# Australian Wildlife Conservancy United Kingdom

England & Wales · Charity number 1126703

## Details

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| **Other names** | AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE TRUST, FRIENDS OF AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY |
| **Status** | Registered |
| **Legal form** | Charitable company |
| **Company number** | 06684247 |
| **Registered** | 2008-11-13 |
| **Register** | View on the Charity Commission register |

## Contact

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| **Address** | 82c Portland Place<br>London<br>W1B 1NS |
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| **Website** | www.friendsofaustralianwildlife.org.uk |

## Activities

**Objects:** 3.1 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, TO ADVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BY SUPPORTINGTHE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN AUSTRALIA OR ANYASPECT OF IT (INCLUDING ITS NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA); AND3.2 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, TO ADVANCE EDUCATION BY PROMOTING, FOSTERING,DEVELOPING AND ASSISTING THE STUDY OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN AUSTRALIA OR ANYASPECT OF IT (INCLUDING ITS NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA), AND SUPPORTING THEDISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENTIN AUSTRALIA (INCLUDING ITS NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA) OR ANY ASPECT OF IT.

**Activities:** FoAWC is a UK charity established in 2008 dedicated to the conservation of Australian wildlife. Australia's wildlife is facing an extinction crisis and existing approaches to conservation are no longer adequate. FoAWC works with Australian Wildlife Conservancy, a leading non-profit organisation based in Australia, to ensure this wave of extinction does not continue.

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## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** AUSTRALIA
- Australia
- City Of London
- City Of Westminster
- Hammersmith And Fulham
- Kensington And Chelsea
- Wandsworth

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2024-12-31 | £494,127 | £493,734 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £315,500 | £246,022 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £176,560 | £164,431 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £126,134 | £127,302 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £131,363 | £135,989 | - | - |

## Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---|---|---|
| **Mark Coniston Mills** | Chair | 2014-08-29 |
| Adam Charles Hain | | 2023-01-12 |
| Barbara Teresa Carmel Waite | | 2025-11-01 |
| Louise Ann Mulley | | 2023-01-18 |

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# Accounts

# AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY UNITED KINGDOM

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

# TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

**Charity Registration No. 1126703**
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## COMPANY INFORMATION:

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| **REGISTERED CHARITY NO.** | 1126703 |
| **TRUSTEES:** | Mark C Mills, BSc (Melbourne)<br>Joanne Sawicki<br>Adam Hain<br>Louise Mulley |
| **CHAIRMAN:** | Mark C Mills |
| **REGISTRERED OFFICE:** | 82C Portland Place<br>London, W1B 1NS |
| **WEBSITE:** | https://uk.australianwildlife.org |
| **BANKERS:** | Lloyds Bank plc<br>25 Gresham Street<br>London, EC2V 7HN |
| **SOLICITORS:** | BDB Pitmans LLP<br>One Bartholomew Cl<br>London, EC1A BL |
| **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** | Oury Clark Chartered Accountants<br>Herschel House<br>58 Herschel Steet<br>Slough<br>Berkshire SL1 1PG |

**OBJECTS:**

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2. For the benefit of the public, to advance education by promoting, fostering, developing and assisting the study of the natural environment in Australia or any aspect of it (including its native flora and fauna), and supporting the dissemination of knowledge and information relating to the natural environment in Australia (including its native flora and fauna) or any aspect of it.

## TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees present their report, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document
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Trustees
The Trustees during the whole year under review were:

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| Jo Sawicki | |
| Adam Hain | |
| Louise Mulley | |

Organisational Structure
The Trustees of the charity are also the Directors of the company. The Chair of the trustees is nominated by the other trustees. The Directors as charity Trustees oversee the company. Mark Mills was appointed for an additional term of 5 years from 11 July 2024. Jo Sawicki was appointed from 15th November 2022. Adam Hain was appointed from 12th January 2023. Louise Mulley was appointed from 18th January 2023. The intention is that at least two board meetings will be held every year at which the Trustees may raise and discuss various issues. Two board meetings were held in the year under review.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustee
No new appointments in the year.

Trustee Induction and Training
There is no formal induction and training for Trustees. However, the Trustees have all been informed about the charity's mission and vision, so that they may help to set and achieve the goals and objectives of the charity.

Affiliation
The company has no legal affiliation to any other charity however it is made clear to all its donors that most grants will go to Australian Wildlife Conservancy ("AWC"), a large Perth-based Australian charity who owns, manages or influences land for conservancy covering almost 13 million hectares for over 30 years.

Risk Management
The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to major risks.

Public Benefit
The charity Trustees as Directors consider they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regards to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## ACTIVITIES

### Chair's Report

In 2024 AWC UK continued its upward momentum. Once again, a new revenue record was set including donations, event income, gift-aid and bank interest, increasing circa 57% on the previous year to finish close to £494,000. With weakness of the Australian dollar this translated to revenue of over A$1 million.

A new highlight for the year was the inaugural Koala Gala, a black-tie fundraising dinner organised by a talented and passionate team of young volunteers who became the AWC UK Young Ambassadors group. The event, held at the Cavalry and Guards Club, quickly sold out and attracted the full capacity of 144 guests. Ancillary fundraising activities associated with this event, including donations matched by The Big Give, lead to revenues of circa £150,000. I would like to offer a huge thanks to our Young Ambassadors being – Edward Hoddle, Jillian Bagnall, Bec Newman, Nic O'Connor and Jack Fernon.

Building on the tremendous success of the "Drive to Survive" go-karting event last year, our Board Director, Adam Hain and his Macquarie Capital colleagues, organised Break Point, a Padel tournament that attracted over 20 teams. Wimbledon Champion, Pat Cash, was a star guest and once again the Macquarie Foundation kindly matched the net funds raised bringing the total contribution to our revenues for this event close to £220,000. The event was commemorated with a beautifully designed book filled with photos of the event and interesting information about AWC projects which Lizzy then distributed to the attending organisations.

Our close contact with AWC continued this year with CEO, Tim Allard, spending a week with us in March and participating in a number of events organised by the Head of Development Lizzy Crotty to further expand our network and profile in the UK. One of our key events for this week was an evening in the Exhibition Hall of the Australian High Commission in which local presenter and broadcaster, Michaela Strachan, interviewed Tim on the topic of ***Why Wildlife Matters: restoring nature in Australia***, attracting over 80 attendees This week was further enhanced by the visit of our US colleagues and counterparts from AWC US Inc which enabled us to convene our first global in person Board meeting. Many thanks to Anne Krumme, Managing Director of AWC USA, and US Board members Joanne Pickhaver and Christine Zorzi-Wynne for making the trip to London to join us.

It has been hugely satisfying to see our organization continue its growth trajectory and the way our small team works so collaboratively and effectively together. For achieving this extraordinary result, I convey my immense thanks to our exceptional leader, Lizzy Crotty, our close knit and engaged Board members, Louise Mulley, Jo Sawicki and Adam Hain, and our wonderful and efficient Treasurer, Tina Jensen.

Finally, I would like to thank our loyal financial supporters who, together with their counterparts around the world, are the life blood of AWC.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of Business

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

Incoming resources exceeded expended resources by £393 (£69,478 in 2023). The decreased profit for the year, compared to the larger profit in 2023, is mainly due to higher costs and lower (unrestricted) donations retained in the charity to cover the costs. The revenue is up by 56.6% to £494,127 (£315,500 in 2023) offset by expenditure increase by 100.7% to £493,734 (£246,022 in 2023).

The 2024 revenue includes donations, event income, gift-aid recovery and interest. The donations have risen this year to a record £423,541, an increase of £125,758 (42,2%) compared to 2023. This increase derives mainly from a large event and a matching campaign. Higher received donations resulted in increased gift-aid recovery, which are up by 76.9% from £16,360 to £28,935. One event in 2024 received £35,013 in Event income whereas there was no Event income in 2023. Interest rose from £1,357 to £6,638 (389.2%), which predominately reflects a mixture of more cash held and placing in fixed term deposits throughout 2024.

Total resources expended increased from 2023 to 2024 by 100.7% from £246,022 to £493,734. This is mainly due to a higher grant of £386,171 (£155,105 in 2023) to Australian Wildlife Conservancy and this is the result of the increase in received donations. The grant is decided by the Board and is based on incoming donations for the 12 month's period from the 1st November to 31st October the following year. It is agreed by individual donors to exclude certain donations from the grant to cover the charity's future running costs.

Another expenditure increase in 2024 is in Event Costs (£25,526), which is 103.7% higher compared to 2023 (£12,529). This is due to two large events held in 2024 compared to one in 2023. A further increase from 2023 to 2024 is in Consultancy, which rose by 49.3% from £6,000 to £8,955. This increase is due to prospect research one-off consultancy costs with the aim of the charity to explore other donor channels. A final significant increase is in Independent Examination, which increased from £0 to £1,530. The volunteering Independent Examiner resigned in 2024 and the examination is now carried out by Oury Clark Chartered Accountants.

Principal Funding Sources

The company receives most of its funding from donations made by individuals and organisations, supplemented in some (but not all) cases by gift-aid.

Reserves

Over the year under review the company's reserves increased by £393 from £161,421 to £161,814. The reserves relate to unrestricted funds.

The Trustees seek to maintain reserves of at least £10,000. It is the ongoing company plan to make grants, if possible, towards the end of each financial year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

**On Behalf of the Board**

Mark Mills

Mark Mills, Chairman
5 June 2025

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

| | Notes | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Incoming resources** | | £ | £ |
| Donations | 1 | 423,541 | 297,783 |
| Gift Aid | 1 | 28,935 | 16,360 |
| Events Income | 1 | 35,013 | 0 |
| Sponsorship | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bank Interest | 1 | 6,638 | 1,357 |
| **Total Incoming Resources** | | 494,127 | 315,500 |
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| **Resources expended** | | | |
| Costs of Generating Funds | 2 | 107,529 | 90,904 |
| Costs of Charitable Activities | 3 | 386,171 | 155,105 |
| Governance Costs | 4 | 34 | 13 |
| **Total Resources Expended** | | 493,734 | 246,022 |
| | | | |
| **Net incoming / (outgoing) resources for the year** | | 393 | 69,478 |

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

There are no other recognised gains and losses.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

## BALANCE SHEET

| | Notes | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Current Assets** | | | |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | | 185,098 | 102,637 |
| Debtors | 5 | 1,218 | 85,722 |
| Prepayments | 5 | 951 | 797 |
| **Total Current Assets** | | 187,267 | 189,156 |
| | | 187,267 | 189,156 |
| **Creditors:** Amounts falling due within one year | 6 | 25,453 | 27,735 |
| **Net Current Assets** | | 161,814 | 161,421 |
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| **Funds** | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 161,814 | 161,421 |

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

For the year ended 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
Trustees' responsibilities:

1. the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476;
2. the Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts; and
3. these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

For the year ended 31 December 2024 the Trustees consider an audit is not required under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

The financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on and authorised for issue on 5 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf of:

Mark Mills - Trustee/Director

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective from 1 January 2015 (Charities SORP FRSSE 2015), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

**Limited Company**
The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Every member of the company guarantees to contribute a maximum of £1 on winding up, up to one year after ceasing to be a member.

**Incoming Resources**
Donations and legacy income are recognised in the year which the charity is entitled to receipts and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**Expenditure**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably, Irrecoverable value added tax (VAT) is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

**Cash and cash equivalents**
Cash and cash equivalents include current account, deposits held at call with bank and short-term liquid investments with original maturities of 95 days or less.

**Taxation**
The Charity is registered as a charity under the Charities Act 2011 and is not liable for UK tax on its charitable activities.

**Trustees**
The Trustees were paid no remuneration during the period and no Trustees' expenses have been reimbursed.

**Funds**
Funds held by the Charity consist of unrestricted funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

**Financial instruments**
The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised costs using the effective interest methods. The Charity does not currently have any bank loans.

## 2. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

| | Notes | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| Payroll | | 58,047 | 56,856 |
| Employers NI | | 1,478 | 1,008 |
| Pension | | 4,403 | 4,472 |
| Payroll admin charges | | 273 | 1,177 |
| Training & Development | | 1,431 | 1,536 |
| Consultant | | 8,955 | 6,000 |
| Event costs | | 25,526 | 12,529 |
| Memberships | | 1,120 | 810 |
| Subscriptions | | 1,208 | 1,001 |
| Legal | | 0 | 0 |
| Independent Examination | | 1,530 | 0 |
| Insurance | | 311 | 261 |
| Meetings | | 449 | 228 |
| Travel | | 1,653 | 2,005 |
| Website | | 0 | 122 |
| Office Expenses | | 224 | 20 |
| Postage | | 20 | 82 |
| Printing | | 632 | 789 |
| Telephone | | 269 | 279 |
| Computer | | 0 | 1,729 |
| | | 107,529 | 90,904 |

There was 1 full time employee in both 2024 and 2023.

## 3. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Grant to Australian Wildlife Conservancy | 386,171 | 155,105 |
| | 386,171 | 155,105 |

The Grant is accrued monthly as a liability as soon as it is received as a donation or gift-aid.

## 4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Companies House Fees | 34 | 13 |
| | 34 | 13 |

Governance Costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

## 5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Other Debtors | 1,218 | 85,722 |
| Prepayments and Accrued Income | 951 | 797 |
| | 2,169 | 86,519 |

## 6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Payroll | 2,183 | 3,679 |
| Consultancy | 4,580 | 500 |
| Grant | 17,160 | 23,556 |
| Independent Examination | 1,530 | - |
| Accruals | 25,453 | 27,735 |

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Australian Wildlife Conservancy United Kingdom**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Australian Wildlife Conservancy United Kingdom for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Basis of independent Examiner's Report**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Oury Clark Chartered Accountants
Hershel House
58 Hershel Street
Slough
Berkshire SL1 1PG

Date: May 27, 2025

Signature: Emma Crowley
Emma Crowley (May 27, 2025 15:09 GMT+1)

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| **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** | Kunal Amin, ACA<br>9 Firs Avenue<br>Colney Hatch Lane<br>London N11 3NE |

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## ACTIVITIES

### Chairman's Report

2023 was AWC UK's first full year under the stewardship of the new Board and the results were a testimony to the calibre of the team. Once again, a new record was set with donations, including corporate, increasing 100% on the previous year to finish close to £300,000.

Highlights of this year included in-person events only made possible with the help of our donors, our Board, and our volunteers. We were generously hosted by two separate long-term supporters in their homes for an intimate lunch, and for a drinks reception where we learnt about the importance of AWC's First Nations partnerships. The Western Australian Agent-General kindly collaborated with us to raise awareness of the Kimberley, and the challenges associated with undertaking conservation projects in such a remote region. Finally, AWC UK was the beneficiary of a fundraising go-karting event organised by Macquarie Capital, facilitated by AWC UK Board Director Adam Hain. It was a high-adrenaline evening where the Macquarie Foundation matched all funds raised from the event, resulting in a total of £150,000! Proud AWC Ambassador and F1 Champion Mark Webber joined us on the evening and generously donated an auction prize.

Our close contact with AWC continued with CEO, Tim Allard, spending a week with us in March and participating in a number of events organized by Lizzy to further expand our network and profile in the UK. Further, AWC's Chief Development Officer, Amy House, joined us in London in September to work with Lizzy and the Board on AWC UK's fundraising strategy and growth over the next five years.

Another development in AWC's global footprint is the appointment of a new Head of Fundraising in New York, who we have been working closely with to discuss a consolidated approach to unlock additional funding sources in across UK, Europe and USA. AWC USA's new recruit spent three days with Lizzy in London meeting donors and discussing the fundraising horizon across their respective territories. The Boards of AWC UK and AWC USA met each other online in December, and there are plans for the fundraising Boards to work closely together in 2024.

This year Anthony Deagan completed his 5-year term as a Director of AWC UK and since he had returned to Australia during this period, he elected not to seek reappointment. Anthony played a significant role in the rebuilding of AWC UK and with his infectious enthusiasm and passion for nature oversaw the provision of office space for Lizzy, the hosting of a number of events, and introductions to key people who support AWC in a variety of ways. I would like to thank Anthony for his terrific contribution and personal support during this period. I would also like to thank Chandra Eastwell who, unfortunately, had to cut short her tenure as a Board Member due to her relocation to the Middle East.

With a complete and talented Board working in harmony with Lizzy and our Treasurer, we have a terrific team that is keen to build further on the progress we made this year. I would like to express my thanks to all of our team members. In addition, I am grateful to our independent examiner, Kunal Amin, who kindly volunteered his services for an additional year.

Finally, I would like to thank our growing band of loyal financial supporters who, together with their counterparts around the world, make the critical work of AWC possible.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of Business

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Incoming resources exceeded expended resources by £69,478 (£12,129 in 2022) which is an increase of 472.8%. The increased profit for the year, compared to the smaller profit in 2022, is mainly due to revenue being up by 78.7% to £315,500 (£176,560 in 2022) offset by expenditure increase by 49.6% to £246,022 (£164,431 in 2022).

The 2023 revenue includes donations, gift-aid recovery and interest. The donations have risen this year to a record £297,783, an increase of £147,053 (97.6%) compared to 2022. This increase derives mainly from a large corporate event. Higher received donations resulted in increased gift-aid recovery, which are up by 45.4% from £11,251 to £16,360. The majority of donations are from corporates, which does not attract gift-aid. There was no event income in 2023. Interest rose from £92 to £1,357, which predominately reflects a mixture of more cash held in deposit and market interest rate increase throughout 2023.

Total resources expended increased from 2022 to 2023 by 49.6% from £164,431 to £246,022. This is mainly due to a higher grant of £155,105 (£91,883 in 2022) to Australian Wildlife Conservancy. The higher grant is due to the increase in received donations. The grant is decided by the Board and is based on incoming donations for the 12 month's period from the 1st November to 31st October the following year. It is agreed by individual donors to exclude certain donations from the grant to cover the charity's future running costs. Another expenditure increase in 2023 is in payroll costs (£63,513), which is higher compared to 2022 (£54,081) by 17.4%. AWC UK continues to benchmark staff salary to the sector in line with the market, which means that there was a payroll increase at around 15.6% in 2023. A further increase from 2022 to 2023 is Event costs (150.4%) from £5,004 to £12,529. This increase is due to more events, including one large corporate event, held in the year. The rise in event activity resulted in increased staff travel costs which are up by 128.4% from £878 to £2,005. Computer costs rose from £0 to £1,729 due to essential hardware acquisition, which is used at events.

Cash increased by 5.1% from £97,655 to £102,637 leaving a good level of liquidity.

Principal Funding Sources

The company receives most of its funding from donations made by individuals and organisations, supplemented in some (but not all) cases by gift-aid.

Reserves

Over the year under review the company's reserves increased by £69,478 from £91,943 to £161,421. The reserves relate to unrestricted funds.

The Trustees seek to maintain reserves of at least £10,000. It is the ongoing company plan to make grants, if possible, towards the end of each financial year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

**On Behalf of the Board**

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Mark Mills, Chairman
17 April 2024

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

| | Notes | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| **Incoming resources** | | | |
| Donations | 1 | 297,783 | 150,731 |
| Gift Aid | 1 | 16,360 | 11,251 |
| Events Income | 1 | 0 | 14,486 |
| Sponsorship | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bank Interest | 1 | 1,357 | 92 |
| **Total Incoming Resources** | | 315,500 | 176,560 |
| | | | |
| **Resources expended** | | | |
| Costs of Generating Funds | 2 | 90,904 | 72,505 |
| Costs of Charitable Activities | 3 | 155,105 | 91,883 |
| Governance Costs | 4 | 13 | 43 |
| **Total Resources Expended** | | 246,022 | 164,431 |
| | | | |
| **Net incoming / (outgoing) resources for the year** | | 69,478 | 12,129 |

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

There are no other recognised gains and losses.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

## BALANCE SHEET

| | Notes | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Current Assets** | | | |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | | 102,637 | 97,655 |
| Debtors | 5 | 85,722 | 10,733 |
| Prepayments | 5 | 797 | 911 |
| **Total Current Assets** | | 189,156 | 109,299 |
| | | 189,156 | 109,299 |
| **Creditors:** Amounts falling due within one year | 6 | 27,735 | 17,356 |
| **Net Current Assets** | | 161,421 | 91,943 |
| **Net Assets** | | 161,421 | 91,943 |
| **Funds** | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 161,421 | 91,943 |

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

For the year ended 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
Trustees' responsibilities:

1. the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476;
2. the Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts; and
3. these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

For the year ended 31 December 2023 the Trustees consider an audit is not required under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Approved by the board of Trustees on and signed on its behalf

Mark Mills
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Trustee /Director

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective from 1 January 2015 (Charities SORP FRSSE 2015), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

**Limited Company**
The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Every member of the company guarantees to contribute a maximum of £1 on winding up, up to one year after ceasing to be a member.

**Incoming Resources**
Donations and legacy income are recognised in the year which the charity is entitled to receipts and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**Expenditure**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably, Irrecoverable value added tax (VAT) is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

**Taxation**
The Charity is registered as a charity under the Charities Act 2011 and is not liable for UK tax on its charitable activities.

**Trustees**
The Trustees were paid no remuneration during the period and no Trustees' expenses have been reimbursed.

**Funds**
Funds held by the Charity consist of unrestricted funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

**Financial instruments**
The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised costs using the effective interest methods. The Charity does not currently have any bank loans.

## 2. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

| | Notes | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| Payroll | | 56,856 | 47,540 |
| Employers NI | | 1,008 | 1,190 |
| Pension | | 4,472 | 4,255 |
| Payroll admin charges | | 1,177 | 1,097 |
| Training & Development | | 1,536 | 350 |
| Consultant | | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Event costs | | 12,529 | 5,004 |
| Memberships | | 810 | 651 |
| Subscriptions | | 1,001 | 894 |
| Legal | | 0 | 2,400 |
| Insurance | | 261 | 235 |
| Meetings | | 228 | 422 |
| Travel | | 2,005 | 878 |
| Website | | 122 | 122 |
| Office Expenses | | 20 | 121 |
| Postage | | 82 | 63 |
| Printing | | 789 | 1,038 |
| Stationery | | 0 | 40 |
| Telephone | | 279 | 205 |
| Computer | | 1,729 | 0 |
| | | 90,904 | 72,505 |

There was 1 full time employee in both 2023 and 2022.

## 3. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Grant to Australian Wildlife Conservancy | 155,105 | 91,883 |
| | 155,105 | 91,883 |

The Grant is accrued monthly as a liability as soon as it is received as a donation or gift-aid.

## 4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Companies House Fees | 13 | 43 |
| | 13 | 43 |

Governance Costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

## 5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Other Debtors | 85,722 | 10,733 |
| Prepayments and Accrued Income | 797 | 911 |
| | 86,519 | 11,644 |

Of the '2023 Other debtors', £81,537 was a donation committed in 2023 and received in January 2024.

## 6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Payroll | 3,679 | 1,566 |
| Consultancy | 500 | 500 |
| Grant | 23,556 | 15,247 |
| Other | 0 | 43 |
| Total Creditors | 27,735 | 17,356 |

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Australian Wildlife Conservancy UK

I report to the trustees on my examination of Australian Wildlife Conservancy UK for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner**
The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity's Act) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to be audited under part 16 of the 2006 Act and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**
I have completed the examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective from 1 January 2015 (Charities SORP FRSSE 2015).

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Kunal Amin ACA
Address: 9 Firs Avenue, Colney Hatch Lane
London N11 3NE

Date: 2 June 2024

Signature: Kunal Amin

**Australian Wildlife Conservancy United Kingdom**

England & Wales - Charity number 1126703

# Accounts

# AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY UNITED KINGDOM

FORMERLY

# FRIENDS OF AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

## TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Charity Registration No. 1126703**
**Company Registration No. 06684247**

# AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY UNITED KINGDOM

FORMERLY

# FRIENDS OF AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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## COMPANY INFORMATION:

| | |
|---|---|
| **REGISTERED COMPANY NO.** | 06684247 |
| **REGISTERED CHARITY NO.** | 1126703 |
| **TRUSTEES:** | Mark C Mills, BSc (Melbourne)<br>Anthony Deagan<br>Chandra Eastwell<br>Joanne Sawicki |
| **CHAIRMAN:** | Mark C Mills |
| **REGISTRERED OFFICE:** | 82C Portland Place<br>London, W1B 1NS |
| **WEBSITE:** | https://uk.australianwildlife.org |
| **BANKERS:** | Lloyds Bank plc<br>25 Gresham Street<br>London, EC2V 7HN |
| **SOLICITORS:** | BDB Pitmans LLP<br>One Bartholomew Cl<br>London, EC1A BL |
| **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** | Kunal Amin, ACA<br>9 Firs Avenue<br>Colney Hatch Lane<br>London N11 3NE |

**OBJECTS:**

The objects of the charity are:

1. For the benefit of the public, to enhance environmental protection by supporting the protection and enhancement of the natural environment in Australia and any aspect of it (including its native flora and fauna); and
2. For the benefit of the public, to advance education by promoting, fostering, developing and assisting the study of the natural environment in Australia or any aspect of it (including its native flora and fauna), and supporting the dissemination of knowledge and information relating to the natural environment in Australia (including its native flora and fauna) or any aspect of it.

## TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees present their report, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document
The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 21 August 2008.

Trustees
The Trustees during the whole year under review were:

| | |
|---|---|
| Mark C Mills | Chairman |
| Anthony Deagan | |
| Chandra Eastwell | |

Organisational Structure
The Trustees of the charity are also the Directors of the company. The Directors as charity Trustees oversee the company. Mark Mills was appointed for an additional term of 5 years from 29 August 2019 to 28 August 2024. Anthony Deagan was appointed from 9th August 2018 to 8th August 2023. Chandra Eastwell was appointed from 19 November 2020 to 18 November 2025. The intention is that at least two board meetings will be held every year at which the Trustees may raise and discuss various issues. Two board meetings were held in the year under review.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustee
Joanne Sawicki was appointed from 15 November 2022 to 14 November 2025.

Trustee Induction and Training
There is no formal induction and training for Trustees. However, the Trustees have all been informed about the charity's mission and vision, so that they may help to set and achieve the goals and objectives of the charity.

Affiliation
The company has no legal affiliation to any other charity however it is made clear to all its donors that most grants will go to Australian Wildlife Conservancy ("AWC"), a large Perth-based Australian charity who owns, manages or influences land for conservancy covering almost 12.9 million hectares.

Risk Management
The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to major risks.

Public Benefit
The charity Trustees as Directors consider they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regards to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## ACTIVITIES

### Chairman's Report

With COVID no longer impacting our ability to be holding events and meeting people in person we witnessed this year the fruits of our National Development Manager's (Lizzy Crotty) groundwork during the COVID years. This was demonstrated at the headline level by a record year of donations amounting to £151k.

Major events this year included a polo charity day organised by HMA Tax in which AWC was invited to be the beneficiary charity of the days' fundraising activities.

The development of our activities and network here in London has been well noted by our friends at AWC in Australia and so CEO Tim Allard undertook to spend a week with us in November participating in a number of bespoke, targeted events organized by Lizzy to further expand our network into new target segment and raise our profile in the UK.

Another highlight was the opportunity for Lizzy to meet with AWC global ambassador Sir David Attenborough at his home. Sir David was gifted a painting from Aboriginal Artist, Alice Nampijinpa Henwood, to thank him for his contribution to biodiversity conservation and his involvement with AWC.

In addition, Lizzy spoke at a number of well targeted events and organisations including: Queensland House, invited by the Agent-General for Queensland, and the Royal Automobile Club.

Another exciting development in 2022 was a new brand identity unveiled by AWC to reflect its transition to a global leader in conservation. In line with this change and to support the priorities of AWC becoming internationally recognised as a leader in this space, Friends of Australian Wildlife Conservancy UK was rebranded to Australian Wildlife Conservancy UK (AWC UK). This new brand identity and assimilation with AWC is part of a broader marketing strategy that is rapidly building profile for AWC globally.

The most important indicator of our progress in 2022 however was that we were able to welcome three exceptional new Directors to join the AWC UK Board. These are Jo Sawicki, Adam Hain (appointed from January 2023) and Louise Mulley (appointed from January 2023) whose profiles appear on our website. With our new and strengthened team in place we are well positioned for further growth in 2023.

All of the progress I refer to would not be possible without the extraordinary work of Lizzy. Lizzy's contribution is well recognised here and in Australia and I would like to congratulate Lizzy on her well-earned promotion to National Development Manager which also sees her responsibilities expanded to include our work in Europe.

I would like to thank my fellow Directors for their invaluable and enthusiastic contribution to our development, Tina Jensen, for her continued excellent and accurate oversight of all AWC UK's financial matters and our independent examiner, Kunal Amin, who once again donated his services to assist us with the preparation of our financial statements.

Most importantly, of course, I would like to thank our growing band of financial supporters who, despite these uncertain and inflationary times, have continued to donate generously and who, together with other supporters from around the world, allow AWC to conduct its vitally important work in protecting and enhancing our biodiversity.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of Business

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

Incoming resources exceeded expended resources by £12,129 (£-1,168 in 2021). The profit for the year compared to the smaller loss in 2021 is mainly due to revenue being up by 40% to £176,560 (£126,134 in 2021) offset by expenditure increased by 29.2% to £164,431 (£127,302 in 2021).

The 2022 revenue includes donations, gift-aid recovery, event income and interest. Compared with 2021, the total donations are up by 31.8% from £114,342 to £150,731. Increased donations resulted in rising gift-aid recovery, which are up by 36.5% from £8,241 to £11,251. The 2022 event income increased from £1,538 to £14,486. There was no sponsorship in 2022.

Total resources expended increased from 2021 to 2022 by 29.2%. This is mainly because of a higher Grant of £91,883 (£57,583 in 2021) to Australian Wildlife Conservancy. The rise in grant is due to the increase in received donations. The Grant is decided by the Board and is based on incoming donations for the period 1st November to 31st October the following year. It is agreed by individual donors to exclude certain donations from the Grant to cover future running costs.

Payroll costs in 2022 is slightly lower compared to 2021 which is because of a payroll accrual included in the 2021 figure. Event and legal costs also increased from 2021 to 2022. More events were held in 2022 and rebranding of the charity incurred a one-off legal cost of £2,400.

Principal Funding Sources

The company receives most of its funding from donations made by individuals and organisations, supplemented in some (but not all) cases by gift-aid.

Reserves

Over the year under review the company's reserves increased by £12,129 from £79,814 to £91,943. The reserves relate to unrestricted funds.

The Trustees seek to maintain reserves of at least £10,000. It is the ongoing company plan to make grants, if possible, towards the end of each financial year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

**On Behalf of the Board**

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Mark Mills
Chairman
9 May 2023

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

| | Notes | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| **Incoming resources** | | | |
| Donations | 1 | 150,731 | 114,342 |
| Gift Aid | 1 | 11,251 | 8,241 |
| Events Income | 1 | 14,486 | 1,538 |
| Sponsorship | 1 | 0 | 2,000 |
| Bank Interest | 1 | 92 | 13 |
| **Total Incoming Resources** | | 176,560 | 126,134 |
| | | | |
| **Resources expended** | | | |
| Costs of Generating Funds | 2 | 72,505 | 69,706 |
| Costs of Charitable Activities | 3 | 91,883 | 57,583 |
| Governance Costs | 4 | 43 | 13 |
| **Total Resources Expended** | | 164,431 | 127,302 |
| | | | |
| **Net incoming / (outgoing) resources for the year** | | 12,129 | -1,168 |

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

There are no other recognised gains and losses.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

## BALANCE SHEET

| | Notes | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Current Assets** | | | |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | | 97,655 | 90,051 |
| Debtors | 5 | 10,733 | 2,287 |
| Prepayments | 5 | 911 | 532 |
| **Total Current Assets** | | 109,299 | 92,870 |
| | | 109,299 | 92,870 |
| **Creditors:** Amounts falling due within one year | 6 | 17,356 | 13,056 |
| **Net Current Assets** | | 91,943 | 79,814 |
| **Net Assets** | | 91,943 | 79,814 |
| **Funds** | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 91,943 | 79,814 |

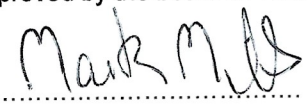
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For the year ended 31 December 2022 the Trustees consider an audit is not required under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Approved by the board of Trustees on and signed on its behalf



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Trustee /Director

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective from 1 January 2015 (Charities SORP FRSSE 2015), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

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**Taxation**
The Charity is registered as a charity under the Charities Act 2011 and is not liable for UK tax on its charitable activities.

**Trustees**
The Trustees were paid no remuneration during the period and no Trustees' expenses have been reimbursed.

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**Financial instruments**
The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised costs using the effective interest methods. The Charity does not currently have any bank loans.

## 2. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

| | Notes | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| Payroll | | 47,540 | 48,988 |
| Employers NI | | 1,190 | 1,924 |
| Pension | | 4,255 | 3,801 |
| Payroll admin charges | | 1,097 | 1,060 |
| Training & Development | | 350 | 375 |
| Consultant | | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Event costs | | 5,004 | 2,530 |
| Memberships | | 651 | 664 |
| Subscriptions | | 894 | 831 |
| Legal | | 2,400 | 0 |
| Insurance | | 235 | 235 |
| Meetings | | 422 | 0 |
| Travel | | 878 | 1,503 |
| Website | | 122 | 482 |
| Office Expenses | | 121 | 114 |
| Postage | | 63 | 107 |
| Printing | | 1,038 | 1,092 |
| Stationery | | 40 | 0 |
| Telephone | | 205 | 0 |
| | | 72,505 | 69,706 |

There was 1 full time employee in both 2022 and 2021.

## 3. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Grant to Australian Wildlife Conservancy | 91,883 | 57,583 |
| | 91,883 | 57,583 |

The Grant is accrued monthly as a liability (including gift-aid where relevant) as soon as it is received as a donation.

## 4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Companies House Fees | 43 | 13 |
| | 43 | 13 |

Governance Costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

## 5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Other Debtors | 10,733 | 2,287 |
| Prepayments and Accrued Income | 911 | 532 |
| | 11,644 | 2,819 |

## 6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Payroll | 1,566 | 3,658 |
| Consultancy | 500 | 500 |
| Grant | 15,247 | 8,784 |
| Other | 43 | 114 |
| Accruals | 17,356 | 13,056 |

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Australian Wildlife Conservancy United Kingdom

I report to the trustees on my examination of Australian Wildlife Conservancy UK for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity's Act) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective from 1 January 2015 (Charities SORP FRSSE 2015).

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 4 May 2023

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**Australian Wildlife Conservancy United Kingdom**

England & Wales - Charity number 1126703

# Accounts

# FRIENDS OF AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

# TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

**Charity Registration No. 1126703**
**Company Registration No. 06684247**

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| **REGISTERED CHARITY NO.** | 1126703 |
| **TRUSTEES:** | Mark C Mills, BSc (Melbourne)<br>Anthony Deagan<br>Chandra Eastwell |
| **CHAIRMAN:** | Mark C Mills |
| **REGISTRERED OFFICE:** | 82C Portland Place<br>London, W1B 1NS |
| **WEBSITE:** | www.friendsofaustralianwildlife.org.uk |
| **BANKERS:** | Lloyds Bank plc<br>25 Gresham Street<br>London, EC2V 7HN |
| **SOLICITORS:** | BDB Pitmans LLP<br>One Bartholomew Cl<br>London, EC1A BL<br><br>Stone King LLP<br>Boundary House 91 Charterhouse Street<br>London EC1M 6HR |
| **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** | Kunal Amin, ACA<br>9 Firs Avenue<br>Colney Hatch Lane<br>London N11 3NE |

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The Trustees during the whole year under review were:

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| Chandra Eastwell | |

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Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustee
There were no new appointments during 2021.

Trustee Induction and Training
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Affiliation
The company has no legal affiliation to any other charity however it is made clear to all its donors that most grants will go to Australian Wildlife Conservancy ("AWC"), a large Perth-based Australian charity managing 31 properties covering almost 6.5 million hectares.

Risk Management
The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to major risks.

Public Benefit
The charity Trustees as Directors consider they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regards to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## ACTIVITIES

### Chairman's Report

While COVID continued to make events difficult earlier in the year we started to see some easing towards the end of summer so our in-person events picked up dramatically. Our long-time friend and supporter, Rebecca Hossack kindly made her gallery available for a supporter event in September and we were able to build on this with a second and larger event at the new premises of National Australia Bank in October.

In addition, as our UK Philanthropy Lead, Lizzy Crotty, continues to expand our network. She received invitations to be a key speaker at well attended events organised by the Australian-UK Chamber of Commerce, the Royal Geographical Society and several special interest groups including the London Natural History Society. This year as well we have been delighted to have Jamie Dunlop joining us as he continues to work for AWC remotely here in the UK given the COVID restrictions for entry back into Australia.

Perhaps through the highest profile and important invitation came following a competitive application process, where Lizzy successfully tendered for the AWC to have an exhibition stand in the public-facing Green Zone at COP26 in Glasgow. This was an exciting opportunity to present our mission to a global audience and demonstrate the measurable actions we are taking in response to climate change and biodiversity conservation.

It is important for me to note that while FoAWC has generated much support for the activities of AWC in the UK that not all of the funds pass through our accounts but may instead be transferred to AWC directly. Therefore, readers may not always be able to reconcile some of the financial support referred to in my report with what they can actually see in the financial accounts. From the funds which we received directly, FoAWC made a grant of £57,539 to AWC, allocated to projects including Indigenous Partnerships, North Head Bushfire Recovery, Kangaroo Island Bushfire Recovery, and the Northern Bettong.

There is no doubt that FoAWC's network and presence in London is at its strongest now since I became Chairman in 2014 and this is due to our good fortune in having Lizzy Crotty join us two years ago and the significant contributions she continues to make to FoAWC and AWC more broadly. In addition, I would like to thank my fellow Directors, Anthony Deagan and Chandra Eastwell, for their invaluable support, Tina Jensen, for her continued excellent and accurate oversight of all FoAWC's financial matters and our independent examiner, Kunal Amin, who once again donated his services to assist us with the preparation of our financial statements.

Most importantly of course I would like to thank our growing band of financial supporters who, despite these challenging times, have continued to donate generously and who, together with other supporters from around the world, allow AWC to conduct its vitally important work in protecting and enhancing our biodiversity.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of Business

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

Expended resources exceeded incoming resources by £1,168 (£4,626 in 2020). The smaller loss for the year compared to the loss in 2020 is mainly due to revenue being down by 4% to £126,134 (£131,363 in 2020) offset by lower expenditure down by 6.4% to £127,302 (£135,989 in 2020).

The 2021 revenue includes donations, gift-aid recovery, event income and sponsorship. Compared with 2020, the total donations are down by 4.8% from £120,137 to £114,342. Lower donations resulted in lower gift-aid recovery which are down by 25.6% from £11,078 to £8,241. The lower gift-aid recovery in 2021 is mainly due to donations from companies and trusts which are not eligible for gift aid. The 2021 event income is £1,538 and sponsorship of £2,000 whereas in 2020 there was none which was predominately due to the Covid situation.

Total resources expended decreased from 2020 to 2021 by 6.4%. This is because of a lower Grant of £57,583 (£71,240 in 2020) to Australian Wildlife Conservancy. The lower grant is due to the lower received donations. The Grant is decided by the Board and is based on incoming donations for the period 1st November to 31st October the following year. The Grant for the financial year 2021 is based on donations for 12 months whereas the 2020 grant included 14 months donations due to an adjustment in accounting policy. It was agreed by individual donors to exclude certain donations from the Grant to cover future running costs.

The lower grant cost is offset predominately by higher payroll, event, travel and membership costs compared to 2020. Payroll was higher due to a salary increase to the one employee. Furthermore, the charity increased the professional memberships to various bodies in 2021 with the purpose of improving exposure to potential donors. The 2021 event cost is higher because of more events being held and finally the travel cost increase is because the charity has, beside the employee, also been supporting travel for two Australian Wildlife Conservancy scientists.

Principal Funding Sources

The company receives most of its funding from donations made by individuals and organisations, supplemented in some (but not all) cases by gift-aid.

Reserves

Over the year under review the company's reserves decreased by £1,168 from £80,982 to £79,814. The reserves relate to unrestricted funds.

The Trustees seek to maintain reserves of at least £10,000. It is the ongoing company plan to make grants, if possible, towards the end of each financial year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

**On Behalf of the Board**

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Mark Mills
Chairman
15 June 2022

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

| | Notes | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Incoming resources** | | £ | £ |
| Donations | 1 | 114,342 | 120,137 |
| Gift Aid | 1 | 8,241 | 11,078 |
| Events Income | 1 | 1,538 | 0 |
| Sponsorship | 1 | 2,000 | 0 |
| Bank Interest | 1 | 13 | 148 |
| **Total Incoming Resources** | | 126,134 | 131,363 |
| | | | |
| **Resources expended** | | | |
| Costs of Generating Funds | 2 | 69,706 | 64,736 |
| Costs of Charitable Activities | 3 | 57,583 | 71,240 |
| Governance Costs | 4 | 13 | 13 |
| **Total Resources Expended** | | 127,302 | 135,989 |
| | | | |
| **Net incoming / (outgoing) resources for the year** | | -1,168 | -4,626 |

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

There are no other recognised gains and losses.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

## BALANCE SHEET

| | Notes | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Current Assets** | | | |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | | 90,051 | 90,018 |
| Debtors | 5 | 2,287 | 4,514 |
| Prepayments | 5 | 532 | 216 |
| **Total Current Assets** | | 92,870 | 94,748 |
| | | 92,870 | 94,748 |
| **Creditors:** Amounts falling due within one year | 6 | 13,056 | 13,766 |
| **Net Current Assets** | | 79,814 | 80,982 |
| **Net Assets** | | 79,814 | 80,982 |
| **Funds** | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 79,814 | 80,982 |

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For the year ended 31 December 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
Trustees' responsibilities:

1. the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476;
2. the Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts; and
3. these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

For the year ended 31 December 2021 the Trustees consider an audit is not required under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Approved by the board of Trustees on and signed on its behalf

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Trustee /Director

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective from 1 January 2015 (Charities SORP FRSSE 2015), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

**Limited Company**
The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Every member of the company guarantees to contribute a maximum of £1 on winding up, up to one year after ceasing to be a member.

**Incoming Resources**
Donations and legacy income are recognised in the year which the charity is entitled to receipts and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**Expenditure**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably, Irrecoverable value added tax (VAT) is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

**Taxation**
The Charity is registered as a charity under the Charities Act 2011 and is not liable for UK tax on its charitable activities.

**Trustees**
The Trustees were paid no remuneration during the period and no Trustees' expenses have been reimbursed.

**Funds**
Funds held by the Charity consist of unrestricted funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

**Financial instruments**
The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised costs using the effective interest methods. The Charity does not currently have any bank loans.

## 2. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

| | Notes | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| Payroll | | 48,988 | 49,429 |
| Employers NI | | 1,924 | 293 |
| Pension | | 3,801 | 3,671 |
| Payroll admin charges | | 1,060 | 1,216 |
| Training & Development | | 375 | 0 |
| Consultant | | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Event costs | | 2,530 | 308 |
| Memberships | | 664 | 0 |
| Subscriptions | | 831 | 1,341 |
| Insurance | | 235 | 235 |
| Meetings | | 0 | 318 |
| Travel | | 1,503 | 334 |
| Website | | 482 | 122 |
| Office Expenses | | 114 | 147 |
| Postage | | 107 | 184 |
| Printing | | 1,092 | 869 |
| Stationery | | 0 | 69 |
| Telephone | | 0 | 120 |
| Computer | | 0 | 80 |
| | | 69,706 | 64,736 |

There was 1 full time employee in 2021.

## 3. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Grant to Australian Wildlife Conservancy | 57,583 | 71,240 |
| | 57,583 | 71,240 |

The Grant is accrued monthly as a liability (including gift-aid where relevant) as soon as it is received as a donation.

## 4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Companies House Fees | 13 | 13 |
| | 13 | 13 |

Governance Costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

## 5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Other Debtors | 2,287 | 4,514 |
| Prepayments and Accrued Income | 532 | 216 |
| | 2,819 | 4,730 |

## 6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Payroll | 3,658 | 4,448 |
| Consultancy | 500 | 500 |
| Grant | 8,784 | 8,741 |
| Other | 114 | 77 |
| Accruals | 13,056 | 13,766 |

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of Australian Wildlife Conservancy

I report to the trustees on my examination of Friends of Australian Wildlife Conservancy for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity's Act) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective from 1 January 2015 (Charities SORP FRSSE 2015).

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 15 June 2022

Signature: Kunal Amin

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## ACTIVITIES

### Chair's Report

No report from 2020 can fail to mention COVID, which upended the lives of all of us. Despite the hardship imposed on so many it is possible though that as the skies cleared and people saw in the distance mountains that many of them had never seen before, that a greater share of humanity started to recognise the importance of nature. Certainly, at FoAWC we were delighted to see the continued financial support of existing donors and the welcoming of new ones, which together set a new record for us since our foundation.

2020 was the first full year for our Philanthropic Relationships Lead Lizzy Crotty, and she did not let COVID slow down our activities, switching seamlessly to the virtual world in which we all found ourselves and creatively organising on-line events which supporters greatly appreciated. A major highlight for FoAWC's year was the result of Lizzy working in conjunction with AWC to forge a partnership with the On Edge Conservation, which has the mission to bring back endangered species from the brink of extinction. On the Edge Conservation has generously agreed to provide funding of 275,000 pounds over three years to support AWC's work in establishing and monitoring viable numbat populations across five AWC sanctuaries, including translocating new individuals to Newhaven Sanctuary in the Northern Territory.

An unexpected bonus of COVID for FoAWC was that one of AWC's ecologists, Jamie Dunlop found himself stranded in the UK. This became a fantastic opportunity for our supporters in the UK to hear more regularly from an ecologist from the front line. Lizzy also organised a wonderful online event filmed live from Australia House in conjunction with the Britain-Australia Society in which Jamie and Lizzy highlighted some of the great projects being undertaken by AWC.

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The last highlight I would like to report was the addition of our new Board member, Chandra Eastwell, who joined our Board in November 2020. Chandra is an Associate Director at Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets and has a great passion for Australia's biodiversity. We are very much looking forward to working with Chandra in 2021 and beyond.

In closing I would like to thank my other fellow Director, Anthony Deagan, and his organisation National Australia Bank for their continued support; Tina Jensen, for her continued excellent and accurate oversight of all FoAWC's financial matters and her support more broadly and our independent examiner, Kunal Amin, who once again donated his services to assist us with the preparation of our financial statements.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of Business

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements. Expended resources exceeded incoming resources by £4,626 (£30,120 in 2019). Compared with 2019, total donations were up by 31.8% from £91,146 to £120,137. The increase is mainly due to the employment of an Executive during 2020. Gift Aid recovery was down by 22.3% from £14,257 to £11,078 which was the result of the increased donations from companies and trusts in 2020. These donations are not applicable for gift aid.

Total resources expended increased from 2019 to 2020 by 0.3% from £135,606 to £135,989. This is predominately due to a lower grant to Australian Wildlife Conservancy offset by higher employment costs. The grant is decided by the Board and was £71,240 in 2020 compared with £98,879 in 2019. The donation is based on incoming donations from the period 1st November to 31st October. The decrease in grant is due to the Board's decision to exclude certain donations to cover future running costs. This was agreed by the individual donors.

The Grant for financial year 2020 includes donations for 14 months including November and December 2019 donations. This occurs because previously the grant was only posted into the accounts as a Grant once each year when it was settled through the Bank Account in December for donations received till October of that year. In future the Grant will be accrued monthly as a liability (including Gift Aid where relevant) as soon as it is received as a donation. The 2020 financial year therefore reflects 14 months to allow for this adjustment in accounting policy.

The Consultancy fees decreased from £27,053 in 2019 to £6,000 in 2020. The decrease of £21,053 is the result of the executive changing employment status from contracting to full time employment from 1st December 2019. This is further illustrated in the increased payroll costs from £3,917 in 2019 to £53,392.

Due to Covid 19, there was little event activity and this shows as a decrease in event costs from £5,359 in 2019 to £308 in 2020.

Principal Funding Sources

The company receives most of its funding from donations made by individuals and organisations, supplemented in some (but not all) cases by Gift Aid.

Reserves

Over the year under review the company's reserves decreased by £4,626 from £85,608 to £80,982. The reserves relate to unrestricted funds.

The Trustees seek to maintain reserves of at least £10,000. It is the continual company's plan to make grants, if possible, towards the end of each financial year, so reserves may well build up to much larger amounts as such grant-making time approaches.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

**On Behalf of the Board**

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Mark Mills
Chairman
8th July 2021

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

| | Notes | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Incoming resources** | | £ | £ |
| Donations | 1 | 120,137 | 91,146 |
| Gift Aid | 1 | 11,078 | 14,257 |
| Bank Interest | 1 | 148 | 83 |
| **Total Incoming Resources** | | 131,363 | 105,486 |
| | | | |
| **Resources expended** | | | |
| Costs of Generating Funds | 2 | 64,736 | 36,714 |
| Costs of Charitable Activities | 3 | 71,240 | 98,879 |
| Governance Costs | 4 | 13 | 13 |
| **Total Resources Expended** | | 135,989 | 135,606 |
| | | | |
| **Net incoming / (outgoing) resources for the year** | | -4,626 | -30,120 |

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

There are no other recognised gains and losses.

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## BALANCE SHEET

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|---|---|---|---|
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| Cash at Bank and in Hand | | 90,018 | 83,309 |
| Debtors | 5 | 4,514 | 3,756 |
| Prepayments | 5 | 216 | 216 |
| **Total Current Assets** | | 94,748 | 87,281 |
| | | 94,748 | 87,281 |
| **Creditors:** Amounts falling due within one year | 6 | 13,766 | 1,673 |
| **Net Current Assets** | | 80,982 | 85,608 |
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Trustee /Director

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Donations and legacy income is recognised in the year which the charity is entitled to receipts and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**Expenditure**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably, Irrecoverable value added tax (VAT) is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

**Taxation**
The Charity is registered as a charity under the Charities Act 2011 and is not liable for UK tax on its charitable activities.

**Trustees**
The Trustees were paid no remuneration during the period and no Trustees' expenses have been reimbursed.

**Funds**
Funds held by the Charity consist of unrestricted funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

**Financial instruments**
The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised costs using the effective interest methods. The Charity does not currently have any bank loans.

## 2. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

| | Notes | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries paid to employees | | 49,429 | 3,917 |
| Employer's national insurance contributions | | 293 | - |
| Employer's contributions to pension plan | | 3,671 | - |
| Payroll admin charges | | 1,216 | 114 |
| Computer | | 80 | - |
| Consultant | | 6,000 | 27,053 |
| Depreciation | | - | - |
| Events | | 308 | 5,359 |
| Legal | | - | - 836 |
| Insurance | | 235 | 20 |
| Meetings | | 318 | 42 |
| Office Expenses | | 147 | 412 |
| Postage | | 184 | - |
| Printing | | 869 | - |
| Stationery | | 69 | - |
| Subscriptions | | 1,341 | 477 |
| Telephone | | 120 | - |
| Travel | | 334 | 156 |
| Website | | 122 | - |
| | | 64,736 | 36,714 |

There was 1 full time employee in 2020.

## 3. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Grant to Australian Wildlife Conservancy. Rewilding Australia projects New South Wales and South Australia | 59,205 | - |
| Grant to Australian Wildlife Conservancy, bushfire recovery South Australia | 3,295 | - |
| Grant for other Australian Wildlife Conservancy projects | 8,740 | 98,878 |
| | 71,240 | 98,878 |

## 4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Companies House Fees | 13 | 13 |
| | 13 | 13 |

Governance Costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

## 5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Other Debtors | 4,514 | 3,756 |
| Prepayments and Accrued Income | 216 | 216 |
| | 4,730 | 3,972 |

## 6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Payroll | 4,448 | 1,073 |
| Consultancy | 500 | 500 |
| Grant | 8,741 | - |
| Other | 77 | 100 |
| Accruals | 13,766 | 1,673 |

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of Australian Wildlife Conservancy

I report to the trustees on my examination of Friends of Australian Wildlife Conservancy for the year ended 31 December 2020

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner**
The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity's Act) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective from 1 January 2015 (Charities SORP FRSSE 2015).

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 8 July 2021

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