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ANZCCART Australia

Board Chair Report

Professor Alastair Sloan

2023 was a year of excitement and change at ANZCCART Australia.

I was delighted to join the Board and take on the significant responsibility as Chair of the Australian Board. It is a responsibility I do not take lightly and having had a long-standing connection with the 3Rs in the UK, both in my previous academic institution, the UK Home Office and UK Government funding it is wonderful to bring this experience to ANZCCART.

Of course, our major action in 2023 was the launch of the Australian Openness Agreement and it has been particularly pleasing to see more and more institutions becoming signatories to this Agreement each month. This would not have been possible without the tireless work of Malcolm France, who now works as our Project Officer with Openness as a key part of his portfolio.

On October I was able to get all the Board together for a strategy planning day. This resulted in the Board agreeing on a new exciting, and very important, project focusing on creating a National Statistics picture for animal use in teaching and research in Australia. This will see us work with States to create a national picture. This will, all being well, begin in 2024. The day also helped us identify key areas of work we need to continue to support and grow.

Finally, I would like to thank the financial support of our key sponsors – CSIRO, Universities Australia and the Royal Society of New Zealand. I am very grateful for their support, without which our work would not be possible or have the significant reach that it does.

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

For the next 3 years, the ANZCCART Australian Board seeks to grow and develop the following opportunities.

- ComPass
- Australian Openness Agreement
- National Statistics and Reporting
- Public Attitudes Survey
- Communication and Partnerships

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 is able to achieve its vision and mission.



Openness Agreement

Openness agreements are a form of public pledge that institutions may sign to demonstrate commitment to greater transparency in animal research. The concept was pioneered in the UK with the 2014 *Concordat on Openness on Animal Research* which became the model for similar agreements in several other countries including New Zealand in 2021.

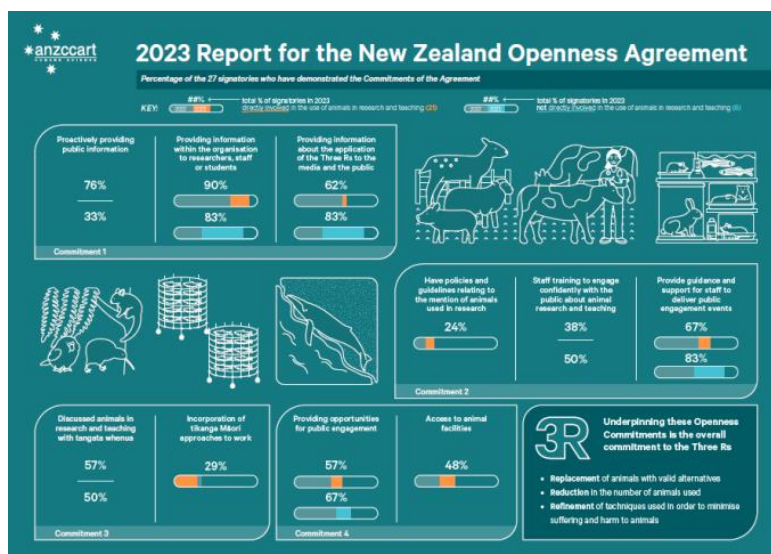
2023 saw an important landmark with the launch of the *Openness Agreement on Animal Research and Teaching in Australia* at the ANZCCART conference in August.

The Australian openness agreement was developed over three years with public and stakeholder consultation under the guidance of a working group convened by ANZCCART. At the time of the launch, 32 organisations had signed and this had grown to 43 by the end of the year.

While this support is encouraging, a considerable number of organisations in Australia remain hesitant about public engagement in relation to their association with animal research. It is therefore hoped that the leadership and commitment of those who have already signed the agreement will reassure more to do so in the coming year.

Another important landmark in 2023 was the second anniversary of the *Openness Agreement on Animal Research and Teaching in Aotearoa New Zealand*. The second report on progress since the agreement's launch notes that of the 27 signatory organisations covered by this reporting period, 21 undertake research and/or teaching with animals directly, while six do so indirectly by funding or supporting the use of animals in research or teaching, or have members that carry out such work.

A unique feature of the New Zealand agreement is that it includes a commitment to enhancing communications with indigenous peoples (tangata whenua) about the use of animals in research and teaching. The annual report includes a number of recommendations to provide practical support for organisations in their progress with openness. The infographic from the Report is below.



Dr Malcolm France, ANZCCART Project Officer

ComPass Animal Welfare Training Course



So here we are 3 years on with ComPass and I have refreshed the complete Core content, checked all the hyperlinks and made sure we have a mechanism for early users to be able to redo their training in the system. After my presentation on ComPass and discussion with members of the National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee in New Zealand Aotearoa, the Core module content has been updated as well as a stronger New Zealand content added, recognising the use of Te Reo Māori in government names and documents.

The ComPass Core modules were edited and reloaded in the system recently and now users who completed their training three years ago can reregister in the system using the same email address and refresh their training as required by their AECs.

One of the other items that arose from the New Zealand Aotearoa side of the Tasman was the need for a farm animal module. As I write, this is about 80% complete and I hope to have that ready for uploading in 6-8 weeks after team review. This module addresses not only the welfare considerations of regular farm animals but also those of horses and donkeys, deer, goats, camelids, fish and fowl.

Two wildlife modules have been added to the Phase 2 training options and are already attracting significant usage. The first is biased towards Australian wildlife focussing on marsupials, dingoes, monotremes, dasyurids, macropods, pinnipeds and bats. The second has marine mammals, cephalopods, crustaceans, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds and bats are repeated so this is slightly biased towards New Zealand users. Obviously, there is some overlap of species across the Tasman as some of their ranges extend across both countries' oceans or airspace.

So how are we going with ComPass usage numbers overall now? At the Adelaide ANZCCART conference I was able to announce that we had reached the 10,000 user milestone during the conference. **Now six months later, we are at 12,229 total users so we see about an additional 400 users per month.** The Core modules still have the lion's share attracting 8566 users but the technical modules in Phase 2 have a solid 3020 users. The two training template modules have been used by 265 folks and the AWO training module by a further 113 individuals.

Sustainability is the next big consideration. Now that ComPass has captured the imagination of many institutions and industry users and been mandated by numerous AECs, we need to address how it will be maintained and kept in good shape from here on. Funding models are being discussed to enable this. Currently ComPass relies on one individual one day per week for its upkeep and any user issues. ComPass continues to provide something useful as declared by its usage numbers. The challenge to keep it that way remains.



Kind Regards

Emerita Professor Gail Anderson, ComPass Team Lead

ANZCCART Australia Board Members and Staff:

As at the end of 2023

Name	Member type	Tenure	Position
Professor Alastair Sloan BSc, PhD, PGCert, FHEA, CBiol, FRSB, FICD, FFDRCSI	Lay Member	From April 2023 to April 2026	Chair
Ms Cathy Pitkin BA(Hum), BBus(Comm) MIntComDev, Certificate in Executive Management, Leadership and Development	CSIRO Representative	To April 2023 To May 2024	Interim Chair 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	
Dr Malcolm France BVSc PhD MANZCVS (Pathology)	Private Member	To Nov 2023 From November 2023 Ongoing	Project Officer
Professor Alan Tilbrook BSc (Agric) Hon PhD	Universities Australia Representative	From November 2022 ongoing	
Emerita Professor Gail Anderson BVSc (hons), MSc, PhD, DACVS, CCRP, Principal Fellow Higher Education Academy (UK)	-	To July 2024	ComPass Co-ordinator
Ms Chris Wadey	Company Secretary	Continuing	Administrative Manager

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 Board Meetings attendance

Board meeting attendance for 2023

	24 January	21 February	21 March	18 April	16 May	19 June	17 July	18 September	3 October	16 October	12 December
David Mason	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alastair Sloan	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cathy Pitkin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pat Cragg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mandy Paterson	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alan Tilbrook	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
Malcolm France	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
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 current Directors

Professor Alastair Sloan BSc, 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.

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.

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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 Malcolm France BVSc PhD MANZCVS (Pathology)

Malcolm France is a consultant veterinarian working in the care and management of laboratory animals. He has a PhD in veterinary pathology and has served as the director of animal facilities at two of Australia's Group of Eight universities. Other appointments have included chair of two Animal Ethics Committees, reviewer for the international journal Laboratory Animals, ad hoc site visitor for AAALAC International, inaugural President, Registrar and Public Officer of ANZLAA, member of the ICLAS regional committee, and secretary of the ANZCVS laboratory animal chapter.



ANZCCART Australia Board Report 2023

In 2023, the Australian Board held 10 meetings via video and a face-to-face Strategic Planning Meeting held in October in Brisbane. A combined meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Board Members was held at the Adelaide Conference in August and attended in-person for those members at the Conference and by zoom. This report highlights the key milestones and initiatives undertaken by the Board throughout the year.

The year commenced with Cathy assuming the interim chair role, ensuring continuity and effective leadership during a period of transition. David's continued involvement as the outgoing chair provided valuable insight and guidance to the Board. The search for a new chair was initiated, culminating in the appointment of Professor Alastair Sloan in April. Professor Sloan's expertise and passion for animal welfare and research position him as a valuable asset to ANZCCART's leadership.

One of the pivotal achievements of 2023 was the launch of the Australian Openness Agreement. The finalisation of this agreement emphasises ANZCCART's commitment in promoting transparency and accountability within the animal welfare and research community. The Board's appreciation and thanks go to Malcolm France for his ongoing commitment and tireless work on progressing the Openness Agreement to this stage. The work now continues with sourcing and securing additional Supporters and Signatories.

Another outstanding accomplishment was the exponential growth of the Compass Training Course, with enrolment surpassing 11,000 participants by the end of 2023. The course's widespread adoption by institutions as part of their training requirements reflects the need for such courses and the efficacy in fostering best practices in animal care and research. The New Zealand content of ComPass has been expanded following engagement with relevant stakeholders. ComPass was 3 at the end of the year and the next step is to update the modules ensuring their relevance and effectiveness in meeting evolving industry standards. The Board would like to thank Gail in working diligently towards achieving the number of users ComPass now has.

The successful Adelaide Conference in August demonstrated ANZCCART's commitment to knowledge exchange and professional development. With over 200 delegates in attendance, the conference provided a platform for meaningful discourse and networking opportunities. The interactive workshops and tours received commendation from delegates for their engaging format and relevance and will be a regular addition to our Conferences ongoing.

Throughout the year, the Board remained diligent in its financial management and governance responsibilities. The adoption of the 2022 Annual Report and audited financial statements highlighted the Board's commitment to transparency and accountability. Additionally, the strategic planning meeting in Brisbane in October facilitated constructive discussions on ongoing and new initiatives, including the expansion of the Board and the revision of ANZCCART's mission statement.

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In November, Malcolm was appointed as the ANZCCART Project Officer, bringing fresh perspective and enthusiasm to the team. His departure from the Board was met with gratitude for his dedicated service over four years.

The year concluded with the creation of the Communication Specialist Board Member Position, supporting ANZCCART's commitment in expanding the expertise and capabilities of the Board and enhancing its communication strategies.

In summary, 2023 was a year of significant achievements and forward-thinking initiatives for the ANZCCART Board. Despite transitions and challenges, the Board's cohesive teamwork, strategic vision, and dedication to the care of animals in research and teaching have positioned ANZCCART for continued success in the years ahead.

The Board would also like to give special thanks to Chris Wadey, our dedicated Administrative Manager for her tireless and much appreciated efforts throughout the year.



ANZCCART Australia Board and Council throughout 2023

Chair:

Professor Alastair Sloan BSc, PhD, PGCert, FHEA, CBiol, FRSB, FICD, FFDRCSI	Lay Member
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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 Malcolm France BVSc, PhD, MANZCVS (Pathology)	Science Communicator (to December 2023)
Dr Sue Martin BVSc	Department of Natural Resources and Environment – Tasmania
Dr David Mason BVSc MANZCVSc GAICD MBA	Lay Member (to May 2023)
Dr Mandy Paterson BVSc (Hons), MEd, PhD	RSPCA Representative
Ms Cathy Pitkin BA(Hum), BBus(Comm), MIntComDev, Certificate in Executive Management, Leadership and Development	CSIRO 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



ANZCCART New Zealand

Board Chair Foreword

Emeritus Professor Pat Cragg

It is with pleasure I provide, for the first time, a foreword to the NZ Board Report.

As the Report reveals 2023 was a busy and productive year for ANZCCART (NZ), in particular: the release in March 2023 of the 1st Annual Report on progress in 2021/22 by the then 27 signatories to the NZ Openness Agreement; a media release in August 2023 on ANZCCART (NZ)'s comments on the 2021 Animal Use Statistics in NZ (released by the Ministry for Primary Industries in mid-2023); another booklet in the Three Rs Resources series, this time on Tissue Sharing, released in August 2023; and publication in September 2023 of the ANZCCART (NZ)-commissioned Public Survey on Attitudes to use of animals in research and teaching in NZ. Of course, there is other ongoing work as indicated in the 2023 NZ Board Report and of particular note is the 2-, now 3-year, project on developing an understanding of Māori perspectives on animals in science and producing associated educational resources.

Refreshing the ANZCCART (NZ) website is an ongoing task, and we started the year by placing the NZ Board's Terms of Reference on our website; the ToRs were a new initiative as up to that point our work was covered in a more general way by the processes inherent to the Royal Society | Te Apārangi, of which the NZ Board is a committee. In developing those ToRs we introduced a new Board position that of Kaimahi Māori and welcomed Tipene Merrit from Canterbury University into that role in July 2023. Our Board also has a Postgraduate Observer position initiated in 2021 and filled superbly for 2 years by Essie Van Zuylen (Otago and then Canterbury University) and replaced in April 2023 by Morgan Heslop (Massey University). Both the Māori and Postgraduate positions provide the NZ Board with unique perspectives for our work in the care of animals used in research and teaching.

At the end of November, we farewelled Kate Littin (Ministry for Primary Industries) who had been the associate members' representative on the NZ Board since July 2018 and over the 5 years has provided sound advice to and extensive mahi (work) for the NZ Board. Kate, thank you! Kate has been replaced by Stacey Parbhu who by happen chance is also from the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Congratulations are warmly extended to the winners of the ANZCCART NZ Animal Care Award (Geoff Purchas), ANZCCART NZ AEC Member of the Year Award (Adrian Bibby) and the ANZCCART NZ Secondary School Student Essay Competition (Brier Chin and Hasnula Babaranda). Congratulations also

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to the winner of the 2022 Aotearoa New Zealand John Schofield Three Rs Implementation Award (Neil Ward and Massey University colleagues) – an award jointly sponsored by ANZCCART NZ and NAEAC (National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee) and announced in August 2023.

We finished the year by working with the Australian Board to refresh ANZCCART’s shared Vision, Mission and Role statements and capturing on our NZ website NZ-specific Aims and Values. Both myself (by zoom) and the Deputy Chair, Arnja Dale, (in-person) participated in the Australian Board’s strategy day in Brisbane in early October.

Eight of twelve NZ Board members were able to participate in the excellent 2023 ANZCCART Conference held in Adelaide in August. Thank you, Australia. We look forward to hosting the 2024 ANZCCART Conference in Christchurch New Zealand (10-12 September) – for which, during the course of 2023 we have been developing the programme, gaining sponsorship and sorting associated venues, workshops and social events.

I close by thanking all the members of the NZ ANZCCART Board for their considerable mahi during 2023, and in particular our executive officer, Marc Rands (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 Apārangī, 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 Apārangī. The Royal Society Te Apārangī has a seat on the Board of ANZCCART Australia.

ANZCCART NEW ZEALAND BOARD 2023

Chair

Pat Cragg BSc (Hons), PhD	Appointed by the Royal Society Te Apārangī
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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 (1/1/2023 -)	Massey University (Universities New Zealand nominee)
Sally Birdsall BA, DipTchg, GDITE, MED (Hons), PhD	University of Auckland (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangī)
Vanessa Borman MSc	AgResearch (AgResearch nominee)
Justin Dean BSc (Tech), MSc, PhD	University of Auckland (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangī)
Mike King BAppSc(Hons), PhD, PGDipArts	University of Otago (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangī)
Kate Littin BSc, MSc, PhD 10/7/2023 – 22/11/2023	Ministry for Primary Industries (Associate member nominee)
Tipene Merritt BA, LLB, LLM (Hons) (3/7/2023 -)	University of Canterbury (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangī)
StaceyParbhu BSc 15/12/2023 -)	Ministry for Primary Industries (Associate member nominee)
Ian Saldanha BSc, PGDipSci	Cawthron (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangī)

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ANZCCART Fellow

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

Essie Van Zuylen BSc, PGDipSci, PhD from 19/4/2021 – 19/4/23)	University of Canterbury (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangī)
Morgan Heslop BSc, MSc, PhD (22/4/2023 -)	Massey University (Appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangī)

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

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ANZCCART (NZ)

ANZCCART New Zealand Board held four in-person meetings during 2023, as well as a video conference with the National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (NAEAC) on 8 February. Representatives of the Board also attended the 2023 Adelaide ANZCCART conference where an in-person/zoom meeting with the Australian Board was held on 10 August. During 2023, the Chair of the ANZCCART (NZ) Board, Pat Cragg, represented New Zealand on the ANZCCART Board in Australia.

The New Zealand Board established specific [Terms of Reference](#), approved by the Royal Society Te Apārangī of which the ANZCCART (NZ) Board is a Committee, and a Conflicts of Interest Register. A New Zealand Chair report was also added to the monthly ANZCCART newsletter from November.

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

Animal Care Award

The 2023 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 Geoff Purchas (Agricultural Field Technician, Massey University) in recognition of his work with deer, and in particular his support for student deer handling training and research sampling with deer.

New Zealand AEC Member of the Year Award

The 2023 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 Adrian Bibby (secretary to AEC University of Victoria, Wellington), in recognition of his work and dedication to the ethical aspects of animal research, including the renewal of the university's AEC's code of ethical conduct, and being instrumental to the university joining the ANZCCART Openness Agreement.

Develop new Three Rs booklet

A Three Rs booklet was produced on [Tissue Sharing](#), focusing on the work of the winner of the 2022 Aotearoa New Zealand John Schofield Three Rs Implementation Award. The winner, Neil Ward and the Massey University tissue bank, provided a platform that fosters collaboration, and reduces animal involvement in research, testing and teaching.

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

Three new organisations joined the New Zealand Openness Agreement (Heart Foundation, Wellington Zoo and Dairy Trust Taranaki) during 2023 making a total of 30 signatories. A [report](#), [infographic](#) and [press release](#) were produced in early 2023 on the activities of signatories over the first year of the Agreement. A webinar was held on 14 June to help signatories better understand how to meet the Agreement's objectives and answer any questions, and then Signatories (n=27) were surveyed for the second year of

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the Agreement (September 2022 to August 2023 reporting period) in accordance with Commitment five which is to report annually on progress and share experiences.

Review of the ANZCCART NZ website

The ANZCCART NZ website material was reviewed and updated, incorporating in January 2024 the new joint vision, mission and role of the Australian and New Zealand Boards.

Development of a Social Media Policy

The Board developed a social media policy for the use of social media by ANZCCART (NZ)'s Board members and support staff.

Public survey on animal use in New Zealand

A public survey on [New Zealanders' attitudes to animal research in 2023](#) was commissioned from NielsenIQ and the report published on the ANZCCART website on 13 November, along with a [media release](#).

Animal Use Statistics 2021

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 2021.

Digitising ANZCCART NZ Proceedings

The Proceedings of the first ANZCCART NZ conferences (1994-2003) were digitised and published on the ANZCCART NZ website.

ANZCCART Secondary Student Essay Competition

The 2023 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 Brier Chin, Wellington Girls' College, with Second Prize going to Hasnula Babaranda, James Hargest College.

Development of a programme for the 2024 ANZCCART Conference

A draft programme was developed and keynote speakers identified and invited to present at the 2024 Conference. A call for Abstracts was issued, and arrangements made with the Journal of the New Zealand veterinary association to produce a special issue based on papers submitted to the conference. A sponsor prospectus was also produced and circulated to potential sponsors.

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

Develop educational resources around Māori perspectives of animals in science

Two Journal articles were submitted to the Journal Anthrozoos: Animals of Aotearoa & Māori concepts for animal ethics. Six digital stories of Māori people working with animals were undertaken:

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- Professor Eloise Jillings (Professor of Veterinary Education and Equity, Massey University)
- Hilton Collier (Agribusiness Consultant)
- Dr Kimiora Henare (Research Fellow, Auckland Cancer Society Research Centre, University of Auckland)
- Dr Leilani Walker (Behavioural Ecologist, AUT University)
- Rauhina Scott-Fyfe (Archivist, sea lion researcher, University of Otago)
- Winiwini Kingi (Tangata whenua)

Review of ComPass materials for New Zealand audience

The New Zealand Board reviewed the ComPass materials for a New Zealand audience and surveyed some New Zealand research organisations for their feedback on the fit of the ComPass materials with their training needs. The information was shared with NAEAC and followed by a meeting of the ComPass lead and ANZCCART (NZ) Chair with NAEAC on 23 August to progress greater adoption of ComPass within New Zealand.

Undertake a survey of university courses on the Three Rs

A survey of all eight New Zealand universities was undertaken to understand the extent of integration of animal ethics into university teaching, the extent to which universities foster research in implementing the Three Rs, and understanding how ANZCCART might better assist universities in these matters.

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. Requests for ANZCCART NZ curriculum resources were made by: Buller High School, John Paul II High School, and Catlins Area School.

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 8 February. 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 (Mike King, Vanessa Borm)



2023 ANZCCART Conference Report

8 – 10 August
Adelaide, Australia

The Australian ANZCCART Board hosted the annual Conference at the Hotel Grand Chancellor opening with a welcome by the new ANZCCART Board Chair, Professor Alastair Sloan.

This was followed by the keynote speaker the Canadian veterinarian and specialist laboratory animal pathologist, Dr Patricia Turner, from Charles River, presenting the first of her two excellent talks “Enhancing the Behavioural Repertoires of Rats Through Use of Novel 'Outside the Box' Housing”. She highlighted the social needs of these animals and how housing modifications can be used to effectively improve their welfare.

Dr Lewis Vaughan, AWO from Flinders University and Uni SA then spoke about the potential dangers of using weight loss alone as a euthanasia trigger when it may be due acutely to fluid losses that are treatable or be masked by relative tumour growth and body cachexia in cancer models.

The second morning session looked at welfare in marine animals – from welfare assessment methods for stranded whales to decapod cetaceans. After lunch the assessment of competence by AECs was discussed in a group setting with AEC members joining like category members to compare notes on how their AECs did this. A summary was presented by the convenor, Professor Gail Anderson revealing the huge variation in approaches taken to assess and confirm competency of animal users.

The final session was split between a tour of the SAHMRI PIRL facility in Gillies Plains, where the larger animal research imaging can be done, hosted by Dr Chris Christou. The concurrent stream described new methodologies in neuroscience to avoid the use of animals by using human data sets and computer modelling, the use of a 3D printed microplate insert for high-throughput and ultra long-term high-resolution imaging of live human brain organoids and a 3D chronic wound model - developments from UniSA and the University of Melbourne.

Day one was followed by a well-attended Welcome Reception at the hotel.

Day two started with a session on the ethics review process with an accessible talk by Dr Tony Rowe from CSIRO on statistical justifications used in AEC applications, a discussion of breeding applications

2023 ANZCCART Conference cont

and their pitfalls, as well as another great talk from Dr Pat Turner about managing behavioural needs in laboratory animals.

Session 2 focussed on the Code and Social Licence – with talks encouraging the review of the Code as it was last reviewed in 2013 so is now over 10 years old. Dr Alex Whittaker reported the results of her survey work on the Australian public's perceptions of animal welfare regulation and species protection. Animal Welfare Victoria outlined its approach to welfare regulation. These presentations were followed by a Q and A panel session.

Dr Corinne Alberthsen moderated a four-member panel discussion on animal number reporting around the country with members of AECs as well as NZ and Australian regulators. The panel introduced the topic, followed by an AEC category-based break out discussion and final overview presented by Corinne.

Wednesday's final session again was split between an optional PIRL facility tour or the presentation of three 3-minute thesis presentations by the PhD candidates – two on cardiovascular models to replace animals and one using synthetic antibodies to replace animal-derived ones. Well done to these PhD students and their supervisors.

The Conference Dinner was held at the Adelaide Wine Centre on North Terrace, a pleasant walk from the hotel passed the Botanical Gardens. The venue offered those from out of town an opportunity to see an extensive collection of the wine labels/varieties produced in SA over its long and rich oenology history. Not to mention some sampling of these fine products. Another highlight of the dinner was the presentation to the ANZCCART AEC Winners of the Year Award to Jeanette Robson (Australia) and Adrian Bibby (New Zealand).

Thursday morning started with a wildlife-themed session introduced by Gail Anderson highlighting the things that AECs should be looking for in a wildlife research application. Other talks included Zoo Animal Welfare by Dr Mark Smith, Adelaide Zoo, Koala inbreeding and its negative effect on male reproductive success by Dr David Taggart, and Dr Graeme Finlayson from Bush Heritage Australia talked about using GPS trackers on rare birds and feral cats.

The second morning session focussed on animal research and openness with a talk by MP Emma Hurst from NSW talking about their inquiry into the use of animals in research, followed by Ms Tara Jackson from Antivivisection New Zealand asking why we were not more open in talking about animal research in public. An update, followed on the New Zealand and Australian Openness agreements by Ian Saldanha and Malcolm France, respectively, who recognised important milestones: the release earlier in the year of the first annual report on the New Zealand agreement and the formal launch of the Australian agreement, both of which are reported in more detail elsewhere.

After lunch the first session presentations focussed on animal models and management. The timing of the meeting in Christchurch, Aotearoa NZ in September 2024 was announced, and the formal meeting closed.

2023 ANZCCART Conference *cont*

This was followed by a workshop on Assessing Competency where Professor Gail Anderson outlined the materials available now in the Compass suite of offerings for use by trainers and trainees to help in structuring assessment training and sign off for their AECs. This was well attended by about 40 members.

A final workshop on Model Making for Competency Training was offered on Friday August 11 at the Helen Mayo Building – hosted by members of the University of Adelaide Laboratory animal team and Gail Anderson.

The lab animal manager Ms Tiffany Boehm offered tours of the facility locally whilst Dr Adam O’Connell (AWO) helped with the model making lab sessions hosted by Gail. Each participant made an intravenous tail vein injection trainer rat model and a surgical knot tying board whilst in the workshop. The 24 attendees also received a mouse cervical dislocation model to take home and a pattern for this so they could make more at home with the use of a sewing machine.

Overall, there were 220 total delegates (online and in-person) for the conference and 100 (24 + 40 + 36) folks attended the two workshops and two tours. Thanks go to Christine Wadey for her organisational skills and all the hard work behind the scenes to make this such a successful meeting for all.

Look forward to seeing you all in Christchurch in September 2024.

*Emerita Professor Gail Anderson,
ANZCCART*



Alastair Sloan, Australian Board Chair presenting Jeanette Robson with the AEC Member of the Year Award



Mouse model making at the 2023 Conference Workshop



Pat Cragg, New Zealand Board Chair presenting Adrian Bibby with the AEC Member of the Year Award

Office Report 2023

I am pleased to provide you with an update on the office activities of ANZCCART for the year 2023. As we reflect on the past year and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead, I am excited to share our achievements, challenges, and ongoing initiatives.

The year 2023 presented itself as another busy and promising period for ANZCCART, with many activities on the horizon. One of the notable highlights was the appointment of Professor Alastair Sloan as our new Board Chair in April. With a background in the 3Rs from the UK, Professor Sloan brought a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the role, driving forward new strategies and initiatives while further advancing our ongoing endeavours.

Much of my focus throughout the year revolved around preparations for the ANZCCART Conference in Adelaide. The organizing committee worked diligently to ensure the success of the event and provided an interesting conference program featuring a diverse array of speakers, both local and international, showcasing groundbreaking research and fostering meaningful dialogue within the animal welfare and research community. Also offered were workshops on competency training and assessment for animal users and making animal models, as well as visits to the pre-clinical Imaging and Research Laboratories (PIRL), all of which proved to be very popular with many delegates. Being born in Adelaide as well as being home to the ANZCCART Office, I took particular pride in the opportunity to showcase the local expertise and contributions to the field, and I am pleased to report that the conference was met with resounding success.

This marks the 12th ANZCCART Conference I have had the privilege to organize, and each conference brings a wave of fresh ideas and challenges. Over the years, I have had the fortune of meeting countless individuals involved and dedicated in improving animal welfare and I look forward to the next conference and to interact with the vibrant community of delegates. To all those who have contributed to the success of this conference, I extend my heartfelt gratitude.

In October, we held our first Strategic Planning meeting with Professor Sloan, setting the stage for new ideas and renewed enthusiasm. It is through collaborative efforts such as these that we continue to innovate and adapt to the evolving needs of our organization and stakeholders.

In addition to preparations for Board meetings, newsletters and the conference, my day-to-day responsibilities encompassed various financial duties, including preparations for BAS and audit requirements, ensuring compliance with legal obligations, and website maintenance. Moreover, I remained engaged in responding to a diverse range of emails, addressing enquiries, and facilitating communication within the organization.

As we look ahead to the opportunities and challenges of the coming year, I am confident that with the leadership of Professor Sloan and the commitment of our team, ANZCCART will continue to thrive and make meaningful contributions to the field of animal welfare, research and teaching.

Chris Wadey
Administrative Manager

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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ANZCCART would like to formally acknowledge the invaluable and ongoing support that The University of Adelaide has extended to ANZCCART 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 2023

**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 2023**

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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 30th of April, 2024. 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 2023

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 2023.

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

Dr Malcolm France BVSc, PhD, MANZCVS (Pathology) (resigned from the Board Dec 2023)

Professor Alan Tilbrook BSc (Hons), PhD

Dr David Mason BVSc, MANZCVSc, GAICD, MBA (resigned from the Board May 2023)

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

Professor Alastair Sloan BSc, PhD, PGCert, FHEA, CBiol, FRSB, FICD, FFDRCSI (appointed to the Board April 2023)

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 2023, and the number of meetings attended by each Director were:

	Number of Meetings Attended	Number of Meetings Eligible to Attend
Catherine Pitkin	11	11
Dr Mandy Paterson	9	11
Dr Malcolm France (resigned Nov 2023)	8	10
Professor Alan Tilbrook	9	11
Dr David Mason (resigned May 2023)	4	5
Emeritus Professor Patricia Cragg	11	11
Prof Alastair Sloan	8	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 2023 the total amount that the members of the company are liable to contribute if the entity is wound up is \$60 (2022:\$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

30th of April, 2024

Adelaide

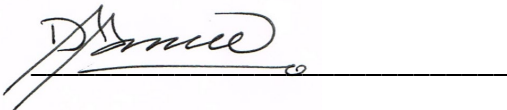
AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

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: 17 April 2024

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL
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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
REVENUE			
Grant/ Funding - other organisations		75,350	74,066
Grant/ Funding - other organisations carried forward		50,000	50,000
Conference		101,638	114,403
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>226,988</u>	<u>238,469</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Publications, sales & other income		11,513	364
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME		<u>238,502</u>	<u>238,833</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Employee related expenses		95,805	101,664
Conference expense		62,563	64,895
Administration & other expenses		23,167	69,853
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>181,535</u>	<u>236,412</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>56,966</u>	<u>2,421</u>
Other comprehensive income for the year			
In Kind contribution		-	30,000
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		<u><u>56,966</u></u>	<u><u>32,421</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		467,124	303,530
Trade and other receivables	2	6,010	235
Other current assets		-	10,246
Total current assets		473,134	314,011
Non-current assets			
Plant and Equipment	3	-	-
Total non-current assets		-	-
TOTAL ASSETS		473,134	314,011
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	4	16,929	4,866
Income in Advance		136,364	50,000
Employee provisions	5	54,030	50,300
Total current liabilities		207,323	105,166
Total liabilities		207,323	105,166
Net assets		265,811	208,845
Equity			
Retained surpluses		208,845	176,424
Current year surplus/(deficit)		56,966	32,421
Total equity		265,811	208,845

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Retained profits \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 January 2022	176,425	176,425
Comprehensive Income		
Surplus/(Deficit) Attributable to the Entity	32,421	32,421
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to the entity	<u>208,845</u>	<u>208,845</u>
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>208,845</u>	<u>208,845</u>
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>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Grant / Funding income		211,714	68,704
Conference		101,638	114,403
Other income		5,738	364
Payments to suppliers and employees		(155,496)	(195,551)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	6	163,594	(12,080)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		-	-
Net cash used in investing activities		-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		163,594	(12,080)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		303,530	315,610
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		467,124	303,530

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 2023

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 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Note 2. Trade and other receivables			
Trade receivables		-	-
Net GST receivable		6,010	235
		6,010	235

Note 3. Plant and Equipment

Computer Equipment at Cost		-	5,887
Accumulated Depreciation		-	(5,887)
		-	-
		-	-

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

	Computer Equipment	Total
2022		
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	-	-
Additions at cost	-	-
Depreciation expense	-	-
Carrying amount at the end of the year	-	-
2023		
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	-	-
Additions at cost	-	-
Depreciation expense	-	-
Carrying amount at the end of the year	-	-

Note 4. Trade and other payables

Trade payables		-	1,566
Accrued expenses & other current payables		3,300	3,300
Net GST payable		13,629	-
		16,929	4,866

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Note 5. Provisions		
CURRENT		
Provision for annual leave	20,893	19,460
Provision for long service leave	33,137	30,840
	<u>54,030</u>	<u>50,300</u>

Note 6. Cash Flow Information

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

Operating result	56,966	32,421
Adjustments for non cash flows:		
Depreciation Expense	-	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in Trade and other receivables	(5,775)	-
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	10,246	(1,757)
Increase/(decrease) in Trade and other payables	12,063	2,185
Increase/(decrease) in Employee provisions	3,730	5,072
Increase/(decrease) in Income in advance	86,364	(50,000)
	<u>163,594</u>	<u>12,080</u>

Note 7. Auditors remuneration

Remuneration of the auditor for:

auditing or reviewing the financial statements	<u>1,800</u>	<u>2,300</u>
	<u>1,800</u>	<u>2,300</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 2023, the total amount that members of the Company are liable to contribute if the Company wound up is \$60 (2022: \$60).

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL
FOR THE CARE OF ANIMALS IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING LIMITED
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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 2023 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 20th May

2024