

The Australian Rhino Project

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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 September 2017

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Directors' Report

30 September 2017

The directors present their report on The Australian Rhino Project for the financial year ended 30 September 2017.

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Names	Appointed	Resigned
Elaine Bensted	20 February 2017	
Allan Davies (Chairman and Co-Founder)	28 March 2014	
Ray Dearlove (Founder)	28 March 2014	25 November 2016
Mark Stanbridge	28 March 2014	
Paul White	1 July 2014	

Information on the Directors is available on the Company's website - <http://theaustralianrhinoproject.org/>

Principal activities

The principal activities of The Australian Rhino Project (the Company) during the financial year was undertaking the sourcing of the first 'crash' of rhinos for transferring from South Africa to Australia, continuing to work on obtaining the necessary government approvals to transfer the rhinos and raising the required funding. It became apparent during the year after receiving government advice, that direct transfer from South Africa to Australia was not likely to be approved. Instead, the rhinos would have to be transited in a suitable country for quarantine before arrival in Australia. Research has revealed that either the USA or New Zealand provide the best opportunities for transit quarantine. In addition, significant effort was spent raising awareness of the rhino poaching issues through website updates, print media and advertising and social media.

No significant changes in the nature of the Company's activity occurred during the financial year.

Short term objectives

The Company's short term objectives are to identify the most appropriate location for transit quarantine, sourcing suitable (non TB affected) rhinos under threat of being killed by poachers for their horns, and obtaining approvals for transferring rhinos from South Africa to Australia. Once this has been achieved, the focus will then be on identifying further rhinos in South Africa for transfer to Australia.

Long term objectives

The Company's long term objectives are to establish a breeding herd of up to 35 rhinos in Australia, a place of relative safety and comparable ecology to their native home. These animals will act as an "insurance population" to supplement the genetic diversity of the rhinos already resident in Australasia in the event of extinction of the species in South Africa. It is intended to repatriate rhinos back to South Africa when the situation permits. A review of the Company's objective in-conjunction with representatives of ZAA (Zoo and Aquarium Association of Australasia) to relocate 80 rhinos resulted in agreement on the smaller number of 35 rhinos. This smaller number was considered sufficient to provide suitable opportunity to enhance the genetic diversity of the current population in Australasia.

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Strategy for achieving the objectives

To achieve these objectives, the Company has adopted the following strategies:

- Form technical advisory and partnership arrangements with organisations with the expertise and experience required to obtain approvals to bring rhinos into Australia and maintain them in open plain zoo environments. The Company has developed a technical advisory arrangement with Taronga Conservation Society and Zoos South Australia which have extensive experience over a considerable time in bringing wild animals, including rhinos, into Australia and caring for them. Both organisations have the capacity to quarantine and house rhinos in an open plain environment. Both these organisations are members of the Australasian Zoos and Aquarium Association which has oversight of the management of these animals.
- Use networks in South Africa to source rhinos for transferring to Australia. The Company has appointed an experienced and well respected South African resident to assist the Company with its South African negotiations for sourcing rhinos and also seeking approvals to translocate them to Australia. This appointment is structured as a pro-bono relationship.
- Approach state/provincial and central governments in Australia and South Africa to obtain the necessary approvals to transfer the rhinos.
- Raise awareness of the plight of the rhino and, through various fundraising activities, use the networks of the directors and associates of the Company to raise the required funds by way of donations and sponsorships.

How principal activities assisted in achieving the objectives

The principal activities assisted the Company in achieving its objectives:

- Significant progress has been made in understanding the requirements of the Australian Government to obtain the necessary approvals. Work is underway to determine the best approach to obtain approval from the South African Government to transfer rhinos.
- The Company has raised significant funds required to transfer the first "crash" of rhinos through donations, sponsorship and successful fundraising dinners. The Company maintains a strong balance sheet and cash deposits.

Performance measures

The following measures are used within the Company to monitor performance:

- Weekly progress against milestones set in the project management plan to source rhinos, obtain government approvals, arrange capture, quarantine, transport facilities and raise funds;
- Monthly expenditure against the budget for the ongoing expenses of running the Company;
- Monthly receipts from donations and sponsorship against the budget for funding required.

These measures are set by the Board based on input from three working committees which are responsible for implementing these strategies - Finance, Governance and Audit; Fundraising, Communications and Marketing; Operations.

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Members guarantee

The Australian Rhino Project 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 \$ 50 for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company including the costs of the winding up. This undertaking continues for one year after a person ceases to be a member.

At 30 September 2017 the collective liability of members was \$ 3,550 (2016: \$ 3,500).

Meetings of directors

During the financial year, 12 meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:


	Directors' Meetings	
	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Elaine Bensted	7	6
Allan Davies	12	12
Ray Dearlove	3	3
Mark Stanbridge	12	12
Paul White	12	8

Auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 September 2017 has been received and can be found on page 4 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director: 
Allan Davies

Director: 
Mark Stanbridge

Dated: 8 November 2017

Auditor's Independence Declaration under subdivision 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* to the Directors of the Australian Rhino Project

In accordance with Subdivision 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of the Australian Rhino Project.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 September 2017 there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Nexia Sydney Partnership



Lester Wills
Partner

Dated: 8 November 2017

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Australian Rhino Project

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of The Australian Rhino Project (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position at 30 September 2017, the state of profit and loss and comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 September 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report' section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report

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

the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at The Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Report on the Requirements of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015 (NSW)

We have audited the financial report as required by section 24(2) of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW). Our procedures included obtaining an understanding of the internal control structure for fundraising appeal activities and examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting compliance with the accounting and associated record keeping requirements for fundraising appeal activities pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015.

Because of any inherent limitations of any assurance engagement, it is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. An audit is not designed to detect all instances of non-compliance with the requirements prescribed in the above-mentioned Act and Regulation as an audit is not performed continuously throughout the period and the audit procedures performed in respect of compliance with these requirements are undertaken on a test basis. The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- a) The financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial results of fundraising appeal activities for the financial year ended 30 September 2017;
- b) The financial report has been properly drawn up, and the associated records have been properly kept for the financial year ended 30 September 2017, in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Regulations;
- c) Money received as a result of fundraising appeal activities conducted during the financial year ended 30 September 2017 has, in all material respects, been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Regulations; and
- d) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.



Nexia Sydney Partnership



Lester Wills

Partner

Dated: 8 November 2017

Sydney

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Directors' Declaration

The directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes thereto satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:
 - a. giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company; and
 - b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
3. the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income gives a true and fair view of the all revenue and expenditure of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals;
4. the Statement of Financial Position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs with respect to fundraising appeals conducted by the organisation;
5. the provisions of the *Charitable Fundraising (NSW) Act 1991*, the Regulations under that Act and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by the organisation; and
6. the internal controls exercised by the Company are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeals.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director 
Allen Davies

Director 
Mark Stanbridge

Dated: 8 November 2017

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 September 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue			
Donations in cash		112,103	336,533
Donations in kind		130,100	96,322
Event revenue - tickets, auctions and raffle	4(b)	-	123,285
Grant & sponsorship revenue		-	53,592
Merchandise sales		7,722	32,897
Interest received		10,102	7,039
Total revenue		260,027	649,668
Expenditure			
Costs		-	(78,255)
Consulting and professional fees	5	(242,491)	(285,068)
Travel and meeting costs		(2,356)	(31,325)
Other expenses		(19,043)	(65,192)
(Deficit)/surplus for the year		(3,863)	189,828
Other comprehensive income			
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		(3,863)	189,828

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 September 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	646,105	635,467
Trade and other receivables	7	8,988	9,715
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		655,093	645,182
TOTAL ASSETS		655,093	645,182
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	8	13,774	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		13,774	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		13,774	-
NET ASSETS		641,319	645,182
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		641,319	645,182
TOTAL EQUITY		641,319	645,182

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 September 2017

	Retained Earnings \$
Balance at 1 October 2015	455,354
Surplus for the year	189,828
Balance at 30 September 2016	645,182
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Deficit for the year	(3,863)
Balance at 30 September 2017	641,319

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 September 2017

	2017	2016
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from donors, events and grants	8,622	211,011
Donations received	112,103	432,855
Payments to suppliers	(120,189)	(516,046)
Interest received	10,102	7,039
Net cash provided by operating activities	13 10,638	134,859
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Net cash used by investing activities	-	-
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net cash used by financing activities	-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	10,638	134,859
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	635,467	500,608
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6 646,105	635,467

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 September 2017

1 Entity Information

The financial report covers The Australian Rhino Project as an individual entity. The Australian Rhino Project is a not-for-profit Company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The Company was incorporated on 28 March 2014.

The functional and presentation currency of The Australian Rhino Project is Australian dollars.

2 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Charitable Fundraising Act (NSW) 1991*.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Income Tax

The Company is exempt from income tax.

(b) Revenue and other income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Company and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, have been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

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

Donations

Donations, including donations in-kind, fundraising event income and bequests are recognised as revenue when received unless they are subject to conditions which require repayment if the conditions are not satisfied.

Interest revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Company is entitled to it.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(c) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

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

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

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

(e) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Company during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability. Trade and other payables are unsecured.

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4 Fundraising Activities

(a) Fundraising events conducted

During the financial year there were no fundraising events conducted.

(b) Net income from fundraising events

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Gross revenue from tickets, auctions and raffle	-	123,285
Donations received at events (included in Donations in cash)	-	4,100
	-	127,385
Costs	-	(78,255)
	-	49,130

5 Consulting & professional fees

Legal fees (donated)	75,000	75,000
Audit and accounting fees (donated)	20,000	20,000
Project management fees	113,291	190,068
Project management fees (donated)	34,200	-
	242,491	285,068

6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and on hand	646,105	635,467
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7 Trade and other receivables

CURRENT		
Trade receivables	520	-
GST receivable	3,874	6,176
Other receivables	4,594	3,539
	8,988	9,715

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8 Trade and other payables

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Accrued expenses	13,774	-

9 Members' 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 of \$ 50 for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company including the costs of the winding up. This undertaking continues for one year after a person ceases to be a member. At 30 September 2017 the number of members was 71 (2016: 70).

10 Key Management Personnel Disclosures

Total remuneration paid

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Company is \$Nil (2016: \$Nil). Directors provide their services pro bono.

Other key management personnel transactions

For details of other transactions with key management personnel, refer to Note 12: Related Party Transactions.

11 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 30 September 2017 (30 September 2016: Nil).

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12 Related Parties

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Ashurst solicitors - income for services	75,000	75,000

The only transactions with related parties, other than donations made by directors and their associates, were legal services valued at \$75,000 (2016: \$75,000) provided by the firm in which a director of the Company is a partner. These services were provided pro bono and accounted for as a donation in kind.

13 Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

Reconciliation of surplus for the year to net cash provided by operating activities:

(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(3,863)	189,828
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other receivables	727	1,238
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	13,774	(39,207)
- increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	-	(17,000)
Cashflow from operations	10,638	134,859

14 Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

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