across the sector.

Board Meetings

In 2024, the Australian Board held a total of 8 meetings, including regular video meetings to facilitate ongoing discussions and decision-making. Additionally, the combined Australian and New Zealand Board meeting at the New Zealand Conference in September is an ongoing and essential event and was attended in person by those members at the conference and via zoom, ensuring broad participation and collaboration across the two countries.

The Working Meeting in July provided an opportunity to discuss amendments to the ANZCCART Constitution and expansion of the Board. The Skills Matrix document proved to be an essential tool for identifying potential gaps in the composition of the Board. These discussions will help guide the organization as we continue to evolve and expand our reach in the years ahead.

Key Project and Achievements

One of the pivotal achievements in 2024 was the announcement of the National Animal Research Statistics project. This project will explore options for the annual publication of national statistics on animals used in research and teaching in Australia.

An Options Paper that outlined possible approaches and issues relating to national reporting of animal use statistics was developed by ANZCCART with the assistance of an advisory panel that provided expertise from regulatory, institutional, animal protection and community perspective. The Options Paper was released for public consultation in September 2024 and submissions closed in December.

The next step is to develop a draft model of national reporting and ANZCCART looks forward to further discussions with regulatory agencies and more stakeholder consultation in the new year.

Australian Openness Agreement

Launched in August 2023, the Australian Openness Agreement continued to gain traction throughout 2024. This initiative aims to increase transparency in animal research by encouraging institutions to sign the agreement, demonstrating their commitment to openness in the use of animals for research and teaching. Efforts now focus on securing additional supporters and signatories to ensure the widespread adoption of the agreement. The Board extends its sincere

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appreciation to Malcolm France for his tireless work on advancing this initiative, which has made significant strides in 2024.

ComPass Training Course Growth

Another notable accomplishment in 2024 was the continued growth of the ComPass Training Course, a key program for promoting best practices in animal care and research. The course has become an integral part of training programs for institutions across Australia and New Zealand. The adoption of ComPass reflects a growing recognition of the need for standardized, high-quality training in animal research and care.

The first part of the year was spent on necessary updates to the course modules to ensure their continued relevance and alignment with evolving industry standards. The New Zealand content of the ComPass course was expanded following consultations with relevant stakeholders, further strengthening its relevance across both countries. Work also began on the Farm Animal Welfare Module, which was designed for those using farmed species in their research and/or teaching. It aims to highlight the major welfare concerns along with the guidelines and regulations relevant to the welfare of these species. The module is currently under review and will be released mid-2025.

ANZCCART would like to take this opportunity to thank Gail Anderson for her dedicated work in driving the growth of ComPass before her departure in July 2024. Her efforts played a crucial role in the success of the program.

ANZCCART Animal Ethics Committee Members of the Year Award



This annual award was created by ANZCCART to recognise the excellent service offered to Animal Ethics Committees by their members. The winners of the Australian and New Zealand AEC Members of the Year Award were presented with their certificates at the ANZCCART Conference in Christchurch, New Zealand in September 2024. Congratulations to Judith Wright from Australia and Jim Webster from New Zealand for the 2024 Award (more information on Jim is available in the NZ Chair foreword and NZ Board Report).

The award recognises Judith's outstanding work and support she has provided to the University of Wollongong AEC as a Category C member. Judith was presented with her certificate by Professor Alastair Sloan, Australian Board Chair at the Conference in New Zealand.

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Financial Management and Governance

Throughout 2024, the Board remained diligent in its financial management and governance responsibilities. The adoption of the 2024 Annual Report and the audited financial statements reaffirmed the Board's commitment to transparency and accountability. These documents demonstrate the organization's continued dedication to sound financial practices, ensuring that resources are effectively allocated to support our core initiatives.

Acknowledgements

In closing, 2024 has been a year of significant accomplishments for the ANZCCART Board, and we remain proud of our work. The Board's cohesive teamwork, strategic vision, and unwavering commitment to animal welfare have positioned ANZCCART for continued success.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Chris Wadey, our dedicated Administrative Manager, whose tireless efforts and exceptional organizational skills have been instrumental throughout the year. Chris has been at the heart of our work, ensuring that everything runs smoothly and that all initiatives are carried out efficiently.

Thank you to all our members, supporters, and stakeholders for your continued dedication to the cause of animal welfare in research and teaching. We look forward to another successful year ahead.



ANZCCART Australia Board and Council throughout 2024

Chair:

Professor Alastair Sloan BSc (Hons), PhD, PGCert, FHEA, CBiol, FRBS, FICD, FFDRCSI	Lay Member
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Deputy Chair:

Ms Cathy Pitkin BA (Hum), BBus (Comm), MIntComDev, Certificate in Executive Management, Leadership and Development	CSIRO Representative
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Members:

Dr Robert Cassidy BVSc (Hons), BSc (Hons), DipEd, Grad Cert Anim Welfare	Biosecurity Queensland Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Emeritus Professor Pat Cragg BSc (Hons) PhD (Brist)	RSNZ Representative
Dr Toni Dalziel	SA Department of Environment and Water
Dr Kevin Doyle AM, BVSc, DVSc hc, MANZCVSc, Grad Cert Man, MASM	Australian Veterinary Association
Dr Sue Martin BVSc	Department of Natural Resources and Environment – Tasmania
Ms Alice Marshall	Communications Specialist (From March to November 2024)
Dr Mandy Paterson BVSc (Hons), MEd, PhD	RSPCA Representative
Mr John Strachan LLB	Animal Welfare Member
Professor Alan Tilbrook BSc (Agric.) Hon, PhD	Universities Australia Representative
Dr Erika Vally	Director of Agriculture Regulatory Assurance, Animal Welfare Victoria

Honorary Life Members:

Warwick Anderson AM, BSc (Hons), PhD
 David Bayvel QSO, BVMS, DTVM, MACVSc, MPP (dec)
 Elizabeth Grant AM, PhC, MPS (dec)
 David Mellor ONZM, Hon Assoc RCVS, BSc (Hons), PhD
 Michael Rickard BVSc (Hons), PhD, DVSc, FTSE (dec)
 Margaret Rose BVSc, PhD
 John Strachan LLB

ANZCCART Australia Office Report 2024

As the Administration Manager for ANZCCART, the year 2024 was marked by a blend of operational management, strategic support, and new initiatives. My day-to-day responsibilities remained centered on managing various financial and administrative duties. These activities are essential to the smooth operation of the organization, and I took great care in maintaining financial accuracy and compliance. In addition to these duties, I remained active in responding to a broad range of emails, addressing inquiries, and ensuring efficient communication within the organization and with external stakeholders.

Throughout the year facilitating the dissemination of important information via our mailing list continued, ensuring that all members and stakeholders were kept informed about key developments, upcoming events, and new initiatives. This communication platform remains an essential tool for engaging with our community and fostering transparency.

Our first audit with the new auditor was conducted mid-year. This process involved adapting to a new budget structure and transitioning to new financial spreadsheets. While the transition presented challenges, it was ultimately a productive exercise in improving our financial systems and ensuring that ANZCCART remains financially robust and compliant with regulatory requirements.

As part of my broader governance responsibilities, I serve as Company Secretary for ANZCCART, overseeing the preparation and organization of meetings, maintaining records, and ensuring that we met all ASIC (Australian Securities and Investments Commission) requirements. These duties are essential to maintaining the legal integrity and good governance of the organization.

Another significant area of focus was the continued development and maintenance of our website. As new initiatives were introduced, I worked to create and update web pages, ensuring that the site remains current and reflects our evolving activities. Ongoing website maintenance is crucial for providing up-to-date resources and information to our members and the public.

Throughout the year, I also provided administrative support to the Chair, assisting with various tasks and helping to ensure that responsibilities were well-supported. Additionally, I worked closely with the Project Officer on initiatives such as the Openness Agreement and the National Statistics project. These projects required close collaboration and coordination, and I am proud to have contributed to their progress.

The departure of Gail Anderson in July 2024, who had been the primary point of contact for ComPass, marked a change in the office. In response to this, I took on the responsibility of handling ComPass-related queries and acquiring the necessary skills to address the issues that arose. This experience allowed me to expand my skill set and ensure the continuity of service for our ComPass subscribers.

Much of the second half of the year was dedicated to exploring and evaluating potential locations for the 2025 ANZCCART Conference, a key project that required careful consideration of venues, logistics, and alignment with the organization's broader goals. This process will play a critical role in shaping the success of our upcoming conference.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the continued growth of ANZCCART and the opportunities to further streamline our operations, enhance our services, and support our initiatives in the year to come.

Chris Wadey, Administrative Manager



ANZCCART New Zealand

Board Chair Foreword

Emeritus Professor Pat Cragg

It is with great pleasure I provide a foreword to the 2024 NZ Board Report. As the Report reveals the calendar year 2024 was a busy and productive year for ANZCCART NZ.

There were two major highlights in 2024. One was the very successful and well-attended 2024 ANZCCART Conference hosted by ANZCCART NZ in Christchurch (10-12 September), inclusive of the Cam Reid Oration (a triennial event) delivered by Professor Natalie Waran (chair of NZ's National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee, NAEAC). The second was the launch at the conference of Animal Ethics resources for teaching and learning produced by Professor Georgina Stewart (Auckland University of Technology) and ANZCCART NZ Board member Dr Sally Birdsall (Auckland University). These resources were the culmination of a 3-year project sponsored by ANZCCART NZ and MPI (Ministry for Primary Industries) that focused on Māori knowledge of animals and how Māori concepts can inform animal ethics. Two related peer-reviewed articles in *Anthrozoös* were also published during 2024.

Also, of note are two, now, annual occurrences. First was the release in March 2024 of the 2nd Annual Report on progress during 2022/23 by the then 27 signatories to the ANZCCART NZ Openness Agreement on use of animals in research and teaching; noting that we finished the year with 34 signatories. Second was a media release in May 2024 of ANZCCART NZ's comments on the 2022 Animal Use Statistics in NZ (released by MPI in early ish 2024).

Outreach activity is illustrated by: a LinkedIn page, maintained by NZ Board member Ian Saldanha, on the ANZCCART NZ website; a workshop run by three NZ Board members for the Science Technician's Association of NZ biennial conference in October; prizes awarded at various School Science Fairs for projects where the ethics of animal use have been considered and approved by the NZ Schools' Animal Ethics Committee; sponsorship of an Animal Welfare Officer workshop in September; and submission in May to the NZ Government's Science System Advisory Group advocating for funding to support implementation of the Three Rs.

During 2024 we farewelled NZ Board member Vanessa Borman (AgRes representative) and Dr Mike King (Royal Society | Te Apārangi representative from the University of Otago) who have been replaced respectively by Susan Doohan and Dr Michael Pankhurst (also from the

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University of Otago). Vanessa was on the Board for a few years and Mike for many years with Mike involved in, and leading, a number of ANZCCART NZ projects – thank you both.

Congratulations are warmly extended to the 2024 winners of the ANZCCART NZ Animal Care Award (Charlotte Hurst), ANZCCART NZ AEC Member of the Year Award (Dr Jim Webster) and the ANZCCART NZ Secondary School Student Essay Competition (Millie Ashley, 1st, and Candice Liu, 2nd). [The winner of the 2024 Aotearoa New Zealand John Schofield Three Rs Implementation Award – a biennial award jointly sponsored by ANZCCART NZ and NAEAC – was chosen at the end of the year but is not announced until early 2025.]

In closing I thank all the members of the NZ ANZCCART Board for their considerable mahi (work) during 2024, and in particular our executive officer, Marc Rand (Royal Society | Te Apārangi), without whom we could not function. I also thank the members of the Australian ANZCCART Board and its administrative manager, Chris Wadey, for the many collaborative activities between the two Boards.

Finally, I thank most sincerely our twelve ANZCCART NZ financial full and associate members who provide us with the financial support required, and ongoing encouragement, to promote and to advance the care of animals used in research and teaching.

Emeritus Professor Pat Cragg



ANZCCART New Zealand Board and Staff

ANZCCART in New Zealand operates as a Standing Committee of the Royal Society Te Apārangi, and subject to its [General Rules](#) pursuant to s32 of the [Royal Society of New Zealand Act 1997](#). All appointments to the Committee, except for deputy chair, are ratified by the Chief Executive of the Royal Society Te Apārangi. The Royal Society Te Apārangi has a seat on the Board of ANZCCART Australia.

ANZCCART NEW ZEALAND BOARD 2024

Chair

Pat Cragg BSc (Hons), PhD	Appointed by the Royal Society Te Apārangi
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Deputy Chair

Arnja Dale, BSc, GDHE, MSc (Hons), PhD	SPCA New Zealand (SPCA nominee)
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Members

Ngaio Beausoleil BSc, PhD, PGCert	Massey University (Universities New Zealand nominee)
Sally Birdsall BA, DipTchg, GDITE, MED (Hons), PhD	University of Auckland (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangi)
Vanessa Borman MSc (5/8/21 – 4/10/24)	AgResearch (AgResearch nominee)
Justin Dean BSc (Tech), MSc, PhD	University of Auckland (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangi)
Susan Doohan BVSc (22/11/24 -)	AgResearch (AgResearch nominee)
Mike King BApplSc (Hons), PhD, PGDipArts (01/8/16 – 31/7/24)	University of Otago (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangi)
Tipene Merritt BA, LLB, LLM (Hons)	University of Canterbury (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangi)

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Michael Pankhurst BSc (Hons) PhD (10/12/24 -)	University of Otago (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangī)
Stacey Parbhu BSc MSc	Ministry for Primary Industries (Associate member nominee)
Ian Saldanha BSc, PGDipSci	Cawthron Institute (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangī)

ANZCCART Fellow

An observer position for postgraduates (within 8 years of completion of their degree) on the NZ Board

Morgan Heslop BSc, MSc, PhD	Massey University (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangī)
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Executive Officer (part-time)

Marc Rands BSc (Hons), DPhil, FRGS

Full members of ANZCCART New Zealand

AgResearch
Landcare Research
Royal Society Te Apārangī
Universities New Zealand

Associate members of ANZCCART New Zealand

Department of Conservation
Ministry for Primary Industries
National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Ltd (NIWA)
New Zealand Veterinary Association
Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
SoleTech
Te Pūkenga
Unitec Institute of Technology - Dept Natural Sciences

ANZCCART New Zealand Board Report 2024

ANZCCART New Zealand Board held four in-person all-day meetings during 2024 on 21 February, 15 May, 31 July and 20 November, as well as joint meetings with the National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (NAEAC) and the Australian Board on 11 and 12 September, respectively. During 2024, the Chair of the ANZCCART NZ Board, Pat Cragg, represented New Zealand on the ANZCCART Board in Australia.

The Board developed a replacement member skills matrix to identify if there were any gaps that should be prioritised in appointing new members, and a new karakia Tīmatanga (Opening Prayer) was developed for the ANZCCART NZ Board:

Ko Ranginui	The sky father of the celestial realm
Ko Papatūānuku	The earth mother of the terrestrial realm
Ko Tāne	The divine essence of land and forests
Ko Tangaroa	The divine essence of waterways and oceans
Hei ārahi i ā tatou waka	To guide our canoe and work
Ki te hoe, ki te hoe!	To the paddle, in this canoe together!
Kia tina! TINA! Hui e! TĀIKI E!	Everyone, draw together! Affirm

The Terms of Reference for ANZCCART NZ were reviewed and the term of appointment was increased from two to three years, and the position of Deputy Chair was amended to be one year and elected each year to offer experience in governance roles to Board members.

Priority 1: To promote continuous improvement in the care of animals supplied or used in research, testing and teaching including the deployment of the Three Rs of replacement, reduction and refinement



New Zealand Animal Care Award

The 2024 ANZCCART New Zealand Animal Care Award to recognise the significant contribution made by individual New Zealand-based technicians and research assistants to the welfare of the animals was made to Charlotte Hurst (Senior Technician – AgResearch) for her research and training on rodent handling techniques; identifying ways to reduce the numbers of animals needed in

their work; supporting animal carers and overall regard for the welfare of the animals within research projects.

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New Zealand AEC Member of the Year Award

The 2024 New Zealand AEC Member of the Year Award, to recognise the excellent service offered to Animal Ethics Committees by their members in New Zealand, was made to Dr Jim Webster (AgResearch - AEC Chair) for revamping AgResearch's animal ethics system; implementing a new ethics database and dashboard; and decades of contributions to animal ethics processes and systems at the national and international levels.

Presentation to the Biennial New Zealand school science technicians Conference (ConSTANZ)

The Science Technicians' Association of New Zealand invited the New Zealand ANZCCART Board to run a workshop at their biennial conference that was held in October 2024. The organising committee wanted their members to learn more about caring for animals in educational settings. Sally Birdsall, Vanessa Borman and Ian Saldanha worked together to develop an interactive workshop to help science technicians learn more about their responsibilities for caring for animals in schools.



2024 Aotearoa New Zealand John Schofield 3Rs Award

ANZCCART NZ co-funded the 2024 Aotearoa New Zealand John Schofield 3Rs Award with NAEAC, providing \$5k of funding, and ANZCCART NZ Board Members took part in the selection panel.

Priority 2: To promote informed discussion and debate in the broader community and with scientists and students on the responsible use of animals in research, testing and teaching

Openness Agreement on Animal Research and Teaching in New Zealand

Five new organisations joined the New Zealand Openness Agreement (Auckland Medical Research Foundation, New Zealand Society for Parasitology, New Zealand Marine Sciences Society (NZMSS), Otago Polytechnic, and Cure Kids) and one organisation withdrew, due to being disbanded, during 2024 making a total of 34 Signatories.

ANZCCART New Zealand Board Report 2024 cont

A [report](#), [infographic](#) and [press release](#) were produced in early 2024 on the activities of Signatories over the second year of the Agreement. A webinar was held on 30 May to help Signatories better understand how to meet the Agreement's objectives and for the Board to answer any questions, and then Signatories (n=29) were surveyed for the third year of the Agreement (September 2023 to August 2024 reporting period) in accordance with Commitment five which is to report annually on progress and share experiences.

In Commitment 5 of the Agreement, it was noted "Three years after publication, ANZCCART, in consultation with Signatories, will review this Agreement and its impact and amend the document as necessary". 2024 was three years after the launch of the Agreement in 2021 so ANZCCART NZ set up a review group to consider improvements to the Agreement and consulted current Agreement Signatories about possible revisions.

A new website logo was developed to allow New Zealand Openness Agreement Signatories identify themselves as Signatories:



Review of the ANZCCART NZ website

The ANZCCART NZ website material was reviewed and updated. Over the course of the year, the website had 5,804 views (3,292 from New Zealand, 1,840 from Australia, 181 from USA, 94 from UK), with 3,013 unique visitors.

ANZCCART LinkedIn page

ANZCCART NZ shared its activities on its LinkedIn page, participating in EARA's #BOARD24 social media campaign, finishing the year with 210 followers.

Animal Use Statistics 2022

ANZCCART NZ produced a [press release](#) related to the Ministry for Primary Industries release of statistics about the use of animals in research and teaching in 2022.

ANZCCART Secondary Student Essay Competition

The 2024 ANZCCART Secondary Student Essay Competition, to inspire students to think critically about the role animal research plays in today's society and to engage with the difficulties that surround animal use, was won by Millie Ashley (Lynfield College), with Second Prize going to Candice Liu (St Cuthbert's College).

ANZCCART New Zealand Board Report 2024 cont

2024 ANZCCART Conference

A popular ANZCCART 2024 conference was held in Christchurch on 10-12 September, with 125 in-person delegates and 125 on-line delegates, and a workshop from Dana Briggs consulting, and a visit to the University of Otago (Christchurch) animal facility. The conference theme was the use of animals in education, teaching and training, and was attended by a journalist from the Guardian Newspaper, and by students from Hurunui College. For the first time the conference was generously sponsored by Tecniplast, Biological Associates, Dana Briggs Consulting, Lincoln University and New Zealand Antivivisection Society (NZAVS). The Proceedings of the conference can be found [here](#), and papers from the event were submitted to a special issue of the New Zealand Veterinary Journal.

Priority 3: To promote education and training in the responsible use of animals

New animal ethics resources including Māori knowledge:

ANZCCART NZ released new resources for teaching and learning about Māori knowledge of animals and how Māori concepts can inform animal ethics. These open-access digital resources are available on the NZ Science Learning Hub – Pokapū Akoranga Pūtaiao: [Māori knowledge of animals](#); [Māori concepts for animal ethics](#). A Māori medium e-version is also available to download. The peer-reviewed articles in Anthrozoös, resulting from the project were:



- Stewart, G. T. (2024). Animals of Aotearoa: Kaupapa Māori Summaries. Anthrozoös, 37(1), 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08927936.2023.2254552>
- Stewart, G. T., & Birdsall, S. (2024). Māori Concepts in Animal Ethics: Implications for the Three Rs. Anthrozoös. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08927936.2024.2389645>

Support Schools and School Science Fairs

ANZCCART NZ support for school science fair prizes, for projects with the correct animal ethics approval application, and that demonstrated the importance of ethics approval, were given to: Aurora Otago Science & Technology Fair; National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) Canterbury-Westland School Science and Technology Fair; and NIWA Wellington Regional Science Fair. The NIWA Wellington Science & Technology Fair ANZCCART Prize was won by Jedd Rix with an exhibit called “Creatures of the night”, and the Aurora Energy Otago Science and Technology Fair was won by Boon Franzbowden with an exhibit called “Do you see what I see?”, and Hebe Song, & Juliet Lyall with an exhibit called “Sniffing out Success” Requests for ANZCCART NZ curriculum resources were made by: Motueka High School, Wairarapa College, Queen Charlotte College, and Epsom Girls Grammar School.

ANZCCART New Zealand Board Report 2024 cont

Animal Welfare Officer Workshop held on 9 September 2024

ANZCCART NZ sponsored a NZ Vets in Research, Testing and Teaching Education and Networking Day on 9 September 2024, which provided a mix of formal and informal discussions around the rewarding aspects and challenges associated with being a vet involved in research, testing and teaching; animal health and welfare, in the context of the Three Rs; updates from recent conferences; and lots of opportunities to talk about challenging (ethically and/or medically) cases/scenarios.

ComPass

ANZCCART New Zealand provided feedback on the use of te reo Māori terms in the ComPass material and reviewed the farm animal module being developed.

Priority 4: To assert a role as a monitor of the care of animals supplied for or used in research, testing and teaching, including the effectiveness of statutory agencies and their processes

Interaction with national and international bodies

A joint zoom meeting with NAEAC was held on 11 September. ANZCCART NZ was represented on the following organisations:

- AAALAC (Jim Webster)
- International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS) (Jim Webster)
- Ministry for Primary Industries - National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (NAEAC) (Mike King)
- Ministry for Primary Industries - National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) (Arnja Dale)
- Animal Welfare Network Aotearoa (Ngaio Beausoleil)

Submission to the New Zealand Government's Science Advisory Group

ANZCCART NZ made a submission to the New Zealand Science System Advisory Group highlighting the importance of animal ethics and the Three Rs in underpinning the New Zealand science, innovation and technology system. The submission also highlighted the need for investment in animal welfare science research and the importance of Openness in animal research. You can read the submission [here](#).

15 April



ANZCCART 2024 Conference Report

The 2024 conference occurred from the 10-12th of September, in Christchurch, New Zealand at the Double Tree by Hilton. The theme of the conference was “The use of animals in education, teaching and training”.

This conference was generously sponsored by Tecniplast, Biological Associates, Dana Briggs Consulting, Lincoln University and New Zealand Antivivisection Society (NZAVS). Tecniplast, Dana Briggs Consulting and Lincoln University had displays up for delegates to visit. We also had presentations from Tecniplast and Dana Briggs Consulting which were well received.



The conference was a hybrid event where we had the highest attendance for a NZ conference this year with 125 attending in person and 125 attending online.

This year's conference included on 9th September a “Risk management” workshop from Dana Briggs Consulting and animal facility tours by University of Otago, Christchurch which were well attended. Science Media Centre Savvy express offered one on one media training to delegates in pre-allocated blocks during the first day of the conference.



We had a traditional Māori welcome to officially open the conference to welcome all our visitors. This was followed by the opening presentation for the Cam Reid Oration given by Prof. Natalie Waran. The conference had some amazing presentations based on the theme which generated discussions among delegates. We had a couple of thought-provoking panel discussions which included secondary school students from Hurunui College asking our panel experts questions about animal use in research, testing and

teaching. There were sessions which had to be divided into two streams as there were quality abstracts that were submitted for this conference that couldn't be turned down.

At this conference ANZCCART NZ launched a project with funding support from the Ministry for Primary Industries' Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures fund that developed secondary school education resources on Māori perspectives on animals and on their use in research and associated peer-reviewed publications in *Anthrozoös*. A huge thank you to Prof. Geogina Stewart and Dr Sally Birdsall for leading this project.

The ice breaker this year was booked at the Christchurch gondola which was meant to offer spectacular views of the harbour and city. However, this was not meant to be as the weather made it unsafe for delegates to go up the gondolas. After some quick planning the ice breaker took place at Mona Vale Homestead where delegates could network while a live Māori band performed.

ANZCCART 2024 Conference Report cont

One of the highlights at the conference was the dinner which was held at the Transitional Cathedral. Delegates had the opportunity to dress up and network whilst admiring the structures of the cathedral made of cardboard. During dinner our animal care awards, AEC member of the year award and AEC Australian member of the year were presented. Congratulations to Charley Hurst, Geoff Purchas (animal care awards 2024 and 2023), Jim Webster (AEC member of the year) and Tabatha McAlindon (AEC Australian member of the year).

A huge thank you to our sponsors, speakers and delegates for attending our conference and for making it a place where the use of animals in research, testing and teaching could be discussed in a neutral forum. We look forward to seeing everyone in Brisbane in 2025.

Organising committee (Marc Rands, Pat Cragg, Arnja Dale and Ian Saldanha)



15 April 2024

Acronyms

AAALAC	Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care
AEC	Animal Ethics Committee
AICD	Australian Institute of Company Directors
ANZLAA	Australian and New Zealand Laboratory Animal Association
ANZCVS	Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists
ARRIVE	Animal Research: Reporting of <i>In Vivo</i> Experiments
AVA	Australian Veterinary Association
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
DPI	Department of Primary Industries
EARA	European Animal Research Association
ICLAS	International Council for Laboratory Animal Science
MPI	Ministry of Primary Industries (New Zealand)
NAEAC	National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (New Zealand)
NCEA	National Certificate of Educational Achievement (New Zealand)
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
NIWA	National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research (New Zealand)
NZQA	New Zealand Qualifications Authority
NZVA	New Zealand Veterinary Association
PREPARE	Planning Research & Experimental Procedures on Animals: Recommendations for Excellence
RSNZ	Royal Society of New Zealand
RSPCA	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
SPCA	Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
UAR	Understanding Animal Research



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Research and Teaching (ANZCCART) Limited.

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The Board of ANZCCART would like to formally acknowledge the invaluable and ongoing support that The University of Adelaide has extended through the provision of free services. The University's commitment in providing these services have significantly enhanced our operational capabilities and enabled us to better fulfill our mission.

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL FOR THE
CARE OF ANIMALS IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING LIMITED**

ABN 14 063 383 522

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended

31 December 2024

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL
FOR THE CARE OF ANIMALS IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING LIMITED
ABN 14 063 383 522
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The financial report covers the Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Limited as an individual entity. The financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Limited's functional and presentation currency.

The financial report consists of the financial statements, notes to the financial statements and the directors' declaration.

Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Limited is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee.

The financial report was authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 15 April, 2025. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Directors of Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Limited (ANZCCART) present their report, together with the financial statements, for the company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Directors

The following persons were Directors of the company during the whole of the year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Catherine Pitkin BA (Hum), BBus (Comm), MIntComDev, Cert in Executive Management, Leadership and Development

Dr Mandy Paterson BVSc (Hons), MEd, PhD

Alice Marshall (resigned 15/10/2024)

Professor Alan Tilbrook BSc (Hons), PhD

Emeritus Professor Patricia Cragg BSc (Hons), PhD (Brist)

Professor Alastair Sloan BSc, PhD, PGCert, FHEA, CBiol, FRSB, FICD, FFDRCSI

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the company for the year was to provide leadership in developing community consensus on ethical, social and scientific issues relating to the use of animals in research and teaching.

Meeting of Directors

The number of meetings of the company's Board of Directors held during the year ended 31 December 2024, and the number of meetings attended by each Director were:

	Number of Meetings Attended	Number of Meetings Eligible to Attend
Catherine Pitkin	8	8
Dr Mandy Paterson	7	8
Alice Marshall	2	5
Professor Alan Tilbrook	6	8
Emeritus Professor Patricia Cragg	8	8
Prof Alastair Sloan	7	8

Held: represents the number of meetings held during the time the Director held office.

Contributions on winding up

The company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$10 each toward meeting any outstanding obligations of the company.

As at 31 December 2024 the total amount that the members of the company are liable to contribute if the entity is wound up is \$60 (2023:\$60).

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under s. 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 is included on page 7 of this financial report and forms part of the Directors' Report.

Signed in accordance with the resolution of the Company Directors.



Chair

15 April ,2025

Adelaide

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL
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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
REVENUE			
Grant/ Funding - other organisations		75,000	75,350
Grant/ Funding - other organisations carried forward		45,455	50,000
Conference		-	101,638
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>120,455</u>	<u>226,988</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Publications, sales & other income		11,780	11,513
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME		<u>132,235</u>	<u>238,502</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Employee related expenses		79,836	95,805
Conference expense		2,874	62,563
Administration & other expenses		54,993	23,167
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>137,703</u>	<u>181,535</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>(5,468)</u>	<u>56,966</u>
Other comprehensive income for the year			
In Kind contribution		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		<u><u>(5,468)</u></u>	<u><u>56,966</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL
FOR THE CARE OF ANIMALS IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING LIMITED
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		407,227	467,124
Trade and other receivables	2	13,274	6,010
Other current assets		4,900	-
Total current assets		425,401	473,134
Non-current assets			
Plant and Equipment	3	-	-
Total non-current assets		-	-
TOTAL ASSETS		425,401	473,134
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	4	24,163	16,929
Income in Advance		90,909	136,364
Employee provisions	5	49,985	54,030
Total current liabilities		165,058	207,323
Total liabilities		165,058	207,323
Net assets		260,343	265,811
Equity			
Retained surpluses		265,811	208,845
Current year surplus/(deficit)		(5,468)	56,966
Total equity		260,343	265,811

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Retained profits \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 January 2023	208,845	208,845
Comprehensive Income		
Surplus/(Deficit) Attributable to the Entity	56,966	56,966
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to the entity	<u>265,811</u>	<u>265,811</u>
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>265,811</u>	<u>265,811</u>
 Balance at 1 January 2024	 265,811	 265,811
Comprehensive Income		
Surplus/(Deficit) Attributable to the Entity	(5,468)	(5,468)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to the entity	<u>260,343</u>	<u>260,343</u>
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>260,343</u>	<u>260,343</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL
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**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Grant / Funding income		75,000	211,714
Conference		-	101,638
Other income		4,516	5,738
Payments to suppliers and employees		(139,414)	(155,496)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	6	<u>(59,897)</u>	<u>163,594</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(59,897)</u>	<u>163,594</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>467,124</u>	<u>303,530</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		<u><u>407,227</u></u>	<u><u>467,124</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The Directors of Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Limited, a company limited by guarantee, have prepared special purpose financial statements as, in the opinion of the Directors, it is unlikely there are users of these financial statements who are not in a position to require the preparation of reports tailored to their information needs. Accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared to satisfy the Directors' reporting requirements under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Limited has assessed that these special purpose financial statements comply with all the material recognition and measurement requirements in the Australian Accounting Standards.

a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements specified by the following Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB):

AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows

AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 1048 Interpretation and Application of Standards

AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures

AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

The financial statements do not conform with all recognition and measurement requirements in the Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below, with the Directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Accounting policies have been applied consistent with the previous period unless stated as otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis (with the exception of the statement of cash flows which is prepared on a cash basis) and is based on historical costs and does not take into account the changing value of money.

b) Significant Accounting Judgements & Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no estimates or judgements which have risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

c) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is self assessed as exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

d) Revenue

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

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to recipient.

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

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

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d) Revenue (continued)

When grant revenue is received whereby the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

(e) Property, Plant and Equipment

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

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised either in profit or loss or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a revalued asset.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including buildings and capitalised lease assets but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Computer equipment	Rate 20%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

(f) Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the company's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages and salaries. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The entity recognises a provision for employee long service leave entitlements from commencement of employment.

Contributions made by the entity to employee superannuation funds are charged as expenses when incurred.

(g) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

(h) Trade and Other Debtors

Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

(i) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount 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 statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Note 2. Trade and other receivables			
Trade receivables		-	-
Net GST receivable		13,274	6,010
		<u>13,274</u>	<u>6,010</u>
 Note 3. Plant and Equipment			
Computer Equipment at Cost		-	-
Accumulated Depreciation		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Note 4. Trade and other payables			
Trade payables		6,695	-
Accrued expenses & other current payables		3,832	3,300
Net GST payable		13,636	13,629
		<u>24,163</u>	<u>16,929</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Note 5. Provisions		
CURRENT		
Provision for annual leave	16,897	20,893
Provision for long service leave	33,088	33,137
	<u>49,985</u>	<u>54,030</u>

Note 6. Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating result:

Operating result	(5,468)	56,966
Adjustments for non cash flows:		
Depreciation Expense	-	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in Trade and other receivables	(7,264)	(5,775)
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	(4,900)	10,246
Increase/(decrease) in Trade and other payables	7,234	12,063
Increase/(decrease) in Employee provisions	(4,044)	3,730
Increase/(decrease) in Income in advance	(45,455)	86,364
	<u>(59,897)</u>	<u>163,594</u>

Note 7. Auditors remuneration

Remuneration of the auditor for:

auditing or reviewing the financial statements	1,800	1,800
	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>

Note 8. Leases

Concessionary leases

For leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions enable ANZCCART to further its objectives (commonly known as peppercorn/concessionary lease). For the current arrangement, which has no fixed term, with the University of Adelaide the company has elected to measure the concessionary lease at cost.

Note 9. Events after the reporting period

The directors are not aware of any significant events since the end of the reporting period.

Note 10. Related party transactions

Other related parties include entities with common directors or joint interests, close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by those key management personnel individually or collectively with their close family members.

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

No known related party transactions occurred during the reporting period.

Note 11. Member's Guarantee

The Company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a Company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum \$10 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity. At 31 December 2024, the total amount that members of the Company are liable to contribute if the Company wound up is \$60 (2023: \$60).

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL
FOR THE CARE OF ANIMALS IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING LIMITED
ABN 14 063 383 522**

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Directors of the Company have determined that the Company is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These financial statements therefore have been prepared in accordance with the accounting standards described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Directors of the Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Limited :

1. The accompanying financial statements and notes of Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Limited are in accordance with the *requirements of the Corporations Act 2001*, the members and other mandatory professional reporting *requirements*, including:
 - giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Limited will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors made pursuant to *Section 295(5)* of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors



Director

Dated

15 April 2025

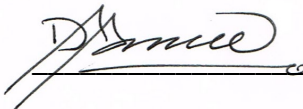
AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

To the Directors of the Australia New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of the Australia New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Limited, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect to the Australia New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Limited.



Debra Arnold **CPA**
Director
Registered Company Auditor # 45005

Date: 2 April 2025