

**AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY UNITED KINGDOM**  
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**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**

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**COMPANY INFORMATION:**

**REGISTERED COMPANY NO.** 06684247

**REGISTERED CHARITY NO.** 1126703

**TRUSTEES:** Mark C Mills, BSc (Melbourne)  
Anthony Deagan  
Chandra Eastwell  
Joanne Sawicki

**CHAIRMAN:** Mark C Mills

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 82C Portland Place  
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**WEBSITE:** <https://uk.australianwildlife.org>

**BANKERS:** Lloyds Bank plc  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** Kunal Amin, ACA  
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**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 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

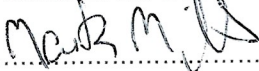
### Reserves

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**



Mark Mills  
Chairman  
9 May 2023

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
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
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>176,560</u>	<u>126,134</u>
 <b><u>Resources expended</u></b>			
Costs of Generating Funds	2	72,505	69,706
Costs of Charitable Activities	3	91,883	57,583
Governance Costs	4	43	13
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>164,431</u>	<u>127,302</u>
 <b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources for the year</b>		<u>12,129</u>	<u>-1,168</u>

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

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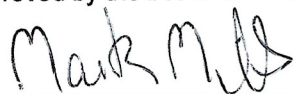
For the year ended 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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 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



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	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
		<u>72,505</u>	<u>69,706</u>

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

## 3. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grant to Australian Wildlife Conservancy	<u>91,883</u>	<u>57,583</u>
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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
	<u>43</u>	<u>13</u>

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
	<u>11,644</u>	<u>2,819</u>

#### 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	<u>17,356</u>	<u>13,056</u>

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 FRSE 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

Signature: .....Kunal Amin.....