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ABOUT SCAR

Second Chance Animal Rescue (SCAR) was founded in 2008 after vet nurse and local shelter volunteer Marisa Debattista witnessed first-hand how many beautiful animals needed help, versus how little resources were available.

Knowing she could make a change, Marisa launched SCAR with a few vet nurse friends and a handful of animals. Since then, we've grown into a network of hundreds of foster carers and other volunteers, with just as many cats and dogs in care. We're proud to say that by the

end of 2016 over 8,000 animals had been rescued from not-so-pleasant fates in pounds and shelters throughout Victoria, and are now happily settled in new homes around the state. (Of course, our adopters will tell you, the question remains about just who saved who!)

SCAR is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. We are registered as a domestic animal business in the City of Hume.



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OUR VISION

To be an outstanding animal welfare organisation in caring for homeless and unwanted dogs and cats and in enhancing the responsible ownership of these animals in the community.

We look forward to a society that no longer views adoptable companion animals as a disposable commodity and where all companion animals have a loving home where they are treated with compassion and respect.

OUR MISSION

Enriching the lives of companion animals by reducing overpopulation, increasing adoptions and engaging the hearts, hands and minds of the community.

We will fulfill our mission by:

- Providing optimal services to maximise pet adoptions for sick, injured, abused and abandoned adoptable companion animals.
- Reducing overpopulation of cats and dogs via desexing programs within our community.
- Providing education and resources to the public in all aspects of responsible pet ownership.
- Employing passionate staff and providing them with training opportunities and professional development to advance their skills and careers in an equal opportunity work environment.
- Promoting public awareness for Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc., our Vision, Mission and Core Values.
- Providing a quality and professional service to all clients, customers and requests for services from the public.
- Cooperating and liaising with like-minded animal welfare organisations.
- Fostering a safe, healthy and environmentally sustainable workplace for the public, our staff and the animals in our care.
- Managing our financial resources effectively and with transparency such that we continue to be financially viable.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Second Chance Animal Rescue would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the many volunteers, staff and wonderful supporters who make it possible for us to reach so many animals in need. Thanks to the combined efforts of these dedicated and caring people, we have helped over 3000 animals in the last year via our adoption and outreach services. What an extraordinary effort!

We have eagerly started the construction of our shelter vet room... In addition to providing discount desexing to the community as well as helping to keep our shelter veterinary costs low, our shelter clinic will play a vital role in educating local communities on the importance of desexing and responsible pet ownership.

We also developed the Hume Outreach Pet Program which is designed to address some of the deeper social issues leading to the increasing number of homeless animals in our community. We are happy to announce that we have partnered with Hume City Council who has jumped on board to help us implement this initiative in 2017.

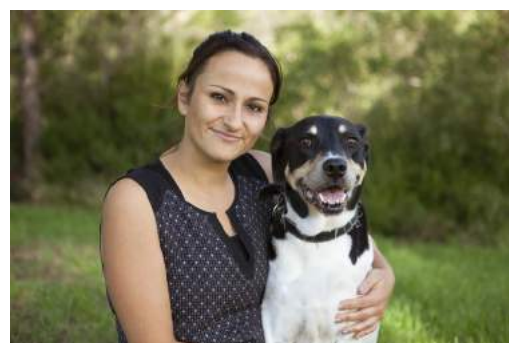
Over the course of the year, 389 people volunteered their time and expertise to our organisation, and 220 people provided foster care for an animal while we worked to find them a permanent home.

Our resources were again stretched to the limit this year, with over 1245 abandoned and surrendered pets coming through our doors in need of a second chance. These animals ranged from surrendered pets who were loved by their former families but had to be sadly surrendered due to family situations, health issues or going into aged care ... all the way through to animals who were terribly neglected in their former homes or were rescued from pounds.

None of this work would be possible without the ongoing donations we rely on from our animal-loving supporters. On behalf of the animals and our entire team, I extend heartfelt thanks to each and every person who has made a donation or volunteered their time - you have directly helped save thousands of lives.

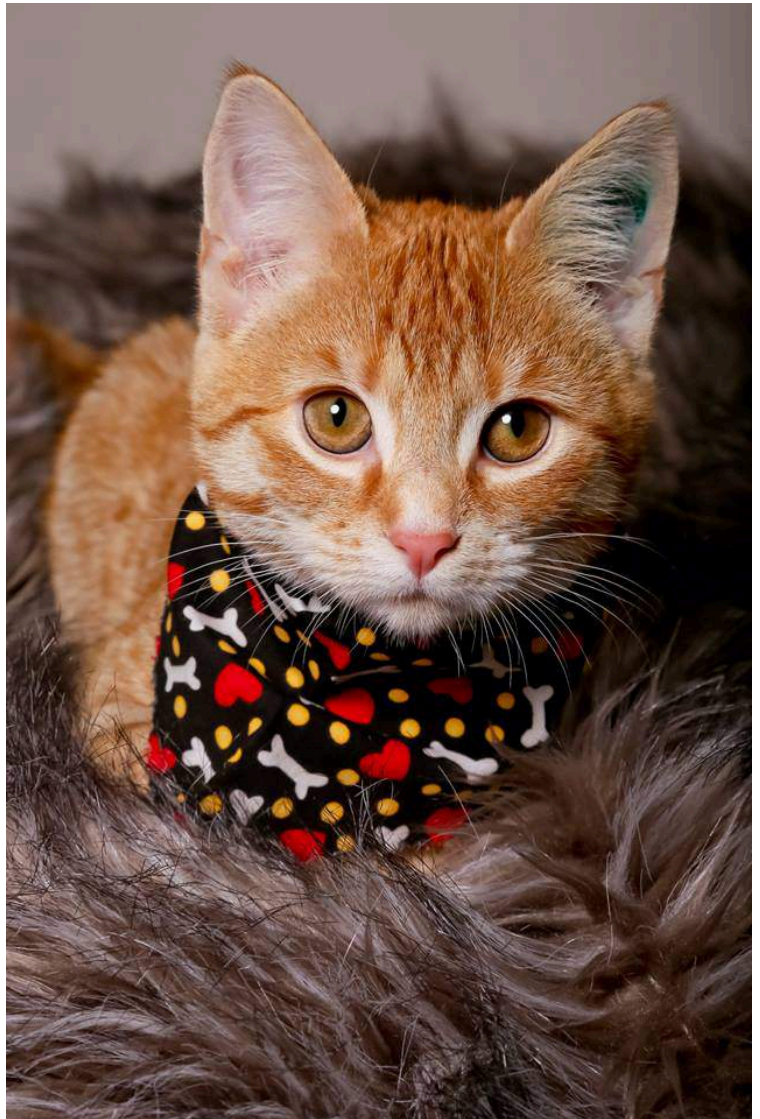
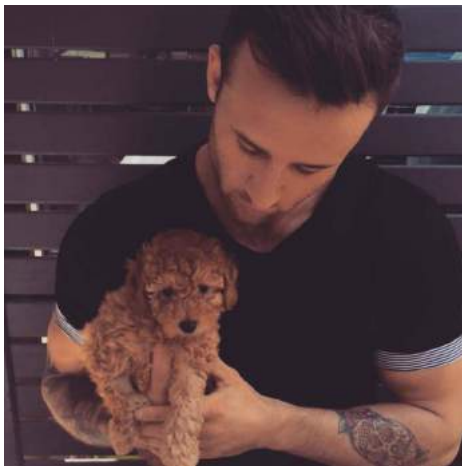
Our priorities for the next 12 months are to continue to grow our organisation to meet the needs of companion animals and their owners in our community and focus heavily on the building out community outreach program, the set up of our shelter veterinary clinic and the updating of our 5 year strategic plan document. As we look forward, my team and I are incredibly optimistic about the future of Second Chance Animal Rescue.

Marisa Debattista CEO/President



SHELTER NEWS

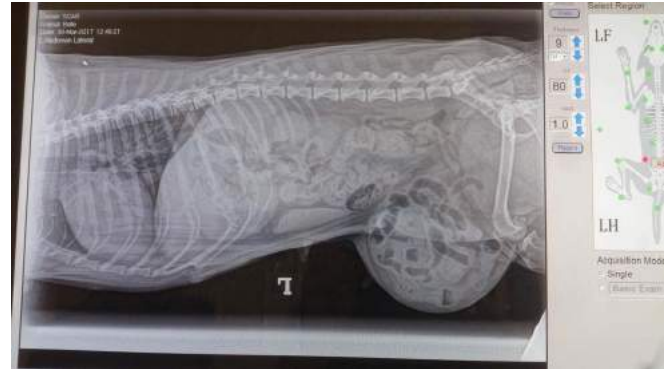
In 2016-2017 we very excitedly celebrated our second year in the SCAR shelter! We also started planning our next goal which was to open a shelter vet clinic within our Campbellfield facility! Over the course of the 12 months, 398 amazing people volunteered their time and expertise to our organisation and 1117 dogs and cats entered our foster care system where individuals and families cared for these misplaced animals while they found their feet and were eventually ready to start their new lives in their forever homes.



Belle was a lovely little Maltese cross girl that was down on her luck. A local pound that we work with contacted our team about a small dog in their care with a very large lump growing from her stomach a lump so big that it would rub on the floor as she walked. This poor little girl seemed uncomfortable, scared and was in immediate need of medical attention. Our team rushed down to the pound to collect her (as well as 19 other dogs and cats that we were rescuing that day from this particular pound) and dropped her off to our local vet to be assessed.



BELLE'S STORY



Belle had an enormous hernia that had been left untreated and needed corrective surgery straight away before it got any worse. Her surgery was long and a little more complicated than we would have liked, however, the brave little Belle pulled through with flying colours.

After a very long recovery and a full bill of health, 6 months later she was ready to find her forever home. And that she did - with a wonderful couple who to this day, treat her like the princess she always was!



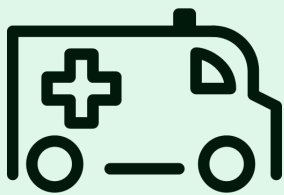
THIS YEAR...



**WE RESCUED 1,245 DOGS
AND CATS
FROM OTHER FACILITIES**



**WE PLACED 1,117 PETS IN
FOSTER CARE AND 1,115 OF
THEM WERE ADOPTED INTO
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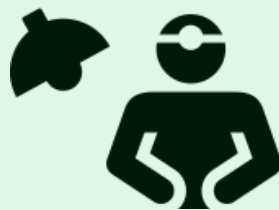


**24 DOGS & 26 CATS
RECEIVED
EMERGENCY
TREATMENT**



**1,513
VACCINATIONS
WERE PROVIDED**

**WE PERFORMED 1,089
DE-SEXING
PROCEDURES &
795 OTHER SURGERIES**



**389 PEOPLE
VOLUNTEERED
THEIR TIME AND
SKILLS**



**WE RAN 23 KIDS
ACTIVITY PROGRAMS &
COMMUNITY
EDUCATION EVENTS**



OLIVE'S STORY

Second chances look different in every story; Olive's second chance was not like the rest. This beautiful Doberman was rescued from the pound on one of our regular rescue trips. At the time we could tell she had lived a hard life, had been used as a breeding machine and was not in a good way. After an immediate vet visit it was confirmed that Olive sadly had aggressive cancers throughout her body. Even though Olive's prognosis was poor, her quality of life was still really good at that time. We placed Olive in foster care with one of our experienced staff where she was spoilt rotten and monitored carefully while she lived the remainder of her life out.



Her beautiful nature and her non-stop wagging tail had won over our entire team and everyone that met her would comment on what a lovely girl she was. Olive was able to live a wonderful 5 months in our care before we had to say good bye. The day she left us she was surrounded by people that truly loved her and there was not a dry eye in the room.

One thing we have learnt along our journey in animal welfare is that second chances turn out differently for everyone. For Olive, her second chance was one to experience the love of a family that cared about her, valued her and loved her until the end.



HUME OUTREACH PET PROGRAM (HOPP)

SCAR has always aspired to take a preventative approach to pet homelessness in Victoria rather than the bandaid approach of rescuing and rehoming, a cycle which is difficult to break.

**We asked the question,
'What can SCAR do to keep
animals with their loving
owners and avoid them
entering the pounds in the
first place?'**

We put our thinking caps on and after months of research and planning, the Hume Outreach Pet Program (HOPP) was born.

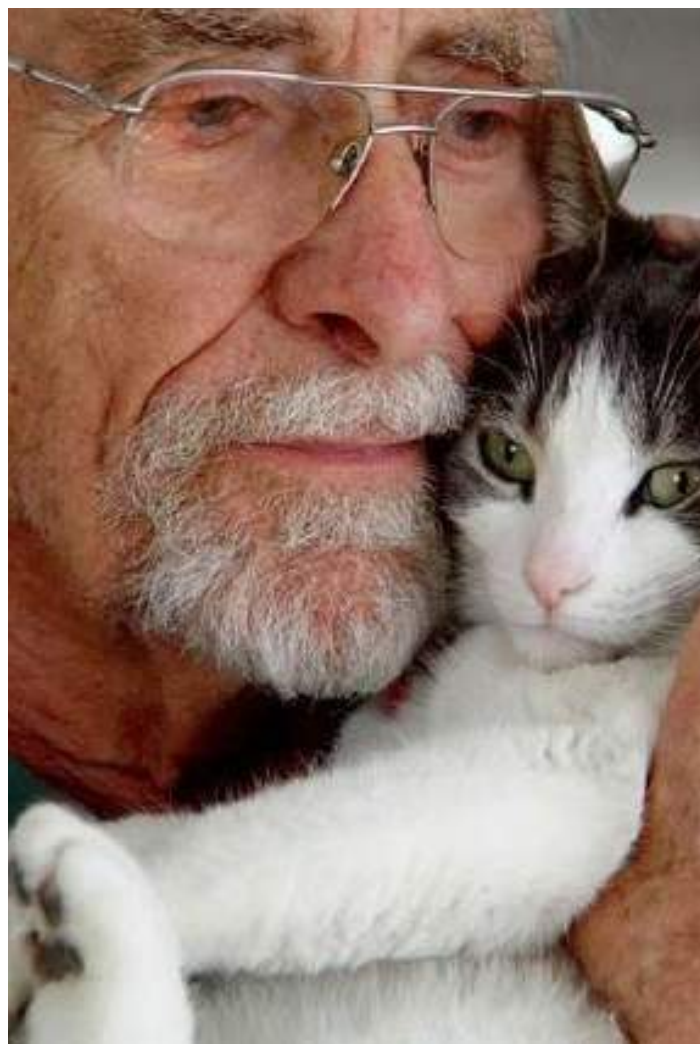
In partnership with Hume City Council, this ground breaking Program will address some of the deeper social issues leading to the increasing number of homeless animals in our community.

Human animal relationships are pivotal in society as they promote physical and psychological health in humans. Did you know that pet ownership has been linked to human health benefits including lower blood pressure, lower cholesterol, lower rates of depression and a better sense of well-being? Dog walking is an excellent preventative measure against heart disease. The act of patting a pet can relax and reduce stress levels due to the body's release of oxytocin, a hormone linked to emotional bonding. Pets provide their owners with companionship and the opportunity to socialise with other pet owners and neighbours, which can boost self esteem, decrease loneliness and provide purpose.

Unfortunately some members of the community are either financially unable or unaware of how to provide the care necessary to provide a good home to a pet. The Hume Outreach Pet Program will educate

the community about responsible pet ownership and provide resources and assistance to underprivileged pet owners to care for their pets before they become sick or homeless.

We are excited to be launching this program in partnership with Hume City Council in October 2017. Watch this space!



SHELTER RESCUE SERVICES



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**70% OF THESE ANIMALS
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OTHER FACILITIES
WHERE THEY WOULD
HAVE BEEN PUT DOWN**

As a not-for-profit organisation that receives no government assistance, we rely on compassionate animal lovers for the financial assistance we need to continue saving homeless animals in Victoria. We think it's important for you to be aware of where donated money goes.

Did you know that almost all animal shelters in Victoria act as pounds, which often requires them to euthanise healthy animals to make way for other strays?

At SCAR, our purpose is to keep all treatable animals safe, healthy and happy until they find loving homes. That means that your donations pay for essential veterinary care, life-saving

operations and rehoming services for homeless animals instead of funding high numbers of euthanasia procedures.

Unfortunately, for a few animals with untreatable aggression or illness, putting them to sleep is the only option. This was sadly the case for 27 of our animals over the past year. At SCAR, euthanasia is an absolute last resort. We never euthanise animals that have the potential to be rehabilitated and we are proud to have one of the lowest euthanasia rates (of 3.5%) of animal shelters in Victoria.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2016 - 2017 Financial Year STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

INCOME

Donations and Fundraising	\$180,663
Adoption Income	\$284,127
Interest	\$431
Other Income	\$8,593
Government Grants	\$11,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$484,814

EXPENDITURE

Veterinary Expenses	\$166,173
Pet Food	\$8,147
Equipment Hire	\$433
Rent & Outgoings	\$32,866
Fundraising Expenses	\$13,153
Equipment, Depreciation & Maintenance	\$21,540
Administration & Corporate Expenses	\$23,606
Travel Expenses	\$4,230
Wages & Employee Related Costs	\$249,217
General Expenses	\$1,095
Donations & Sponsorships	\$236
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$520,696
NET PROFIT FOR YEAR (LOSS)	(\$35,882)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Cash and Other Equivalents	\$62,481
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$64,811
TOTAL ASSETS	\$127,292

LIABILITIES

Wages & Employee Benefits	\$11,922
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$11,922
NET ASSETS	\$115,370

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for our facility, and the following local businesses and individuals for
participating in our Kennel Sponsorship Program:

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this essential community service. In particular, we thank

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and
Alexa Black

who made outstanding contributions to SCAR's work in 2016-17.
Thank you for doing what you do!





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...because they all deserve one

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