

**Veterinary Practitioners Board
Annual Report
2021**





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**Veterinary
Practitioners
Board**

28 October 2021

The Hon Adam Marshall MP
Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales
GPO Box 5341
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Dear Minister

The Annual Report of the Veterinary Practitioners Board for the financial year ending 30 June 2021 is submitted to you for presentation to parliament pursuant to the *Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984* (ss 7-10).

The Annual Report will be made available from our website and from OpenGov NSW.

Yours faithfully

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President's Report

As I contemplate the annual totality work of the Veterinary Practitioners Board, and review the reports of previous years, I am first amazed at the volume, and secondly it becomes apparent how profoundly COVID-19 has influenced the delivery of veterinary regulation. Perhaps naively I thought it would be all over by now, but I could imagine that some of these changes may become persistent and almost institutionalised in the future.

I am still proud to say that despite the changes in the nature of meetings and some shift in priorities, the essential work of the Board in regulating the veterinary profession in New South Wales has continued to be characterised by efficiency, and empathy.

This last year has seen the appointment of a new Hospital Inspector, John Rota. John joins the Board with a strong professional background in biosecurity, agricultural management, regulatory compliance, and animal science, welfare and education. I know he will bring his unique experience and perspective to the Hospital Inspector role, and further enhance the Board's communication with the profession. His initial time in the position has obviously been hampered by the limitations of the pandemic, but I look forward to the time when his personal touch can be fully brought to bear, and contribute to the Board's critical role of maintaining appropriate standards in NSW's licensed veterinary hospitals.

COVID-19 has also focussed the attention of all regulatory bodies on the mental health aspects of their work. The Australian Veterinary Boards Council has begun an investigation into aspects that influence this mental well-being through their Sustainable Practice Committee (SPC). In particular the SPC will examine the effects of continuing professional development (CPD) and the complaints process, as well as ways in which these important arms of regulatory work could be improved and standardised across jurisdictions. While I assert that the Board already plays a leading role in these important areas of veterinary regulation, I also concede that there is always a space for continual improvement. I hope that it will be recognised in years to come that the world-leading practice of CPD and complaints management across Australasia had its genesis in the work of the Board and the AVBC's SPC.

I know that the SPC's review of CPD in Australia has demonstrated veterinarians in NSW have led the region in the formal acceptance and use of continuing education to maintain standards of practice, and it is only appropriate that the system evolve as new evidence comes to hand.

Communication has been a cornerstone of the Board's regulatory function during my time as a member, and I realise it is one of the primary tools the Board can deploy in lessening the stress of its activities for the profession. In my opinion the Board has effectively employed BoardTalk, the Registrar's "Update" email, and the News section on the Board's website to disseminate critical information to NSW veterinarians.

There is ongoing development of the Board's online ecosystem and in the future this resource will enhance so many routine aspects of the Board's functions for the profession, and provide an enhanced avenue of communication.

It is of course pivotal to the Board's mission that it remains in a solid financial position and I am very pleased to report that the Board continues to maintain a financial position such that its important regulatory work will not be constrained or compromised. The Board operates its budget on the principle of achieving a small surplus each year to allow continued investment in Board activities and maintenance of the real value of its financial reserves.

The Registrar and the finance subcommittee are to be congratulated in that they have been instrumental in the long-term process of establishing this sound financial basis which underpins the Board's activities.

The Board continues to make a significant contribution to the leadership and governance of the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC). The AVBC accredits Australian veterinary schools, administers the Australasian Veterinary Exam (AVE), and provides recommendations for the accreditation of specialists. It thereby plays a fundamental role in maintaining standards of veterinary science across Australia and New Zealand. These activities have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 and there have been quite considerable efforts to ensure that the profession across Australasia is not compromised now or into the future.

For the last time as President, I would like to sincerely thank all the Board members and Board staff with whom I have worked with over the last twelve years. I started my time on the Board with a vision to "give something back to" the profession, but as I conclude my time on the Board I find myself a much better veterinarian AND person as a result of the wisdom and knowledge of all those generous people on the Board, and in the Board's administrative office. Their very considerable contributions to our august profession and their wise and experienced judgement really are the driving forces that ensure the effective delivery of the Board's regulatory functions.



J Mark Simpson NSW V5433
President

Charter

The *Veterinary Practice Act 2003* (Act) (s 76) established the Veterinary Practitioners Board (Board) as a body corporate. The Act and *Veterinary Practice Regulation 2013* (Regulation) are within the portfolio of the Minister for Agriculture the Honourable Adam Marshall MP.

The **Board** aims to fulfil the objects of the Act and regulate the provision of veterinary services in NSW for the following purposes:

1. To promote the welfare of animals
2. To ensure consumers of veterinary services are well informed as to the competencies required of veterinary practitioners
3. To ensure that acceptable standards are required to be met by veterinary practitioners so as to meet the public interest and national and international trade requirements
4. To provide public health protection.

The functions of the Board (s 79) include: registration of veterinary practitioners and licensing of veterinary hospitals; investigation of complaints against veterinary practitioners; developing codes of professional conduct for veterinary practitioners; enforcing the provisions of the Act and Regulation; promoting professional development of veterinary practitioners; and providing information to veterinary practitioners and consumers of veterinary services.

The Board cooperates with other jurisdictions in Australia and New Zealand to further a common and harmonious approach to regulation of the veterinary profession. This function is assisted through interaction with other state veterinary boards, the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council Inc. (AVBC), and organisations representing the interests of members of the veterinary profession.

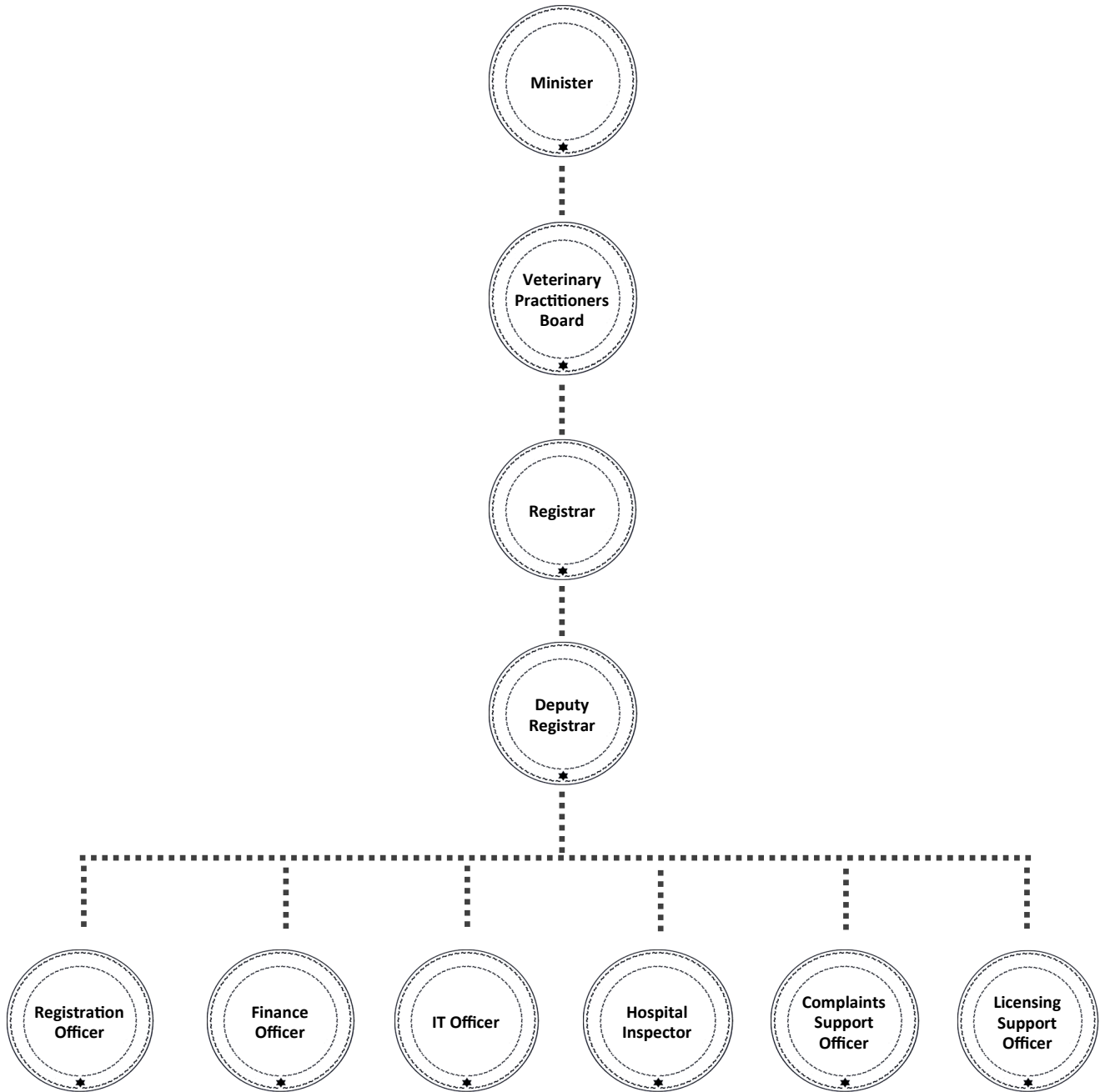
Management and Structure

The Board is appointed by the Governor of NSW. The Act (s 77) provides that the Board shall consist of 8 members; 6 veterinary practitioners and 2 consumer representatives. Board members are appointed for a 3 year term with the current term ending 30 June 2021.

Meetings of the Board are generally held monthly either using virtual meeting technology or at the Board's offices, Suite 7.09, 247 Coward Street Mascot NSW 2020.

BOARD MEMBER	APPOINTMENT TYPE	MEETING ATTENDANCE
John Mark Simpson BVSc MANZCVS	Nominee of the Minister pursuant to s 77(2)(b) of the Act and appointed as President	11/11
Georgina Child BVSc DACVIM (Neurology)	Nominee of the NSW Division of the Australian Veterinary Association pursuant to s 77(2)(a)(i) of the Act	11/11
Magdoline Awad BVSc GradCertMgt MANZCVS	Nominee of the NSW Division of Australian Veterinary Association pursuant to s 77(2)(a)(ii) of the Act	10/11
Kylie Parry BVSc GradCert VetPractMgt	Nominee of the NSW Division of the Australian Veterinary Association pursuant to s 77(2)(a)(iii) of the Act	10/11
Barbara Jane Lord BVSc DipVetClinStud	Nominee of Charles Sturt University pursuant to s 77(2)(a)(iv) of the Act	11/11
Steven Ferguson BVSc MVS CertIV Pract Mgt	Nominee of the Minister pursuant to s 77(2)(b) of the Act	11/11
Wendy Cochrane BA CertIV WHS	Nominee of the Minister pursuant to s 77(2)(c) of the Act	11/11
Lisa Minogue BAGec GAICD	Nominee of the Minister pursuant to s 77(2)(c) of the Act	10/11

Organisation Chart



Staff Responsibilities

REGISTRAR

- Develop and recommend policy direction in consultation with the Board
- Prepare Board agenda and minutes
- Implement decisions and policies approved by the Board
- Assist with the preparation of reports, forecasts and budgets to present to the Board
- Provide leadership and direction for staff of the Board
- Provide assistance to veterinary practitioners and consumers of veterinary services
- Assist the Board and the profession in the maintenance of standards of veterinary science

DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND COMPLAINTS OFFICER

- Design and enhance administrative procedures
- Assist stakeholders in understanding the legislation
- Ensure compliance with records management standards
- Maintain complaints handling processes
- Provide information to veterinary practitioners and consumers of veterinary services regarding complaint handling procedures
- Assist the Board, the profession and consumers with the resolution of complaints
- Maintain procedures for the processing of annual registration and hospital licences
- Coordinate the supply of office equipment, materials and repairs

REGISTRATION OFFICER

- Maintain the Board's database of registered veterinary practitioners
- Process veterinary practitioner registrations
- Provide general administrative support to the Board

FINANCE OFFICER

- Maintain and enhance the Board's finance record keeping processes
- Provide financial reports to the Registrar and Board
- Assist with the Board's annual audit
- Provide general administrative support to the Board

HOSPITAL INSPECTOR

- Systematically inspect every veterinary hospital in NSW
- Ensure that facilities and equipment where restricted acts are performed are as required, the level of record keeping is appropriate, and Board policies are personally explained and discussed
- Document the results of inspections for the Board and for publication
- Assist with complaint investigations and provide reports to the Board

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

- Maintain and enhance the Board's information technology systems including website and database
- Manage annual registration payment and annual return processes
- Manage hospital licensing processes
- Provide general administrative support to the Board

LICENSING SUPPORT OFFICER

- Manage hospital licensing processes
- Provide general administrative support to the Board

COMPLAINTS SUPPORT OFFICER

- Assist with complaints handling processes
- Manage complaint reports of investigations
- Provide general administrative support to the Board

Summary of Operations



Registration of Veterinary Practitioners

Summary of Changes to the Register

At 30 June 2021 there were 4126 registered veterinary practitioners in New South Wales. The total number of veterinarians changes constantly due to applications for registration, applications for restoration to the Register, and removals from the Register. The Register also reflects the movement of veterinarians from one division to another.

THE REGISTER OF VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS CHANGES TO NUMBERS BETWEEN 1 JULY 2020 AND 30 JUNE 2021			
NEW REGISTRATIONS	RESTORATIONS	REMOVALS	DEATHS
302	107	138	3

Full Registration

Qualifications accepted by the following accrediting bodies have been recognised by the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council Inc. (AVBC) as providing the holder with eligibility to apply for registration as a veterinary practitioner in Australia (Full Registration in NSW) without further examination:

(i) Colleges accredited by the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC)

Veterinary degrees from any of the following: The University of Sydney; Charles Sturt University Wagga Wagga; The University of Melbourne; Murdoch University; The University of Queensland; James Cook University of Townsville; The University of Adelaide; Massey University of New Zealand; and City University Hong Kong.

(ii) Colleges accredited by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)

Veterinary degrees from London (RVC), Bristol, Liverpool, Cambridge, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Nottingham and Surrey.

(iii) Colleges accredited by the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC)

University of Pretoria (Onderstepoort).

(iv) Colleges accredited by the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) and AVBC

Veterinary degree from University College Dublin (2004–2011).

(v) Colleges accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Council on Education (CoE)

Qualifications from accredited universities in the US, Canada, France (Lyon), Mexico, Netherlands, West Indies, and South Korea have a further requirement of a pass in the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE).

(vi) Colleges accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Council on Education (CoE) and AVBC

University College Dublin from 2012.

(vii) Non-award qualifications

Australasian Veterinary Examination (AVE), Australian National Veterinary Examination (NVE), New Zealand National Veterinary Examination (NZNVE), Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates Examination (ECFVG), Basic Clinical Sciences Examination (BCSE) plus Clinical Proficiency Examination (CPE), Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE), and Statutory Examination for Membership (RCVS).

For complete details on all qualifications for registration requirements please refer to the AVBC website: avbc.asn.au

Honorary Registration

Veterinarians with Honorary Registration are not required to pay the annual registration fee. As at 30 June 2021, there were 335 veterinary practitioners with Honorary Registration (363 in 2020).

Limited Registration

As at 30 June 2021 there were 25 veterinary practitioners with Limited Registration (22 in 2020).

Specialist Registration

As at 30 June 2021 there were 174 veterinary practitioners with Specialist Registration (170 in 2020).

Provisional Registration

Veterinary graduands may be granted provisional registration prior to attending their graduation ceremony. As at 30 June 2021 there were 3 veterinary practitioners with Provisional Registration (0 in 2020).

Specialist Registration

The Advisory Committee on Registration of Veterinary Specialists (ACRVS) is a committee of the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council Inc. (AVBC). The ACRVS assesses applications by veterinary practitioners from all Australian States and Territories and New Zealand for specialist registration within defined categories. A recommendation for specialist registration to the relevant Board is dependent upon meeting specific criteria.

SPECIALIST REGISTRATION ADDITIONS BETWEEN 1 JULY 2020 AND 30 JUNE 2021		
REGISTRATION DATE	NAME	SPECIALIST CATEGORY
21-Jul-20	Valentina Vitale	Equine Medicine
21-Jul-20	Rachel Basa	Small Animal Surgery
21-Jul-20	Rui Moncao Marques do Sul	Small Animal Surgery
21-Jul-20	Shannon Donahoe	Veterinary Anatomical Pathology
21-Jul-20	Michelle Joffe	Small Animal Surgery
21-Jul-20	Jeanie Lau	Veterinary Neurology
18-Aug-20	Sarah Gough	Equine Medicine
15-Sep-20	Kerry Doolin	Veterinary Emergency Medicine and Critical Care
17-Nov-20	Patricia Rosenstein	Veterinary Emergency Medicine and Critical Care
17-Nov-20	Keely Wilson	Veterinary Anaesthesia & Analgesia
16-Feb-21	Madeleine Roberts	Small Animal Medicine
16-Feb-21	Stephen Fearnside	Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (canine)
16-Feb-21	Natalie Watson	Small Animal Medicine
20-Apr-21	Olutunbi Adetoun Idowu	Small Animal Medicine
20-Apr-21	Eduardo Andres Uquillas	Veterinary Anaesthesia & Analgesia
20-Apr-21	Alen Lai	Small Animal Surgery
20-Apr-21	Sonya Kok-Chi Yu	Veterinary Oncology
18-May-21	Mark Louis Eramanis	Veterinary Emergency Medicine and Critical Care
18-May-21	Jana Leshinsky	Small Animal Medicine
22-Jun-21	Patrick Byrne	Small Animal Medicine
22-Jun-21	Thomas Keeshen	Small Animal Surgery

Licensing of Veterinary Hospitals

The Act requires premises that perform 'major surgery' (s 64), to be licensed as a veterinary hospital. The Board licenses four types of licence: large, small, mixed and zoo and wildlife animal practice veterinary hospitals. An inspection program has been developed to provide for the inspection of licensed premises approximately once every 4 years.

A partnership, firm or corporation must not represent itself to be a veterinary practice unless one or more veterinary practitioners has or have a controlling interest in the corporation (exceptions are detailed in s 14(5) of the Act).

All licensed premises must be managed by a superintendent who must be a registered veterinary practitioner.

As at 30 June 2021 there were 711 (698 in 2020) licensed hospitals in NSW.

LICENSED HOSPITAL TYPE	NUMBER
Small Animal Practice Hospitals	635
Mixed Animal Practice Hospitals	54
Large Animal Practice Hospitals	18
Zoo and Wildlife Animal Practice Hospital	4
Total	711

Investigation of Complaints

The Complaints Committee, established pursuant to the Act (s 49) consists of three Board members nominated by the Board; two registered veterinary practitioners and one consumer representative. The Committee investigates complaints of alleged professional misconduct and unsatisfactory professional conduct made against registered veterinary practitioners.

The Committee generally meets monthly and also maintains contact electronically.

The role of the Committee is to investigate complaints and provide a detailed report and recommendation to the Board. The Board carefully considers recommendations from the Committee and determines the outcome of a complaint investigation in accordance with the Act (s 47).

The Board will only accept a complaint concerning a registered veterinary practitioner when the complaint is documented as a statutory declaration.

The statutory declaration and further details regarding the process of investigating a complaint are available from the Board's website.

The Board understands that complaints made about a veterinary practitioner can be a very stressful event and recognises the importance of an expeditious and transparent resolution whilst maintaining a thorough and fair investigation process and the delivery of an appropriate decision.

The Act (s 47) provides the Board with a range of options to appropriately deal with complaints regarding unsatisfactory professional conduct and professional misconduct.

Prima Facie matters regarding serious professional misconduct are referred to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) for a decision. The Board refers matters to the NCAT when they are seeking a suspension or removal from the register.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE AND ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1 JULY 2020—30 JUNE 2021

MEMBER	APPOINTMENT	MEETING ATTENDANCE
Steven Ferguson	Veterinarian Board Member	6/6
Wendy Cochrane	Consumer Representative Board Member	5/5
Magdoline Awad	Veterinarian Board Member	11/11
Lisa Minogue	Consumer Representative Board Member	6/6
Georgina Child	Veterinarian Board Member	5/5

During 2021 financial year the Complaints Committee received **83** new complaints and continued the investigation of the **28** complaints current at 1 July 2020. A total of **80** complaints were finalised during the year (involving 110 veterinarians) with 3 complaints being withdrawn. As at 30 June 2021 there were **31** complaints current.

NEW AND FINALISED COMPLAINTS BY MONTH 1 JULY 2020—30 JUNE 2021							
MONTH	NEW	FINALISED	OUTCOME				
			DISMISS	CAUTION	REPRIMAND	NCAT	WITHDRAWN
July 2020	5	9	7	2			
August 2020	9	6	5	1			
September 2020	3	6	4	2			
October 2020	7	7	6	1			
November 2020	8	9	8	1			
December 2020	10	4	2	1			1
January 2021	6						
February 2021	7	6	5				1
March 2021	10	7	6	1			
April 2021	5	10	7	3			
May 2021	9	10	8	1			1
June 2021	4	6	4	1	1		
TOTAL	83	80	62	14	1		3

Achievement of Other Objectives

AUSTRALASIAN VETERINARY BOARDS COUNCIL INC. (AVBC)

The veterinary boards in each State and Territory of Australia and in New Zealand constitute the members of the AVBC and provide funding for its activities. The AVBC monitors common issues, education and training standards, and co-ordinates the Australasian Veterinary Examination (AVE) by arrangement with the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition. Graduates from overseas whose qualifications are not recognised in Australia must complete the AVE to be granted full registration.

The AVBC also assesses applications from registered veterinary practitioners seeking specialist registration and makes recommendations to the Board regarding these applications.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF VETERINARY REGISTRATION (NRVR)

All the states and territories of Australia have agreed on the proposed model which in essence will allow a registered veterinary practitioner from one State or Territory to practise in any other State or Territory without the requirement to formally register in that jurisdiction (automatic mutual recognition).

Under the agreed model a veterinarian is required to register with the veterinary board of the State or Territory in which he or she resides.

As at 30 June 2021, NRVR had been enacted in all jurisdictions except Northern Territory and Western Australia.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

The Act and Regulation place a requirement on registered practitioners to submit an *Annual Return*. Information sought in the *Annual Return* includes the reporting of CPD points. The Board, the AVBC and the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) have agreed on a model for appropriate CPD activities, validation and points allocation.

The Board relies on its relationship with the AVBC and the AVA to provide guidance in regards to CPD requirements.

Veterinarians are required to achieve 60 CPD points over a 3 year rolling period. At least 15 of these CPD points must be classified as structured learning.

The Board continues to work cooperatively with practitioners to assist them to achieve compliance with CPD requirements. The Board's website has links to various other websites providing useful information on CPD.

The compulsory requirement to report CPD activities provides the government and consumers of veterinary services with further assurance that registered veterinary practitioners are practising in accordance with current standards of veterinary science.

The Board tracks reported CPD and conducts a random audit of CPD reporting each year to monitor compliance with the legislation.

REGISTRATION AND LICENCE FEES

Fees payable to the Board were approved by the Minister for Primary Industries in accordance with the Act. The fee for annual registration of veterinary practitioners is \$300 and the annual fee for a veterinary hospital licence is \$350. The Board has established a cash reserve to cover contingencies including legal costs associated with potential disciplinary proceedings arising from matters referred to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) and appeals of NCAT decisions to the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

BOARD TALK

The Board published the newsletter *BoardTalk* in December 2020 and June 2021. *BoardTalk* is sent either in hard copy or electronically depending on preference to every veterinarian registered in NSW and to various other stakeholders. From June 2020 a hard copy of *BoardTalk* was also sent to all veterinary hospitals. *BoardTalk* is also available to the veterinary profession and the public from the Board's website. The Board uses *BoardTalk* to educate the veterinary profession about current issues and developments affecting the functions of the Board and the regulation of veterinary services.

EMAIL COMMUNICATION

At the request of the Department of Primary Industries, the Department of Health and other regulatory bodies, the Board may distribute important bulletins to registered veterinary practitioners via email.

The Board also provides a brief email update for the profession in March and September.

WEBSITE

The Board's website provides details of the Board's operations including relevant legislation and complaint handling processes.

An online search of the register of veterinary practitioners, veterinary specialists and all licensed veterinary hospitals in NSW is possible using the website.

There are links to relevant sites including the Australian Veterinary Association and other Australian State and Territory and New Zealand Board sites. All the relevant forms needed for registration, hospital licensing and complaints can also be downloaded from the site.

Registration and hospital licence renewal fees may be paid using the Board's website.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Board pays all its accounts promptly and within the indicators set by the Treasurer. It is standard operating procedure to pay accounts as soon as practicable and in any event within 30 days.

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No public officials made public interest disclosures and no public interest disclosures were received by the Board for the period year ending 30 June 2021. No public interest disclosures were finalised during the above period.

The Board has established an internal reporting policy for public interest disclosures in compliance with the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994*. Staff have been made aware of their obligations under this legislation. The Act and guidelines are available to staff on the company server.

LAND DISPOSAL

The Board does not own any real estate.

CONSULTANTS

The Board did not engage any consultants during the financial year ending June 2021.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

The Board is in a financially sound position and is not aware of any substantial contingent liabilities. Audited financial statements for the financial year ending June 2021 are available within this Annual Report.

WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

The Board employs eight people working on either a full time (3), part time (3) or casual basis (2).

The Board complies with Equal Employment Opportunity principles in its policies and procedures relating to employment. Five of the current staff are women (2 full time, 2 part time, 1 casual). No other workforce diversity groups are declared.

One additional person (male) was employed by the Board during the year to replace the previous Hospital Inspector (male) retired. The gender representation and distribution of employees therefore did not change.

DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

The Board uses a disposal authority to identify, file, archive or dispose of all of its documents. The disposal authority has been approved by State Records NSW.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Board has established measures to collect information about age, gender and employment patterns of registered veterinary practitioners and the results are published in this Annual Report.

PROMOTION OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOARD

The Board issues the following publications:

- Annual Report
- *BoardTalk*
- Board updates
- Policies and Guidelines

BoardTalk, Annual Reports, Board policies and guidelines, the *Veterinary Practice Act 2003*, *Veterinary Practice Regulation 2013* and other legislation affecting the practice of veterinary science in NSW are all available from the Board's website.

ENQUIRIES

The Board processes formal complaints concerning the conduct of veterinary practitioners. Other enquiries relating to activities associated with the veterinary profession made to the Board by consumers and veterinary practitioners are dealt with by the staff of the Board and referred to the Board as required. The staff provide a timely response by telephone or email.

The staff have a broad knowledge of practical information usually required and offer referral to other agencies where appropriate. Written submissions are considered at Board meetings and the Registrar replies as directed by the Board.

MULTICULTURAL POLICIES & SERVICES PROGRAM

The Board is committed to the principles of multiculturalism and strives to ensure its services and facilities are accessible to all residents of this State. The Board is aware of the strategic priorities for Multicultural NSW.

The Board has implemented its multicultural policies and services plan by circulating information and providing training that will assist staff to respond effectively to multicultural services issues as required.

The Board and staff of the Board are particularly aware that people seeking information about veterinary services are from culturally diverse backgrounds and some may require additional assistance when communicating with the Board.

Specifically, regarding services for humanitarian entrants to the profession, the Board plans to continue to work harmoniously with other veterinary boards in Australia and New Zealand and with the AVBC to ensure consistency in the recognition of overseas qualifications and access to the profession.

NSW GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN FOR WOMEN

The Board is committed to ensuring that the Government's policies in relation to women and women's issues are implemented in all aspects of the functions of the Board.

Four of the six veterinary practitioner Board members are women and six of the eight members of the Board are women.

Data for 2021 reveal that 61% of all registered veterinary practitioners and 81% of new graduate registrants in NSW are women.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

The Board maintains insurance cover through the Treasury Managed Fund for its assets and any liability of staff and Board members. It also maintains workers compensation insurance as required by workers compensation legislation.

The Board has been granted a small agency exemption in relation to internal audit and risk management policy TPP 09-05 based on an assessment of existing risk management processes by NSW Treasury.

CYBER SECURITY ANNUAL ATTESTATION STATEMENT

I, John Baguley, am of the opinion that the Board had an Information Security Management System (ISMS) in place during the 2020-2021 financial year that is consistent with the Core Requirements set out in the NSW Government Digital Information Security Policy.

The controls in place to mitigate identified risks to the digital information and digital information systems of the Board are adequate.

There is no agency under the control of the Board which is required to develop an independent ISMS in accordance with the NSW Government Digital Information Security Policy.

DELIVERY OF ELECTRONIC SERVICES

The Board and its staff recognise the savings in time and costs which are achieved by the use of electronic communications and services.

The Board uses email and the website extensively for communication with and provision of information to the profession and the public.

The website provides the profession and the public with an efficient method for sourcing forms, guidelines, policies and statistics, and searching for veterinary practitioners and hospitals. The use of the website minimises administration processes allowing staff to focus on other duties.

The Board maintains an electronic registration payment gateway through the Board's website. This provides veterinary practitioners with the option of online payment of annual registration renewal fees. Almost all registration renewal fees, hospital renewal fees, and Annual Returns are submitted online.

Board and Complaints Committee meetings are 'paperless' and most communication with the profession is by electronic means.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

The Board maintains a comprehensive Records Management Policy in compliance with its obligations under the *State Records Act 1998*. This policy also includes an approved Disposal Authority which identifies all of the records held by the Board, the period of their retention and the method of their archive or disposal.

Staff participate in the State Records Small Agencies Forum and attend training programs. Staff apply the Records Management Policy Procedures and the Board's records are maintained in electronic and hardcopy format to the required standard.

COLLECTION OF DATA ABOUT THE VETERINARY PROFESSION

During the year the Board collated new data received from submission of Annual Returns. This Annual Report provides a detailed statistical overview of the veterinary profession in NSW. The Board is well placed to assist the profession in identifying trends and changes within the profession from analysis of these statistics.

Information collected from veterinary practitioners includes:

- gender
- age
- employment field
- location of employment (remoteness)
- qualification (year and university)

FLEXIBLE WORK PRACTICES

The Board recognises the importance of flexibility for all employees to balance their work and personal responsibilities more efficiently and effectively.

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

The Board provides open access to documents that have already been made public in some other way; information that would not raise any potential concerns in terms of public interest considerations against disclosure; and documents containing personal information about a particular individual, and that is the person who is requesting the information.

A formal access application may be made for all other information held by the Board other than excluded information under schedule 2 the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

No formal access applications for information were received by the Board during the reporting year.

The Board has reviewed information currently available and based on this analysis and informal and formal applications for access the Board has not made any additional information publicly available.

The Board's right to information officer is the Registrar, Dr John Baguley.

The Board has developed a Privacy Management Plan to ensure compliance with Information Protection Principles and Health Privacy Principles. This Plan is reviewed annually by the Board. The Board did not receive a request for an internal review during the reporting year.

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Board is aware of its work health and safety obligations and informs staff of relevant changes. No work related injuries or illnesses were reported during the year. The Board was not the subject of any prosecutions under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN

The Board maintains a range of strategies to support people with a disability in accordance with the *Disability Inclusion Act 2014* including:

- Arrangements are made as required to meet the needs of those with disabilities. This includes seeking assistance where applicable from external providers to prepare and coordinate return to work plans for staff with work related injuries and/or temporary disabilities
- Staff have undertaken training in relation to needs of people with disabilities and disability awareness
- Access to premises and within premises access to disabled washrooms
- Compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines as required. The Board's website may be accessed by persons who are visually impaired.

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic restrictions required that some Board meetings be held virtually during the year. Similarly, some staff members worked from home during the year to assist with controlling the pandemic. The pandemic also created increased demand for veterinary services, reduced the mobility of the profession and has led to some complaints against veterinarians based on reduced face to face contact between clients and veterinarians. The Board and staff have responded to these challenges.

OVERSEAS VISITS

Nil.

Doctors' Health Advisory Service

The Doctors' Health Advisory Service in NSW (DHAS) is a confidential, readily available source of advice and support for veterinarians, students, family members and colleagues.

In early 1997 Dr Frank Doughty facilitated an arrangement with the DHAS to provide confidential, personal and health related assistance to all members of the veterinary profession in NSW. The Veterinary Practitioners Board NSW fully supports this service and contributes to the funding of the DHAS on behalf of the veterinary profession.

Calls generally relate to substance abuse (alcohol and other drugs), psychological or physical issues, financial difficulties or a combination of these problems. Each caller's problems are unique.

The DHAS aims to assist veterinarians to maintain full personal, professional and social capability. If this is not possible, alternatives can be explored which enable veterinarians to function in their profession with appropriate support and dignity.

The DHAS is an advisory, not treatment service.

The DHAS provides a 24-hour phone line, which is manned by an answering service. Calls are then returned by qualified DHAS staff (a psychiatrist and social worker) or health professional associates. Callers are not required to leave any identifying data, only a phone number to enable a return call.

Depending on the nature of the call and discussion with the caller, advice will be provided about "next steps", if these are required. The next steps may take the form of one or more of the following:

1. Subsequent discussion between the caller and the DHAS staff or associate.
2. Referrals may be suggested to a GP, psychiatrist, drug and alcohol specialist, other medical specialist, psychologist, or other allied health professional.
3. On a case-by-case basis, and with the caller's permission, the above named professionals may be contacted by the DHAS to facilitate the referral.
4. An offer is always made to the caller for ongoing contact with the DHAS, as required.

Importantly, the DHAS is not an emergency service – the answering service advises callers to contact 000 in the case of an emergency.

Dr Frank Doughty
Advisory Committee
Doctors' Health Advisory Service



**Every doctor, dentist and veterinarian
should have their own GP**

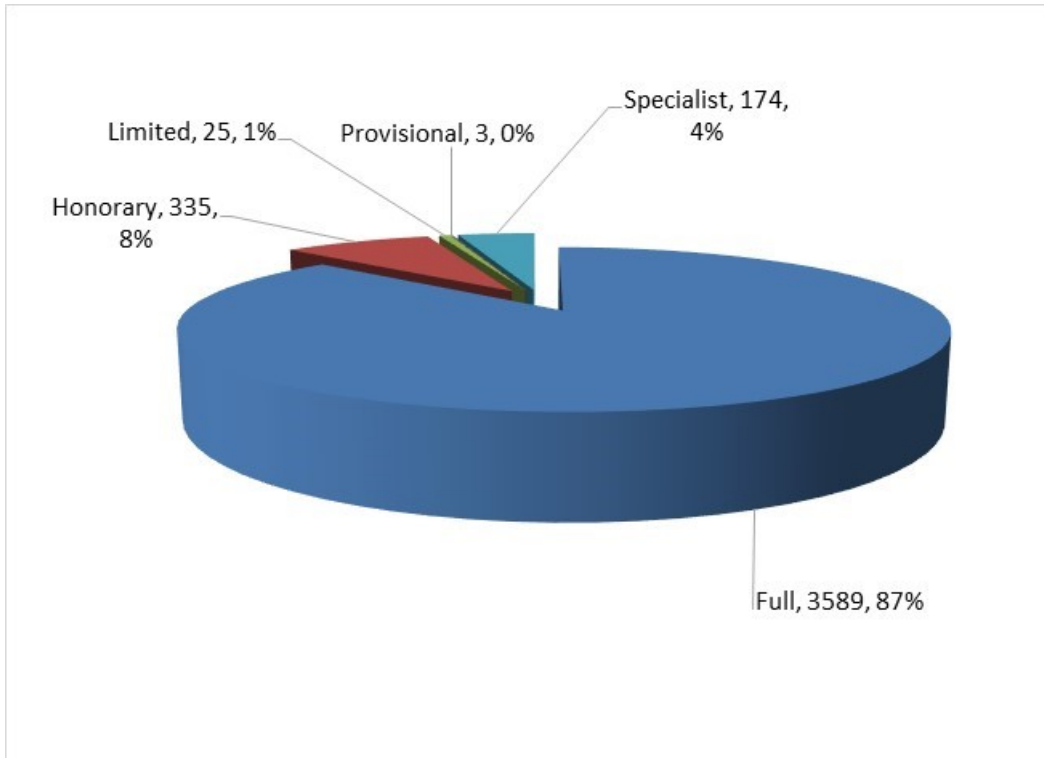
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02 9437 6552
24 hours**



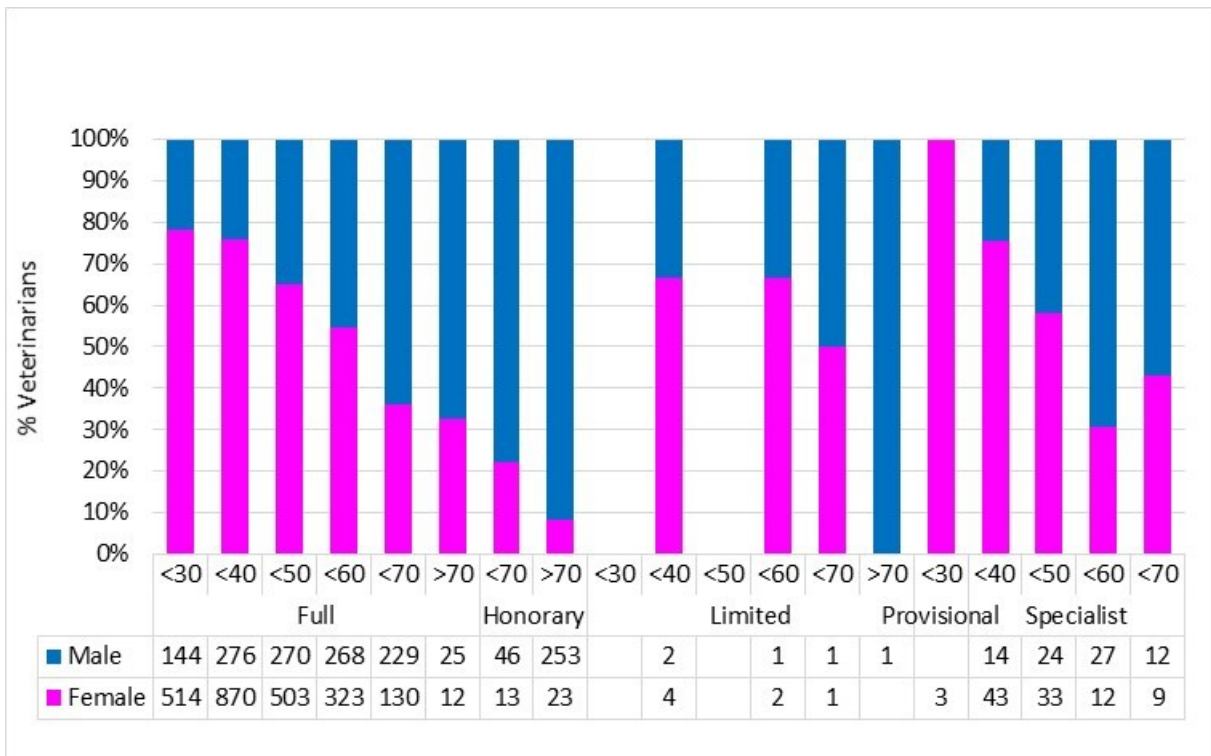
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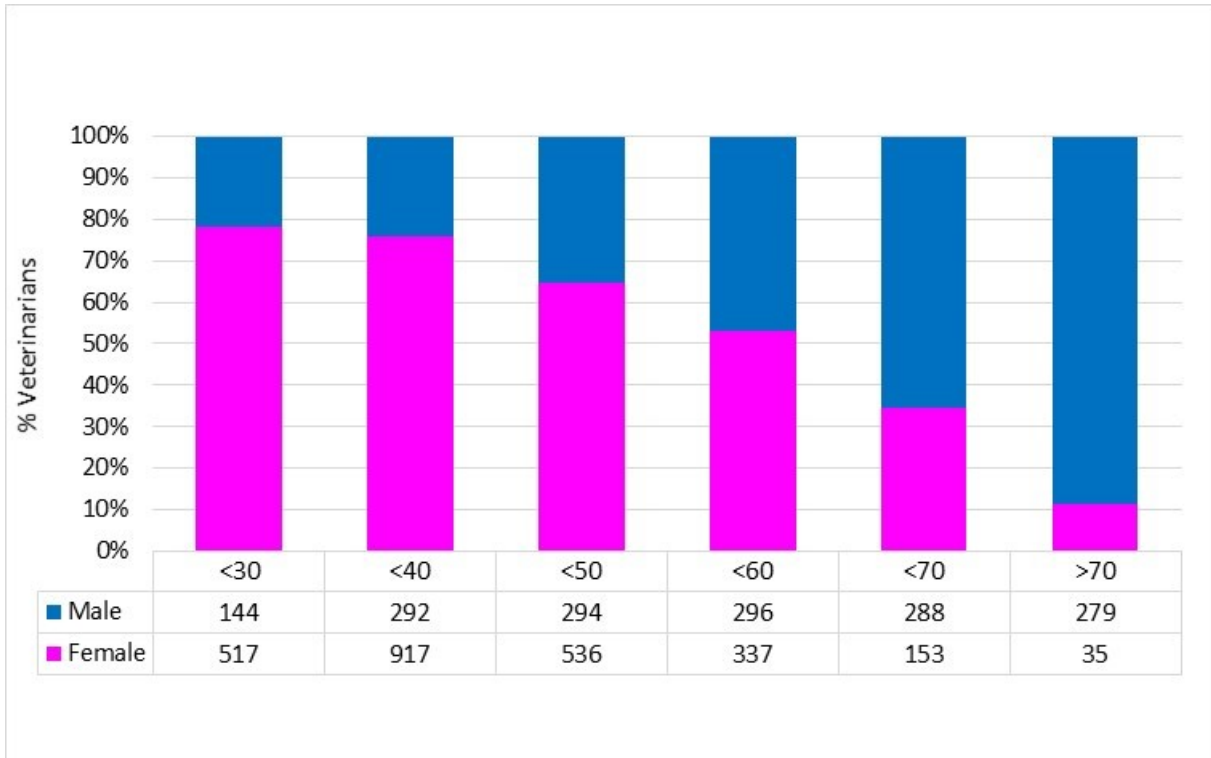
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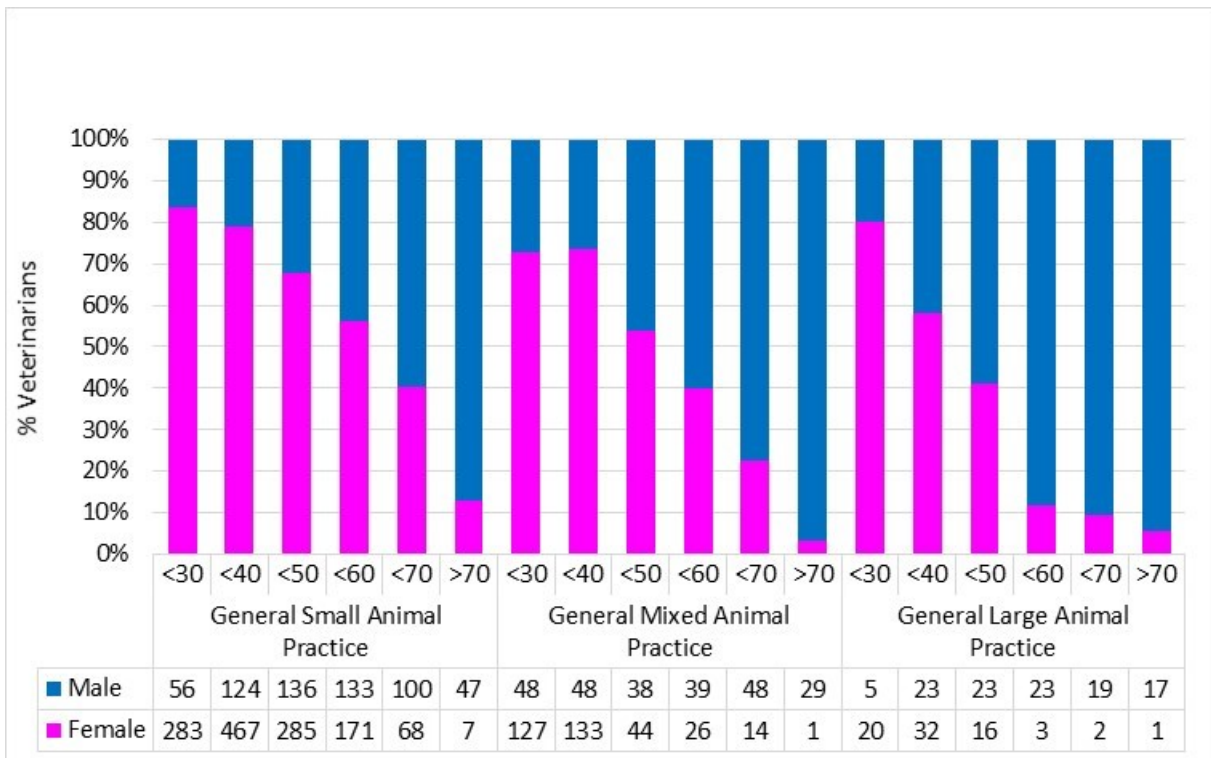
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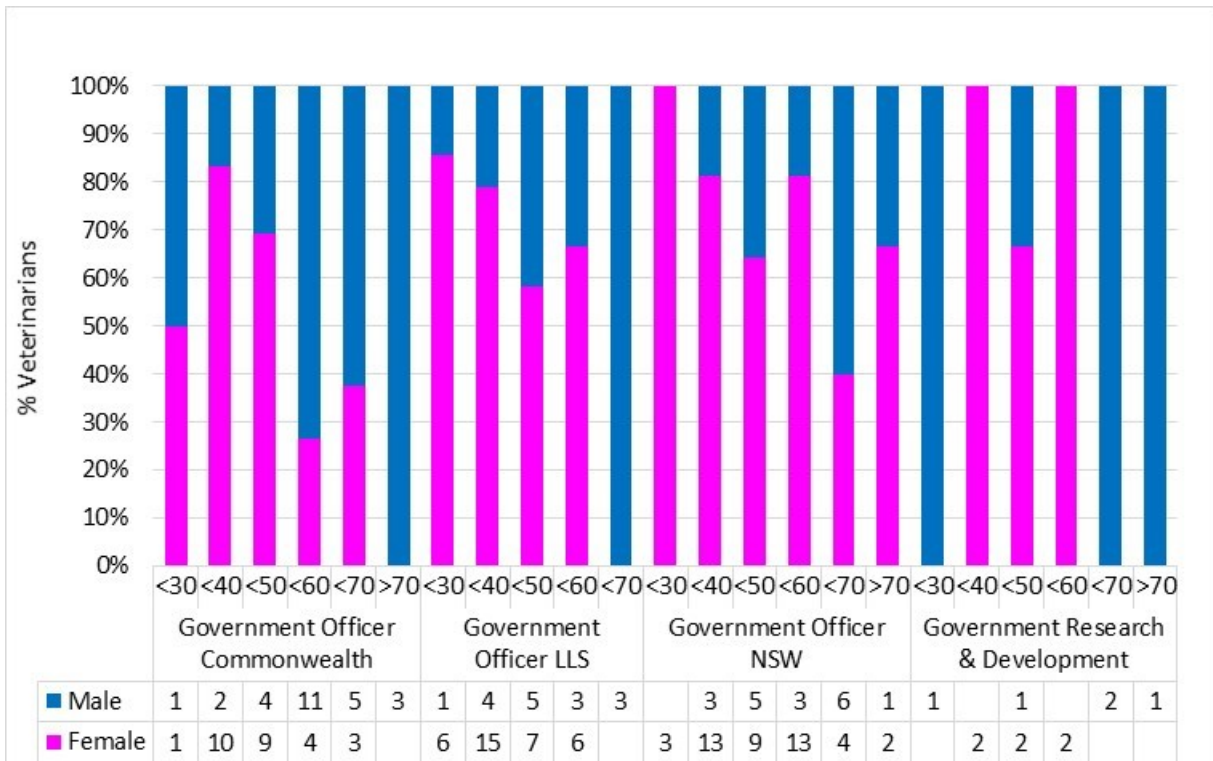
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Age Group and Gender
2021**



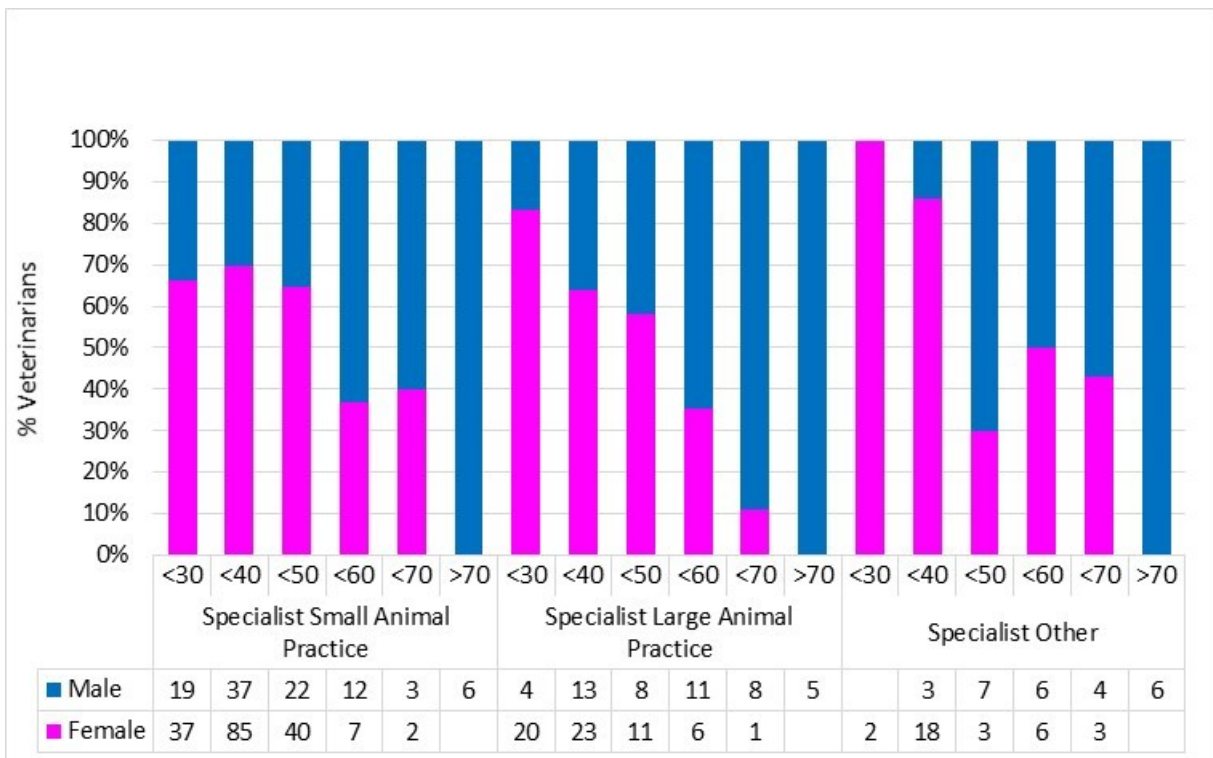
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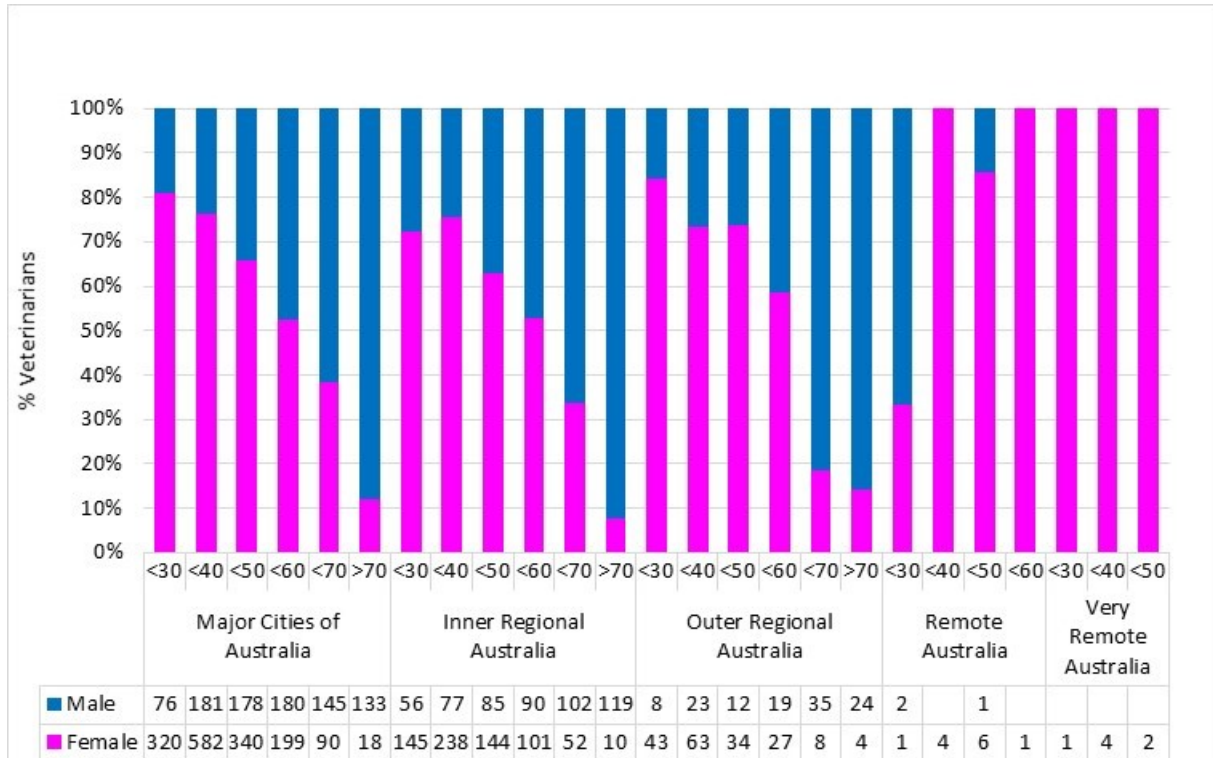
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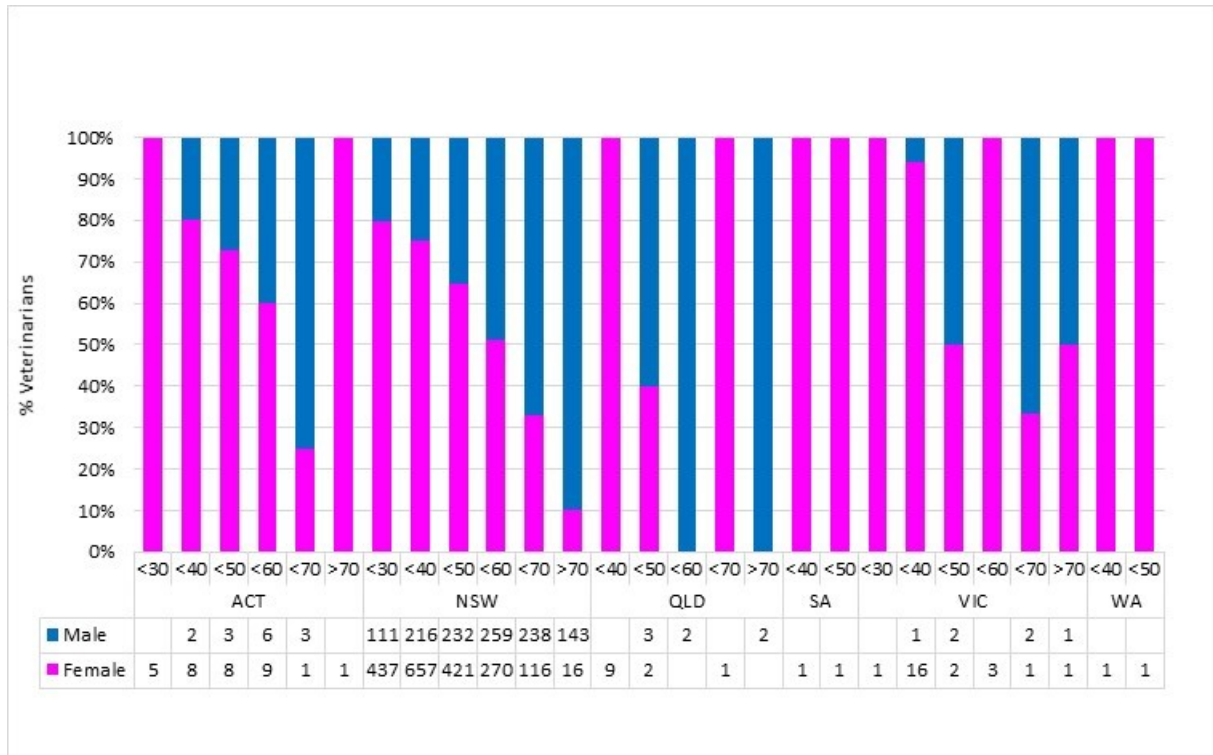
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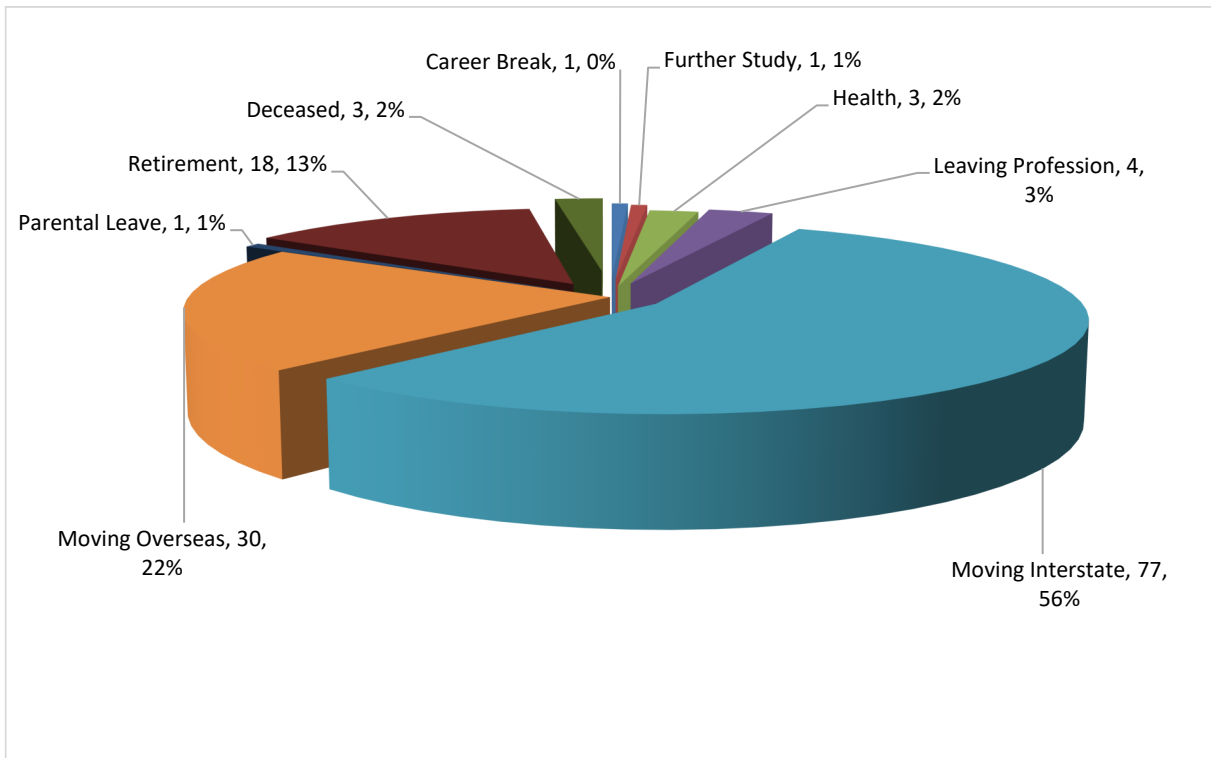
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2021**



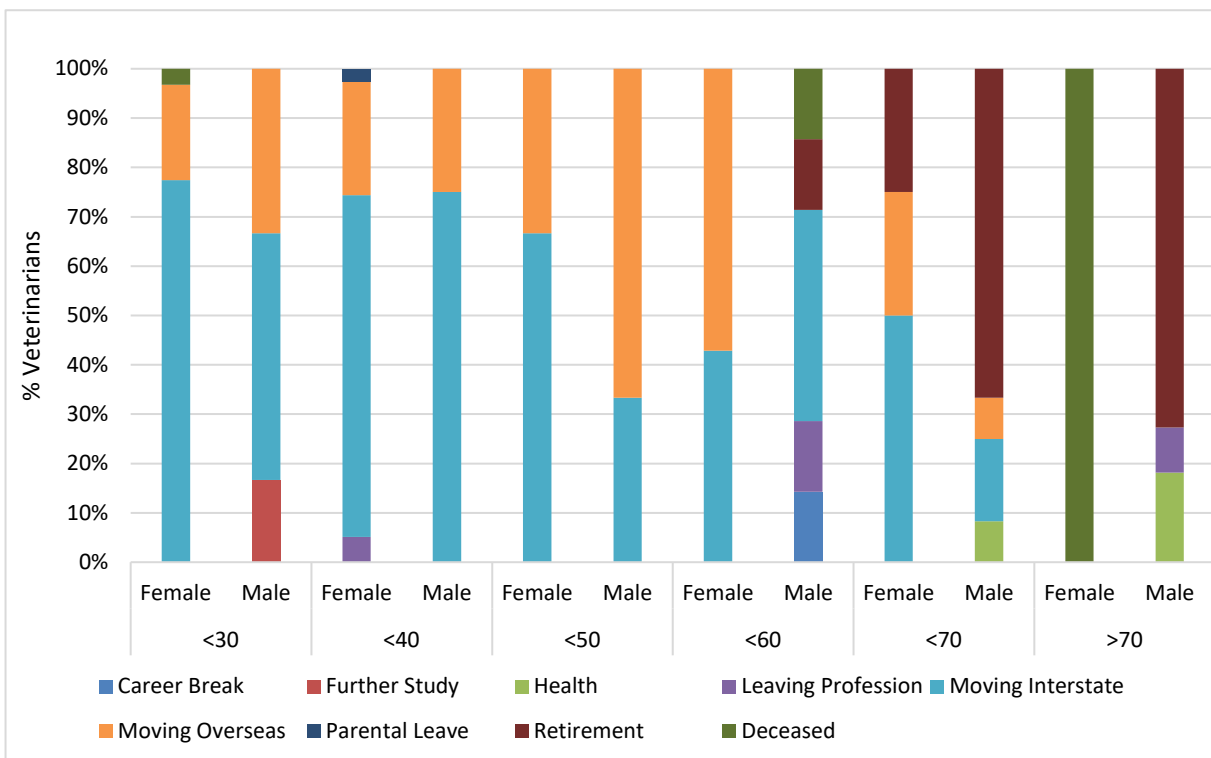
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Gender and Australian Jurisdiction (Work)
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**Removals from Register
Selected Reasons for Removal
2021**



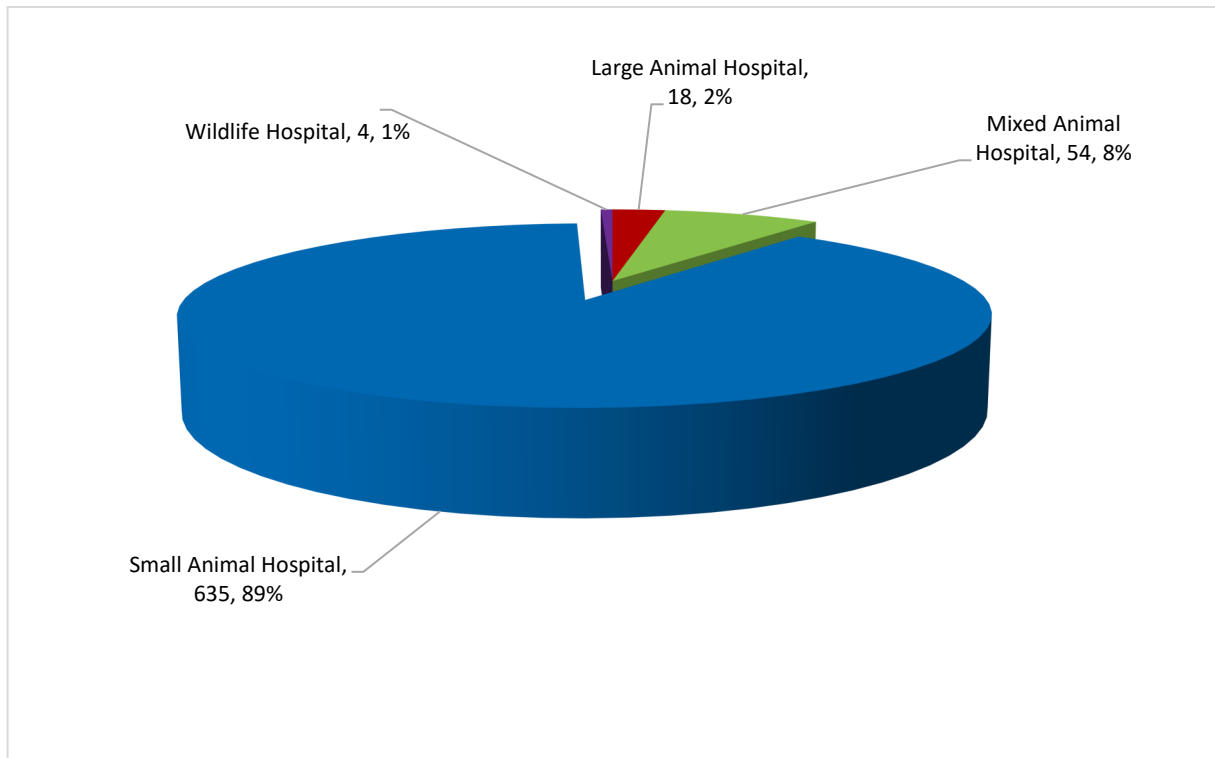
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Selected Reasons for Removal by Gender and Age Group
2021**



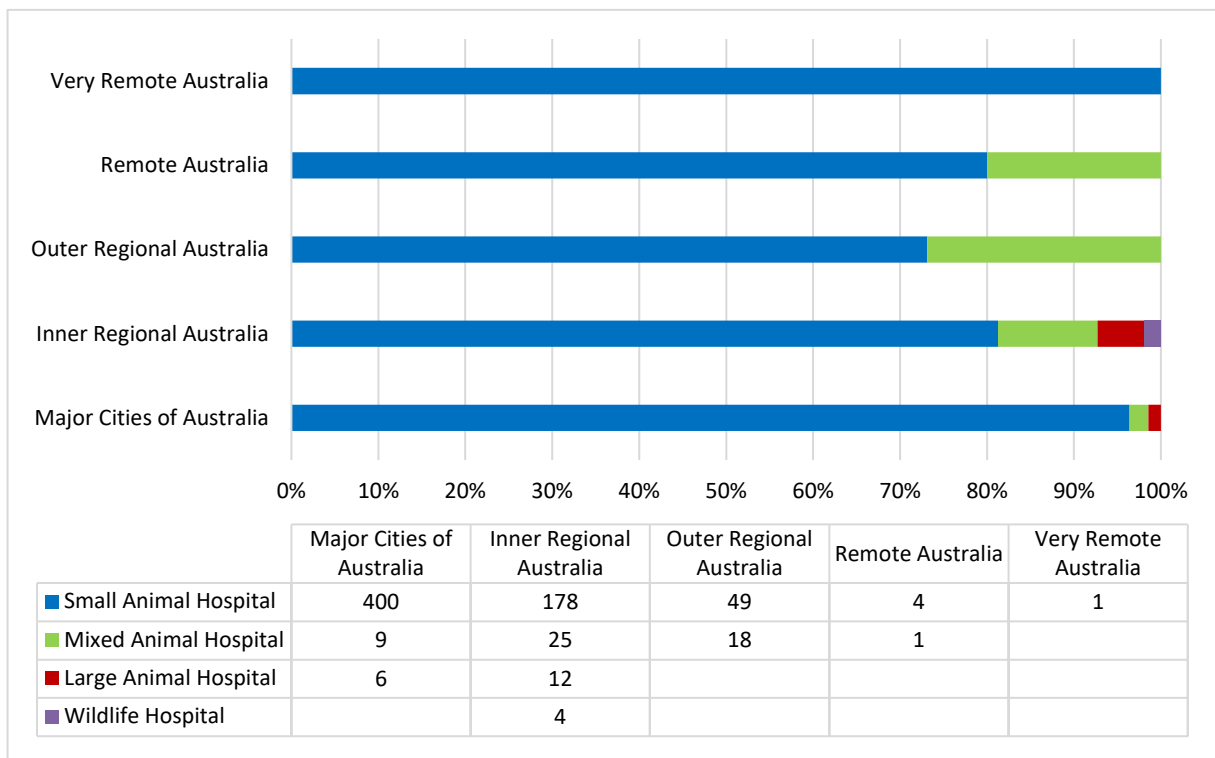
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Licence Type

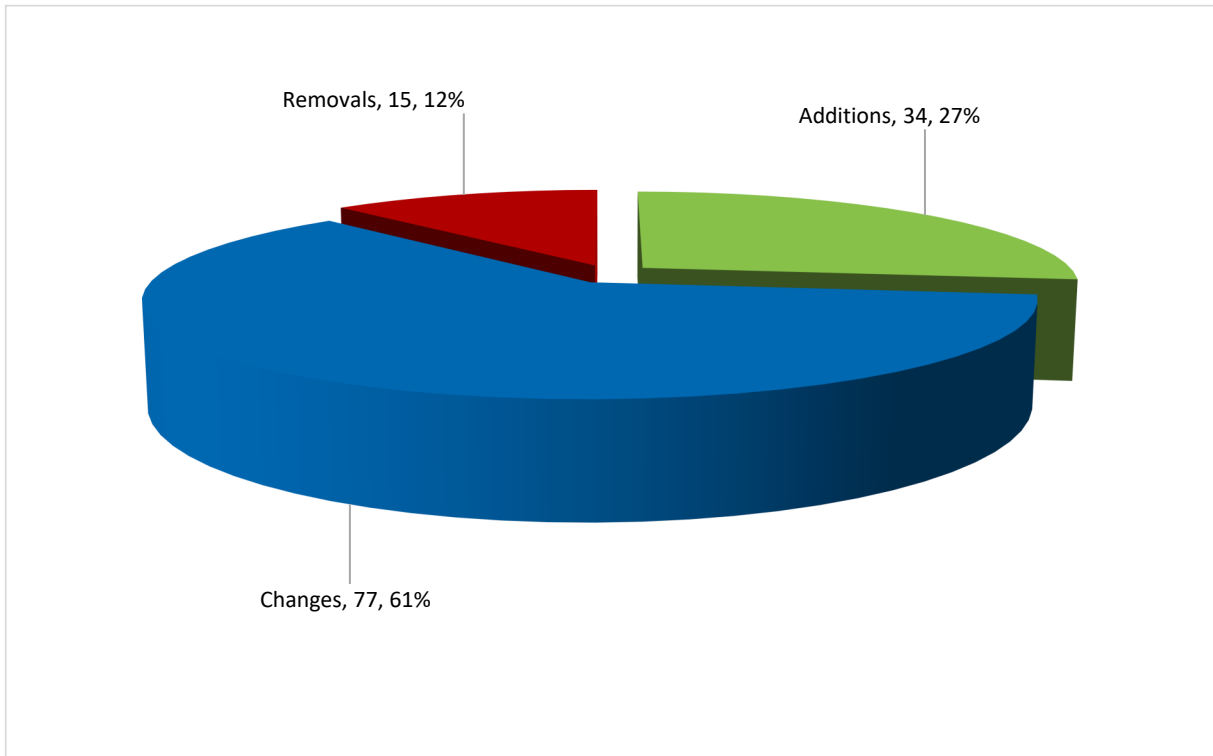
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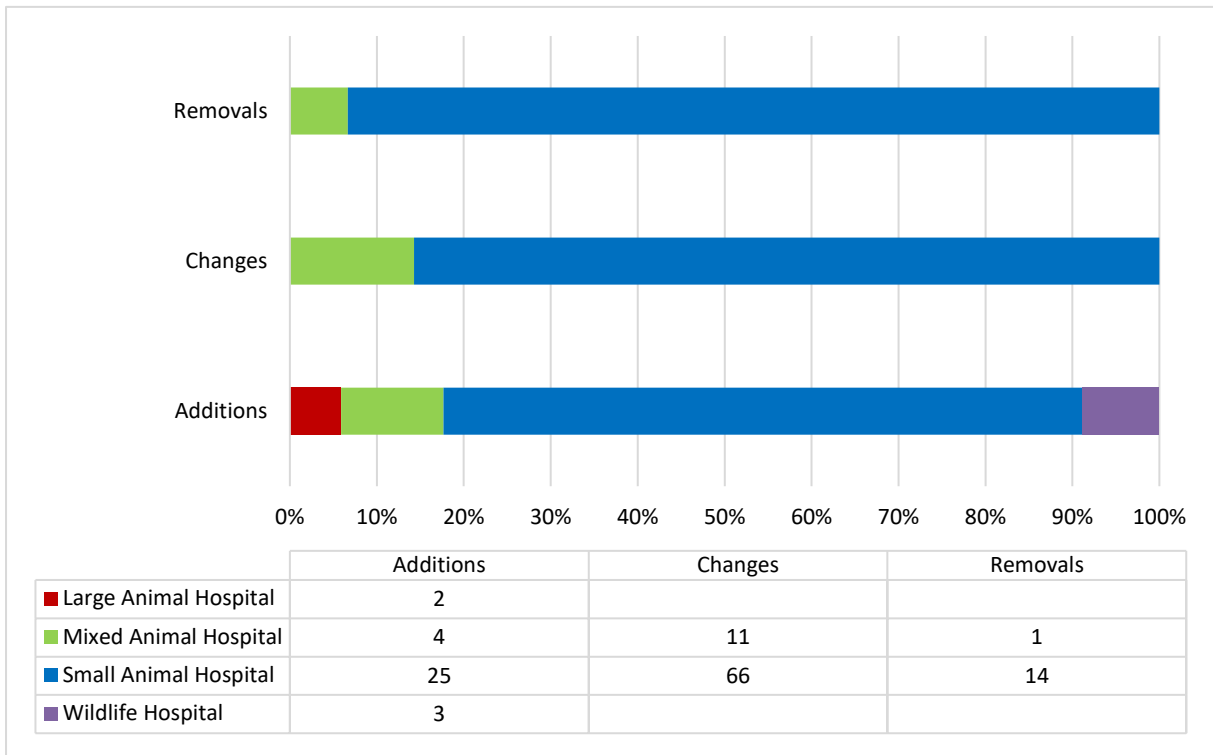
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Licence Type and Remoteness of Practice
2021**



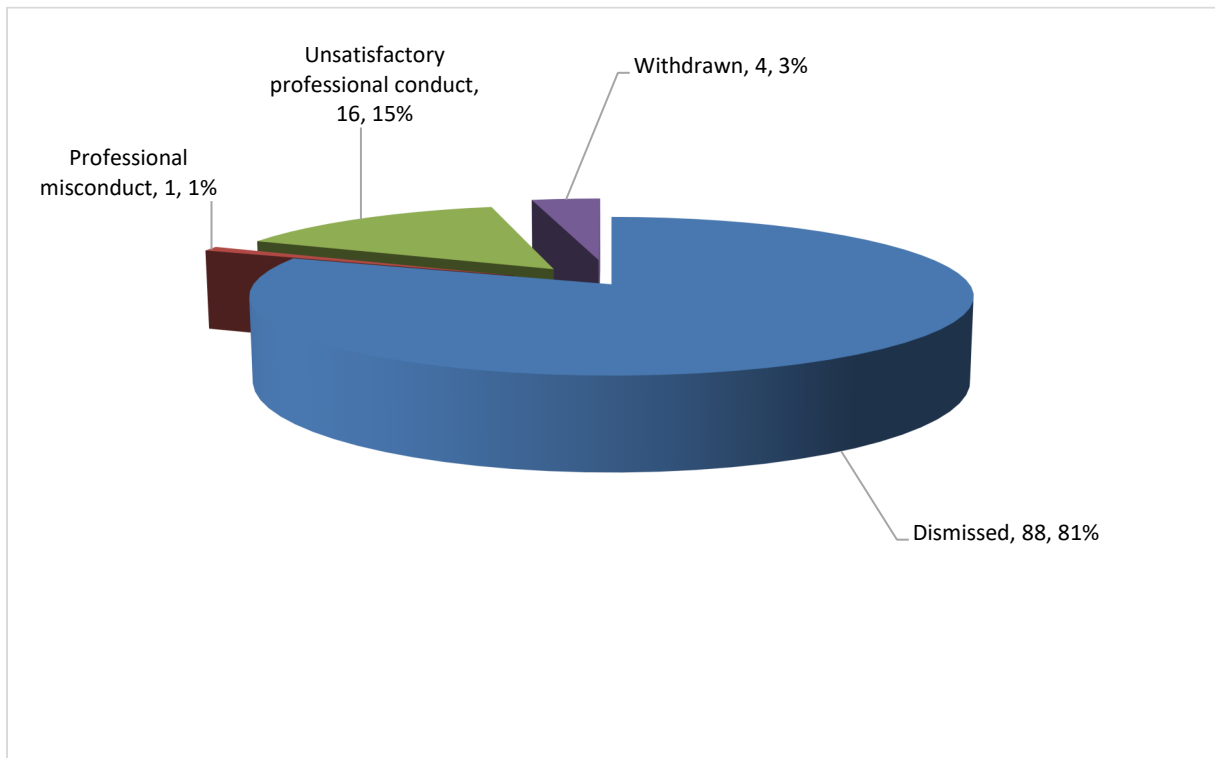
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2021**



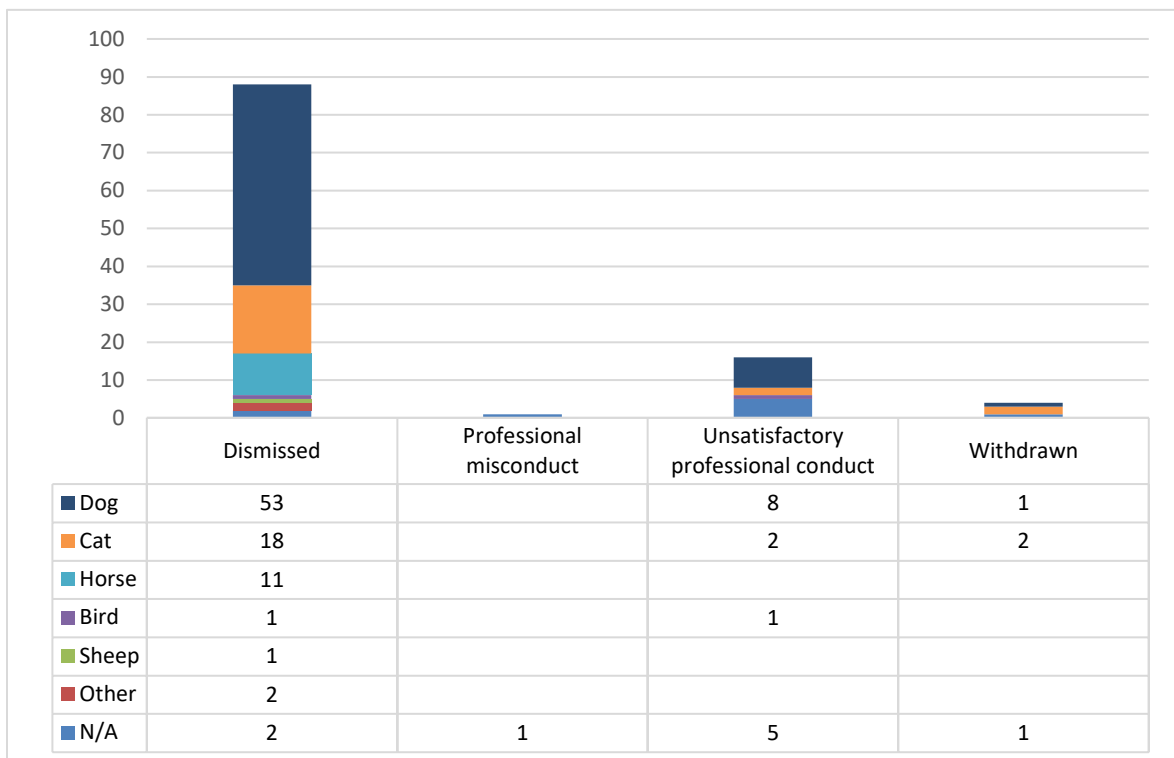
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Transactions and Licence Type
2021**



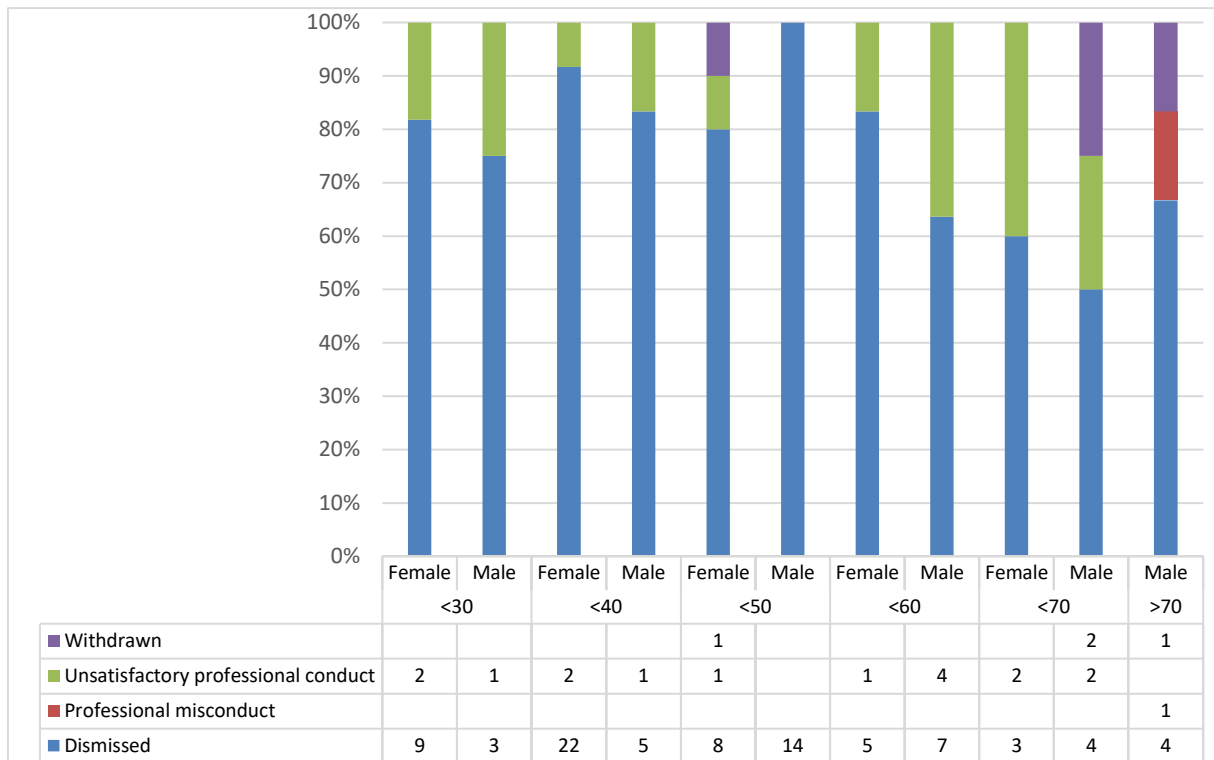
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Individual veterinarians
2021**



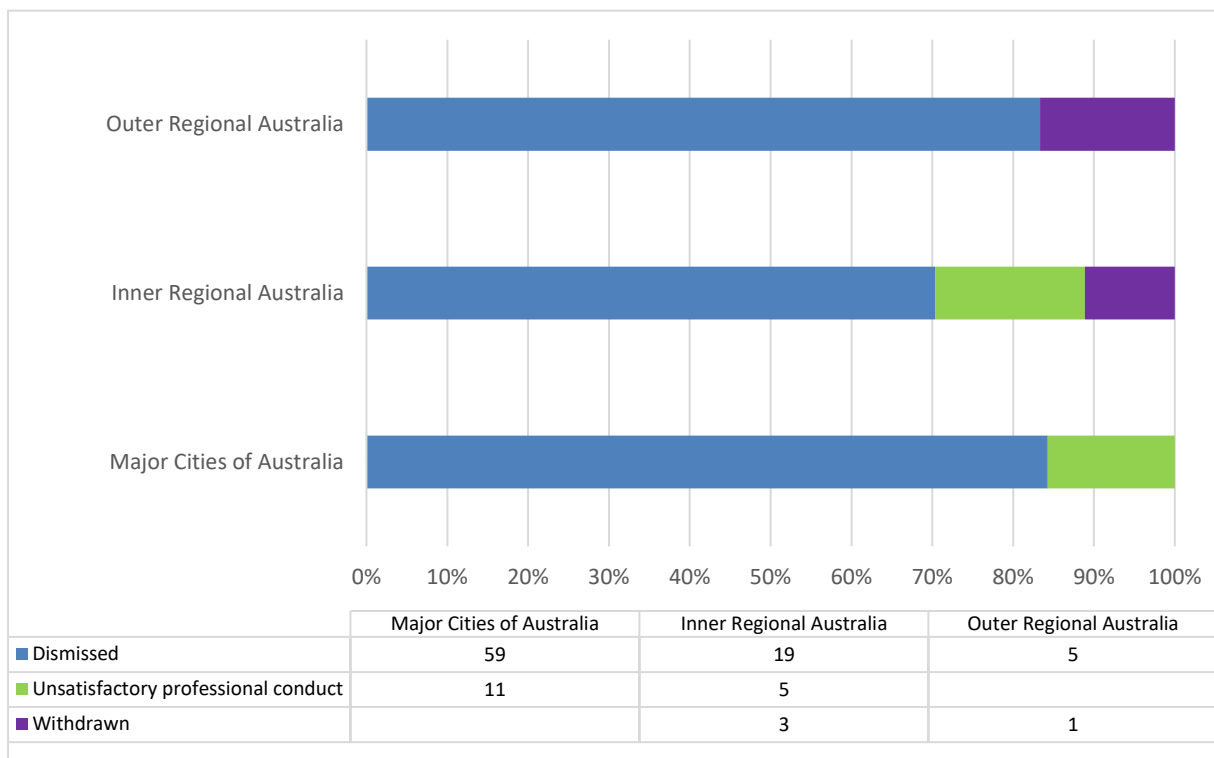
**Complaint Decisions
Species of animal
2021**



**Complaint Decisions
Veterinarian Gender and Age Group
2021**



**Complaint Decisions
Remoteness of Practice
2021**



Financial Statements





STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Pursuant to the *Government Sector Finance Act 2018* (Act) (s 7.6(4)) and in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Veterinary Practitioners Board, we state that these financial statements:

- have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the applicable requirements of the Act, the *Government Sector Finance Regulation 2018* and the Treasurer's directions, and
- present fairly the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Veterinary Practitioners Board.

Steven Ferguson
President, Veterinary Practitioners Board
25 October 2021

Lisa Minogue
Member, Veterinary Practitioners Board
25 October 2021



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Veterinary Practitioners Board

To Members of the New South Wales Parliament

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Veterinary Practitioners Board (the Board), which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2020, the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2020, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Board as at 30 June 2020, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards
- are in accordance with section 41B of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* (PF&A Act) and the Public Finance and Audit Regulation 2015.

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report.

I am independent of the Board in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of public sector agencies
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

I believe the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Other Information

The Board's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2021 includes other information in addition to the financial statements and my Independent Auditor's Report thereon. The Members of the Board is responsible for the other information. At the date of this Independent Auditor's Report, the other information I have received comprise the draft annual report.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information. Accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude there is a material misstatement of the other information, I must report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

The Members of the Board's Responsibilities for the financial statements

The Members of the Board are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the GSF Act, GSF Regulations and Treasurer's Directions. The Members of the Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Members of the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Members of the Board are responsible for assessing the Board's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the financial statements

My objectives are to:

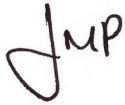
- obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole [are / is] free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatements. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions users take based on the financial statements.

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

The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the Board carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited financial statements on any website where [they / it] may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the financial statements.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'JMP' in a stylized, cursive font.

Jan-Michael Perez
Director, Financial Audit

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

27 October 2021
SYDNEY

Veterinary Practitioners Board
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
EXPENSES			
Employee Related Expenses	2(a)	639,836	660,612
Other Operating Expenses	2(b)	309,384	280,394
Depreciation and Amortisation	2(c)	105,687	106,905
Other Expenses	2(d)	207,345	232,593
Total Expenses Excluding Losses		1,262,251	1,280,504
REVENUE			
Licence and Application Fees	3(a)	1,462,110	1,429,440
Other Revenue	3(b)	22,162	39,420
Investment Revenue		235,518	3,589
Total Revenue		1,719,790	1,472,449
Gain/(Loss) on Disposal	4	(173)	(5,161)
Net Result for the Year		457,366	186,784
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		457,366	186,784

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Veterinary Practitioners Board
Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5	1,827,482	1,599,319
Receivables	6	32,805	24,133
Inventories	7	918	735
Financial Assets at Fair Value	8	2,911,488	2,677,906
Other	9	63,142	52,632
Total Current Assets		4,835,835	4,354,723
Non-Current Assets			
Receivables	6	6,440	7,640
Plant and Equipment	10	26,179	31,447
Right of Use Assets	11	98,353	189,145
Intangible Assets	12	212,062	160,612
Total Non-Current Assets		343,034	388,844
Total Assets		5,178,869	4,743,567
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	13	81,925	88,966
Other	14	1,315,350	1,233,050
Borrowings	15	94,705	90,608
Provisions	16	116,281	127,991
Total Current Liabilities		1,608,261	1,540,615
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	16	43,540	38,544
Borrowings	15	7,972	102,677
Total Non-Current Liabilities		51,512	141,221
Total Liabilities		1,659,773	1,681,836
Net Assets		3,519,097	3,061,731
EQUITY			
Accumulated Funds	18	3,519,097	3,061,731
Total Equity		3,519,097	3,061,731

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**Veterinary Practitioners Board
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

	Notes	Accumulated Funds	Total
Balance at 1 July 2020		3,061,731	3,061,731
Net result	18	457,366	457,366
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Total comprehensive income for the year	18	457,366	457,366
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Balance at 30 June 2021		3,519,097	3,519,097
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Balance at 1 July 2019		2,874,947	2,874,947
Net result	18	186,784	186,784
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Total comprehensive income for the year	18	186,784	186,784
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Balance at 30 June 2020		3,061,731	3,061,731
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Veterinary Practitioners Board
Statement of Cash Flow
for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Payments			
Employee Related		681,178	642,921
Other Operating Expenses		501,181	497,149
Total Payments		1,182,359	1,140,070
RECEIPTS			
Licence and Application Fees		1,544,410	1,601,740
Investment Revenue		1,935	3,589
Other Income		21,512	39,920
Total Receipts		1,567,857	1,645,249
Net Cash From Operating Activities	17	385,498	505,179
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of Financial Assets		-	(494,028)
Purchase of Intangible Assets		(52,450)	(89,300)
Purchase of Plant and Equipment		(12,001)	(28,128)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities		(64,451)	(611,456)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Repayment of borrowing and leasing liabilities		(92,882)	(86,650)
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities		(92,882)	(86,650)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Balance		228,165	(192,927)
Opening Cash and Cash Equivalents		1,599,319	1,792,246
CLOSING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	5	1,827,482	1,599,319

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Veterinary Practitioners Board

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Reporting Entity

The Veterinary Practitioners Board (Board) is a statutory body under the *Public Finance Audit Act 1983*. The Board is a not-for-profit entity (as profit is not its principal objective) which registers veterinary practitioners, licenses veterinary hospitals and investigates complaints about the practice of veterinary science in NSW under the *Veterinary Practice Act 2003*. The expenses of the Board are met directly from the revenue collected by the Board mainly in the form of licence and application fees.

The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 are authorised for issue by President Dr Steven Ferguson and member Mrs Lisa Minogue on 25 October 2021.

b) Basis of Preparation

The Board's financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with:

- applicable Australian Accounting Standards (which include Australian Accounting Interpretations)
- the requirements of the *Government Sector Finance Act 2018 (GSF Act)*
- the *Government Sector Finance Regulation 2018*
- applicable Treasurer's Directions and Treasury Circulars.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified where applicable, by measurement at the fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Property, plant and equipment are measured at fair value. Other financial statement items are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

Judgements, key assumptions and estimations that management has made are disclosed in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

All amounts are rounded to the nearest one dollar and are expressed in Australian currency.

Except when an Australian Accounting Standard permits or requires otherwise, comparative information is presented in respect of the previous period for all amounts reported in the financial statements.

i. Statement of compliance

The financial statements and notes comply with Australian Accounting Standards, which include Australian Accounting Interpretations.

ii. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flow, cash includes cash on hand, at call deposits with banks or financial institutions and investments in money market instruments maturing within less than three months, and is reported net of bank overdrafts.

iii. Employee Benefits and other provisions

Provisions are made for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave, and long service leave when it is probable that settlement will be required and they are capable of being measured reliably.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

iii. Employee Benefits and other provisions (continued)

Wages, salaries and annual leave

Provisions made in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and other employee benefits expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date representing present obligations resulting from employees' services provided up to the reporting date, calculated at undiscounted amounts based on remuneration rates that the Board expects to pay including related on-costs.

Annual leave is not expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. As such, it is required to be measured at present value in accordance with AASB 119 *Employee Benefits* (although short-cut methods are permitted). The Board has assessed the actuarial advice based on the Board's circumstances and has determined that the effect of discounting is immaterial to annual leave.

Unused non-vesting sick leave does not give rise to liability as it is not considered probable that sick leave taken in the future will be greater than the benefits accrued in the future.

Long service leave

Provisions for employee benefits for long service leave represent the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made resulting from employees' services provided up to the reporting date.

The provision is calculated using expected future increases in wage and salary rates including related on-costs and expected settlement dates based on turnover history and is discounted using the rates attaching to national government securities at balance date which most closely match the terms of maturity of the related liabilities. The unwinding of the discount is treated as long service leave expense.

Superannuation plan

The Board contributes to accumulation based funds chosen by each employee as per the Australian Government initiative 'Super Choice'. Contributions are charged against expenditure as they are incurred.

iv. Plant and Equipment

The cost method of accounting is used for the initial recording of all acquisitions of assets controlled by the Board. The capitalisation threshold is \$100. The assets below this threshold can be expensed from the date of acquisition.

Cost is the amount of cash or cash equivalents paid or the fair value of the other consideration given to acquire the asset at the time of its acquisition or construction or, where applicable, the amount attributed to that asset when initially recognised in accordance with the specific requirements of other Australian Accounting Standards.

Assets acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration, are initially recognised at their fair value at the date of acquisition.

For non-specialised assets with short useful lives, recognition at depreciated historical cost is regarded as an acceptable surrogate for fair value, in accordance with TPP 14-01. This is because any difference between fair value and depreciated historical cost is unlikely to be material.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

iv. Plant and Equipment (continued)

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided for on a straight-line basis for all depreciable assets so as to write off the depreciable amount of each asset as it is consumed over its useful life to the Board.

All material and separately identifiable components of assets are depreciated over their useful lives.

The depreciation method is reviewed at least annually and, if there has been a change in the expected pattern of consumption, the method applied will be changed to reflect this.

When depreciation rates or depreciation methods are changed, the change is accounted for as a change in accounting estimate. The effect is recognised in the financial year of the change, if the change affects that year only, or in the year of the change and future years, if the change affects both. The depreciation recognised in prior financial years is not changed either by an adjustment via the profit and loss account or via retained profits or accumulated losses.

The useful lives used for each class of assets are:

CLASS OF FIXED ASSETS	USEFUL LIFE
Office equipment	3 – 8 years
Furniture and Fittings	5 – 12 years
Fit-out assets	12 years

v. Inventories

Inventories held for distribution are measured at cost, adjusted when applicable for any loss of service potential. For inventories held for distribution, a loss of service potential would be identified and measured based on the existence of a current replacement cost that is lower than the carrying amount. Cost is calculated using the weighted average cost.

vi. Impairment of Assets

As a not-for-profit entity with no cash-generating units, impairment under the AASB 136 *Impairment of Assets* is unlikely to arise. As property, plant and equipment are carried at fair value, impairment can only arise in the rare circumstances where the costs of disposal are material. Specifically, impairment is unlikely for not-for-profit entities given that AASB 136 modifies the recoverable amount test for non-cash generating assets of not-for-profit entities to the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and depreciated replacement cost, where depreciated replacement cost is also fair value.

vii. Receivables

Receivables are non-derivate financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. These financial assets are recognised initially at fair value, usually based on the transaction cost or fair value. Subsequent measurement is at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less an allowance for expected credit losses. Any changes are accounted for in the operating statement when impaired, derecognised or through the amortisation process.

Short-term receivables with no stated interest rate are measured at the original invoice amount where the effect of discounting is immaterial.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

viii. Payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the agency and other amounts. Payables are recognised initially at fair value, usually based on the transaction cost or face value. Subsequent measurement is at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Short-term payables with no stated interest rate are measured at the original invoice amount where the effect of discounting is immaterial.

ix. Revenue Recognition

Income is mainly derived from veterinary practitioner annual registration fees (due on or before 30 June for the ensuing financial year) and annual hospital licence fees (due on or before 30 June for the ensuing financial year). As the payments are of a statutory nature, there are no specific performance obligations. Payment of registration fees depends upon the exercise of an election to renew registration and is recognised at the date of payment. Veterinary practitioner registration fees and hospital licence fees which represent the fees for the period after 30 June 2021 are recognised as contract liabilities (unearned income) and recognised as a liability because the fees are paid in respect of the next financial year.

Investment revenue is recognised as it accrues.

Other income for rendering service is recognised when the service is provided or by reference to the stage of completion (based on labour hours incurred to date).

AASB 1058

The Board has reviewed and determined if any of its transactions are or contains a donation (accounted for under AASB 1058) or a contract with a customer (accounted for under AASB 15) and has determined that no such transactions exist during the 2021 financial year.

The Board has considered the practical expedient in AASB 1058 whereby existing assets acquired for consideration significantly less than fair value principally to enable the entity to further its objectives, may be restated, and found that no such assets exist.

x. Accounting for the Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where:

- the amount of GST incurred by the Board as a purchaser that is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense
- receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included
- cash flows are included in the statement of cash flow on a gross basis
- the amount of recoverable GST in respect of cash flow from financing and investing activities is disclosed as operating cash flows.

xi. Financial Assets at Fair Value

The TCorpIM Funds are designated at fair value through profit or loss as these financial assets are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management strategy, and information about these assets is provided internally on that basis to the Board's key management personnel.

The movement in the fair value of TCorpIM Funds incorporates distributions received as well as unrealised movements in fair value and is reported in the line item 'investment revenue'.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached financial statements.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

xii. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are recognised only if it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the Board and the cost of the asset can be measured reliably. Intangible assets are measured initially at cost. Where an asset is acquired at no or nominal cost, the cost is its fair value as at the date of acquisition. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are subsequently measured at fair value only if there is an active market. If there is no active market for the intangible assets, the assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.

The intangible assets are amortised using the straight-line method over the useful lives assessed.

In the financial year 2019, the Board entered into a contract to develop a new online database solution which would allow registration and licensing applications to be submitted through a new website (user interface) and processed online. The design aims to replace the existing manual process, improve the overall efficiency, generate future economic benefit by reducing running costs, and support the objectives of the Board.

All the payments in the development phase are listed as 'Intangible Assets WIP' until the project is completed (available for use) and recognised as an intangible asset given the Board expects to receive future economic benefits from the conversion of manual systems into 'the cloud'. The Board anticipates the project will be completed in December 2021 and expects 10 years of useful life.

xiii. AASB 16 Leases—Right of Use Assets

The Board's activities rarely involve entering into contracts of a leasing nature, other than those disclosed here-in.

Right of Use Assets (ROUA) are recorded when the entity has direct use of the assets and has obtained substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the assets. The ROUA are measured at cost method in line with all other classes of property, adjusted for lease incentives, initial direct costs and estimates for costs for dismantling and removing the asset or restoring the site on which it is located (make good).

As the lessee, the entity recognises a lease liability and right-of-use asset at the inception of the lease. The Board's right of use assets was not impaired during the year as the contracts provide a minimum CPI or percentage increase on review.

The measurement principles of AASB 16 have been applied again in 2021 with the weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on 1 July 2020 which was 1.42%.

xiv. Change of Accounting Policies

AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors

AASB 1059 is effective for the first time in the financial year. The nature and effect of the changes as a result of adoption of this new accounting standard is described below.

Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors (AASB 1059)

AASB 1059 is effective for the Board from 1 July 2020. The NSW Treasury Policy and Guideline Paper TPP 06-8: Accounting for Privately Financed Projects (TPP 06-8) was also withdrawn effective from 1 July 2020.

Service Concession Arrangements are contracts between an operator and a grantor, where the operator provides public services related to a service concession asset on behalf of the grantor for a specified period of time and manages at least some of those services

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

xiv. Change of Accounting Policies (continued)

Where AASB 1059 applies, the grantor recognises the service concession asset when the grantor obtains control of the assets and measures the service concession asset at current replacement cost. At the same time the grantor recognises a corresponding financial liability or unearned revenue liability or a combination of both.

The adoption of AASB 1059 did not have any financial impact on the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Cash Flows for the financial year.

Several other amendments and interpretations also applied for the first time in the financial year 2020-2021, but do not have an impact on the financial statements of the Board.

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	2021 \$	2020 \$
2. EXPENSES		
a) Employee Related Expenses		
Salaries and Wages (including Recreation Leave)	576,521	596,623
Superannuation – Defined Contribution Plans	54,532	53,735
Fringe Benefit Tax	8,783	10,254
	639,836	660,612
b) Other Operating Expenses		
AVBC Contribution and Meeting Expenses	92,627	89,098
Auditor’s Remuneration—Audit of the Financial Statements	13,045	14,000
Accounting	14,909	14,000
IT Services	24,489	27,579
Legal Cost	116,897	89,914
Operating Expenses	43,587	41,289
Operating Lease Rental Expense	3,415	3,381
Repairs and Maintenance	415	1,133
	309,384	280,394
c) Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses		
Depreciation	14,895	16,115
Depreciation—Right of Use Asset	90,792	90,790
	105,687	106,905
d) Other Expenses		
Bank Charges	8,132	13,636
Board Meeting Fees and Expenses	123,921	131,936
Board Publication Expenses	9,286	8,176
Complaints Committee Expenses	50,511	53,724
Interest on Right of Use Asset	2,048	3,308
Postage	2,866	4,367
Printing	926	1,067
Stores	1,154	997
Telephone and Internet	5,476	4,815
Travelling Expenses	3,025	10,566
	207,345	232,593

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	2021 \$	2020 \$
3. REVENUES		
a) Licence and Application Fees		
Hospital Application Fees	6,500	6,000
Hospital Licence Fees	251,360	249,380
Application Registration Fees	37,380	46,620
Annual Registration Fees	1,133,670	1,091,540
Restoration Registration Fees	14,550	16,050
Restoration Registration Penalty	7,800	9,000
Limited Registration	10,850	10,850
	1,462,110	1,429,440
b) Other Revenue		
Fines Income	11,850	25,550
Letters of Professional Standing	9,360	11,520
Register Sales	-	1,200
Other income	952	1,150
	22,162	39,420
4. GAIN/(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL		
Gain/(loss) on Disposal of Plant and Equipment	(173)	(5,161)
	(173)	(5,161)
5. CURRENT ASSETS - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at Bank	1,827,482	1,599,319
	1,827,482	1,599,319
<p>The Board has a finance facility with Westpac of \$50,000 as at 30 June 2021. The outstanding balance was Nil.</p>		
6. CURRENT/NON-CURRENT ASSETS - RECEIVABLES		
Current		
Deposits	25,550	20,533
Trade Debtors	5,450	3,600
Other Debtors	1,805	-
	32,805	24,133
Non Current		
Trade Debtors	6,440	7,640
	6,440	7,640

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	2021 \$	2020 \$
6. CURRENT/NON-CURRENT ASSETS - RECEIVABLES (CONTINUED)		
Movement in the allowance for expected credit losses		
Balance at 01 July	-	1,400
Additions during the year	-	-
Amount written off during the year	-	(1,400)
Increase/(decrease) in allowance recognised in profit and loss	-	-
Balance at 30 June	-	-
7. CURRENT ASSETS - INVENTORIES		
Inventories Held for Distribution	918	735
	918	735
8. CURRENT/NON-CURRENT ASSETS - FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE		
Current		
TCorpIM Medium Term Growth Fund	2,911,488	2,677,906
	2,911,488	2,677,906
9. CURRENT/NON-CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER		
Current		
Prepayments	63,142	52,632
	63,142	52,632
10. NON-CURRENT ASSETS - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and Equipment - Fair Value		
Gross Carrying Amount	177,614	176,499
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment	(151,435)	(145,052)
Net Carrying Amount	26,179	31,447
Reconciliation		
Net Carrying Amount at Start of Year	31,447	24,595
Additions	9,627	22,967
Depreciation	(14,895)	(16,115)
Net Carrying Amount at End of Year	26,179	31,447
11. NON-CURRENT ASSETS—RIGHT OF USE ASSETS		
Buildings—Right of Use Asset		
Balance at 1 July 2020	189,145	279,935
Additions	-	-
Depreciation expense	(90,792)	(90,790)
Balance at 30 June 2021	98,353	189,145
12. INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
Non-Current		
Intangible Assets—Software WIP	212,062	160,612
	212,062	160,612

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached financial statements.

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	2021 \$	2020 \$
13. CURRENT LIABILITIES - PAYABLES		
Current		
Creditors	19,954	22,766
Other Current Payables	46,845	62,422
Financial Liabilities	-	-
Other Creditors	15,126	3,778
	81,925	88,966
14. CURRENT LIABILITIES - OTHER		
Current		
Contract Liabilities	1,315,350	1,233,050
	1,315,350	1,233,050
15. CURRENT/NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES - BORROWINGS		
Current		
Lease Liability - ROUA	94,705	90,608
	94,705	90,608
Non-Current		
Lease Liability - ROUA	7,972	102,677
	7,972	102,677
	102,677	193,285
16. CURRENT/NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS		
Current		
Provision for Recreation Leave	74,140	89,364
Provision for Long Service Leave	42,141	38,627
	116,281	127,991
Non-Current		
Provision for Long Service Leave	37,540	32,544
Provision for Make Good	6,000	6,000
	43,540	38,544
	159,821	166,535
Aggregate Employee Benefits and Related On-Costs		
Provision - Current	116,281	127,991
Provision - Non-Current	43,540	32,544
	153,821	160,535

The Board expects that \$44,935 amount of recreation leave will be settled no more than 12 months after the reporting date and \$29,204 amount of recreation Leave will be settled more than 12 months after the reporting date.

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	2021 \$	2020 \$
17. RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO NET RESULT		
Net Cash used on Operating Activities	385,498	505,179
Increase/(Decrease) in Receivables	650	(500)
Increase/(Decrease) in Sundry Debtor	1,805	(2,365)
Increase/(Decrease) in Prepayment	5,034	380
Increase/(Decrease) in Inventory	183	(2,520)
(Increase)/Decrease in Contract Liabilities	(82,300)	(172,300)
(Increase)/Decrease in Payables	7,041	(18,463)
(Increase)/Decrease in Provisions	6,714	(10,561)
Depreciation	(14,895)	(16,115)
Depreciation - Right of Use Asset	(90,792)	(90,790)
Gain or (Loss) on Disposal of Asset	(173)	(5,161)
Increase/(Decrease) in Deposit	5,017	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Financial Assets at Fair Value	233,583	-
Net Result	<u>457,365</u>	<u>186,784</u>
18. ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the financial year	3,061,731	2,874,947
Net Result for the year	457,366	186,784
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year	<u>3,519,097</u>	<u>3,061,731</u>

19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Board's principal financial instruments are outlined below. These financial instruments arise directly from the Board's operations or are required to finance the Board's operations. The Board does not enter into or trade financial instruments, including derivative financial instruments, for speculative purposes.

The Board's main risks arising from financial instruments are outlined below, together with the Board's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk. Further quantitative and qualitative disclosures are included throughout these financial statements.

The Board has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of risk management and reviews and agrees on policies for managing each of these risks. Risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Board, to set risk limits and controls and to monitor risks.

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19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

a) Financial instruments

Financial Assets	Category	Note	Carrying Amount 2021 \$	Carrying Amount 2020 \$
Cash and Cash Equivalents	N/A	5	1,827,482	1,599,319
Financial Assets at Fair Value	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	2,911,488	2,677,906
Receivables ¹	Receivables at amortised cost	6	11,890	11,240

Financial Liabilities	Category	Note	Carrying Amount 2021 \$	Carrying Amount 2020 \$
Payables ²	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	13	62,322	81,070
Borrowings	Lease Liability	15	102,677	193,285

Notes

1. Excludes statutory receivables and prepayments (i.e. not within scope of AASB 7).
2. Excludes statutory payables and unearned revenue (i.e. not within scope of AASB 7).

b) Financial risks

i. Credit Risk

Credit risk arises when there is the possibility of the Board's debtors defaulting on their contractual obligations, resulting in a financial loss to the Board. The maximum exposure to credit risk is generally represented by the carrying amount of the financial assets (net of any allowance for impairment).

Credit risk arises from the financial assets of the Board, including cash, receivables, and authority deposits. No collateral is held by the Board. The Board has not granted any financial guarantees.

Credit risk associated with the Board's financial assets, other than receivables, is managed through the selection of counterparties and establishment of minimum credit rating standards. Authority deposits held with NSW TCorp are guaranteed by the State.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash comprises cash on hand and bank balances within the NSW Treasury Banking System. Interest is earned on daily bank balances at the monthly average NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp) 11am unofficial cash rate, adjusted for a management fee to NSW Treasury.

Accounts Receivable – Trade Debtors

All trade debtors are recognised as amounts receivable at the balance date. Collectability of trade debtors is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Procedures as established in the Treasurer's directions are followed to recover outstanding amounts, including letters of demand. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. An allowance for expected credit losses is raised when there is objective evidence that the Board will not be able to collect all amounts due. This evidence includes past experience, and current and expected changes in economic conditions and debtor credit ratings. No interest is earned on trade debtors.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached financial statements.

19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Accounts Receivable – Trade Debtors (continued)

The Board is not materially exposed to concentrations of credit risk to a single trade debtor or group of debtors. Based on past experience, debtors that are not past due (2021: Nil; 2020: Nil) and less than 3 months past due (2021: Nil ; 2020: \$1,000) are not considered impaired. Most of the Board’s debtors have a good credit rating. The ageing of trade debtors has been listed below:

	Total ^{1,2} \$	Past due but not impaired ^{1,2} \$	Considered impaired ^{1,2} \$
2021			
<30 days overdue	-	-	-
30 days – 90 days overdue	-	-	-
>90 days overdue	8,640	8,640	-
2020			
<30 days overdue	-	-	-
30 days – 90 days overdue	1,000	1,000	-
>90 days overdue	10,240	10,240	-

Notes

1. Each column in the table reports ‘gross receivables’
2. The ageing analysis excludes statutory receivables as these are not within the scope of AASB 7 and excludes receivables that are not past due and not impaired. Therefore, the ‘total’ may not reconcile to the receivables total recognised in the statement of financial position.

Other Financial Assets - Authority Deposits

The deposits with TCorp are guaranteed by the State and are ‘AAA’ rated by Standard and Poor’s. These deposits are similar to money market or bank deposits and can be placed ‘at call’ or for a fixed term. The credit risks are considered to be low.

ii. Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Board will be unable to meet its payment obligations when they fall due. The Board continuously manages risk through monitoring future cash flows and maturities planning to ensure adequate holding of high quality liquid assets. The objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and flexibility through the use of overdrafts, loans and other advances.

During the current and prior years, there were no defaults or breaches on any loans payable. No assets have been pledged as collateral. The Board’s exposure to liquidity risk is deemed insignificant based on prior periods’ data and current assessment of risk.

The liabilities are recognised for amounts due to be paid in the future for goods or services received, whether or not invoiced. Amounts owing to suppliers (which are unsecured) are settled in accordance with the policy set out in NSW TC 11/12. For small business suppliers, where terms are not specified, payment is made not later than 30 days from date of receipt of a correctly rendered invoice. For other suppliers, if trade terms are not specified, payment is made no later than the end of the month following the month in which an invoice or a statement is received. For small business suppliers, where payment is not made within the specified time period, simple interest must be paid automatically unless an existing contract specifies otherwise. For payments to other suppliers, the Head of an authority (or a person appointed by the Head of an authority) may automatically pay the supplier simple interest. The Board did not pay any interest to small business suppliers during the year.

The financial liabilities of the Board as at 30 June 2021 were settled within a month and there is no interest rate exposure.

19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

iii. Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The entity's exposures to market risk are primarily through interest rate risk on the entity's borrowings and other price risks associated with movement in the unit price of the TCorp funds. The Board has no exposure to foreign currency risk and does not enter into commodity contracts.

The effect on profit and equity due to a reasonably possible change in risk variable is outlined in the information below, for interest rate risk and other price risk. A reasonably possible change in risk variable has been determined after taking into account the economic environment in which the entity operates and the time frame for the assessment (i.e. until the end of the next annual reporting period). The sensitivity analysis is based on risk exposures in existence at the statement of financial position date. The analysis is performed on the same basis as for 2020. The analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Exposure to interest rate risk arises primarily through the Board's interest-bearing liabilities. This risk is minimised by undertaking mainly fixed rate borrowings, primarily with NSW TCorp. The Board does not account for any fixed rate financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss or as available for sale. Therefore, for these financial instruments, a change in interest rates would not affect profit or loss or equity. A reasonably possible change of +/-1% is used, consistent with current trends in interest rates. The basis will be reviewed annually and amended where there is a structural change in the level of interest rate volatility. The Board's exposure to interest risk is \$1,935 in net profit and equity in the 2021 year (2020: \$3,589).

Other price risk - TCorpIM Funds

Exposure to 'other price risk' primarily arises through the investment in the TCorpIM Funds which are held for strategic rather than trading purposes. The Board has no direct equity investments. The Board holds units in the following TCorpIM Funds trusts:

Facility	Investment Sectors	Investment Horizon	2021 \$	2020 \$
Medium Term Growth Facility	Cash, money market instruments, Australian and international bonds, listed property and	3 years to 7 years	2,911,488	2,677,906

The unit price of each facility is equal to the total fair value of the net assets held by the facility divided by the number of units on issue for that facility. Unit prices are calculated and published daily.

TCorp as trustee for each of the above facilities is required to act in the best interest of the unit holders and to administer the trusts in accordance with the trust deeds. As trustee, TCorp has appointed external managers to manage the performance and risks of each facility in accordance with a mandate agreed by the parties. TCorp has also leveraged off internal expertise to manage certain fixed income assets for the TCorpIM Funds facilities. A significant portion of the administration of the facilities is outsourced to an external custodian.

Investment in the TCorpIM Funds limits the entity's exposure to risk, as it allows diversification across a pool of funds with different investment horizons and a mix of investments.

TCorp provides sensitivity analysis information for each of the Investment facilities, using historically based volatility information collected over a 10 year period, quoted at two standard deviations (i.e. 95% probability). The TCorpIM Funds are measured at fair value therefore any change in unit price impacts directly on net results. A reasonably possible change is based on the percentage change in unit price (as advised by TCorp) multiplied by the redemption value as at 30 June each year for each facility (balance from TCorpIM Funds statement).

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached financial statements

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19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

		Impact on net result 2021 \$	Impact on net result 2020 \$
TCorpIM Funds—Medium-term growth facility	+/- 10%	291,148	267,790
	2020 +/- 10%		

c) Fair Value

Financial instruments are generally recognised at cost, with the exception of the TCorpIM Funds, which are measured at fair value. Cost amount being a surrogate for fair value as the two are not materially different due to the short term nature of these financial instruments.

d) Fair value recognised in the statement of financial position

The Board uses the following hierarchy for disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique in the financial year 2021:

- Level 1 - Derived from quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets/liabilities
- Level 2 - Derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3 - Derived from inputs that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

	2021 \$			2020 \$		
Financial Assets at Fair Value ¹	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
TCorpIM Funds	-	2,911,488	-	-	2,677,906	-
Total	-	2,911,488	-	-	2,677,906	-

Note:

1. The tables above include only financial assets, as no financial liabilities were measured at fair value in the statement of financial position.

There were no transfers between the levels of the fair value hierarchy in the financial year 2021.

The value of the TCorpIM Funds is based on the Board's share of the value of the underlying assets of the facility, based on the market value. All of the TCorpIM Funds are valued using 'redemption' pricing.

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20. COMMITMENTS

a) Capital Commitments:

The Board has not entered into any unrecognised contractual commitment prior to the 30 June 2021, however as in prior years the accounts disclose prospective financial information regarding budgeted non-contractual commitments of a significant nature.

At the closing date the contract payments, capitalised costs and estimated residual cost are as follows:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Estimated costs	302,500	302,500
Capitalised costs	212,062	157,212
Estimated residual cost	90,438	145,288

The above amount includes \$8,212 GST.

21. CONTINGENTS

a) Contingent Assets

The Board is not aware of any contingent assets associated with the operation.

b) Contingent Liabilities

The Board is not aware of any contingent liabilities associated with the operation.

22. AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

NSW public sector entities are not permitted to early adopt new Australian Accounting Standards, unless Treasury determines otherwise.

The following new Australian Accounting Standards (AAS) have not been applied and are not yet effective:

AASB 17	Insurance Contracts
AASB 2020-1	Amendments to AAS—Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current
AASB 2020-2	Amendments to AAS—Removal of Special Purpose Financial Statements for Certain For-Profit Private Sector Entities
AASB 2020-3	Amendments to AAS—Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments
AASB 2020-5	Amendments to AAS—Insurance Contracts
AASB 2020-6	Amendments to AAS—Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current—Deferral of Effective Date
AASB 2020-7	Amendments to AAS—COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions: Tier 2 Disclosures
AASB 2020-8	Amendments to AAS—Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2
AASB 2020-9	Amendments to AAS—Tier 2 Disclosures: Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2 and Other Amendments

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached financial statements.

22. AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE (CONTINUED)

The following new Australian Accounting Standards (AAS) have not been applied and are not yet effective (continued):

AASB 2021-1	Amendments to AAS—Transition to Tier 2: Simplified Disclosures for Not-For-Profit Entities
AASB 2021-2	Amendments to AAS—Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates
AASB 2021-3	Amendments to AAS—COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021
AASB 1060	General Purpose Financial Statements—Simplified Disclosures for NSF Tier 2 Entities

23. GOING CONCERN

When preparing financial statements, management shall make an assessment of an entity's ability to continue as a going concern. An entity shall prepare financial statements on a going concern basis unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease trading, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. When management is aware, in making its assessment, of material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, the entity shall disclose those uncertainties.

When an entity does not prepare financial statements on a going concern basis, it shall disclose that fact, together with the basis on which it prepared the financial statements and the reason why the entity is not regarded as a going concern.

The Board confirm the going concern basis is appropriate for the financial statements.

24. EVENT SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

The Board has not identified any events or transactions that are material to require adjustments or disclosures in the financial statements.

25. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

a) Key Management Personnel

The Board is a body corporate established under the *Veterinary Practice Act 2003*. The Board members and the registrar are considered key management personnel as they have the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Board.

Board members

Board members are appointed for a 3 year term by the Governor of NSW with the term ending 30 June 2021:

- Georgina Child, selected by the Minister, representing specialist veterinarians
- Magdoline Awad, selected by the Minister, representing veterinarians in urban areas
- Kylie Parry, selected by the Minister, representing veterinarians in rural areas
- Barbara Jane Lord, selected by the Minister, representing veterinarians in academia
- Steven Ferguson, selected by the Minister
- John Mark Simpson, selected by the Minister
- Wendy Cochrane, selected by the Minister, representing consumers of veterinary services
- Lisa Minogue, selected by the Minister, representing consumers of veterinary services

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Registrar

John Baguley was appointed as the Registrar in 2012 and is responsible for assisting the Board in the administration of its activities under the legislation and the overall management of the organisation by establishing strategy, policy and operations to guide the Board in its interactions.

Key Management Personnel compensation

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefit ¹	402,106	394,296
Other long-term benefits ²	37,540	32,544
Outstanding short-term benefit ³	-	11,829

Notes:

1. Short-term employee benefit includes wages, salaries, paid annual leave and paid sick leave, reportable fringe benefit and superannuation guarantee
2. Other long-term benefits refer to Long Service Leave accrued only and no other long-term benefits are applicable
3. Outstanding short-term benefit include accrued wage and superannuation on 30 June 2021.

b) Other Related Parties

The Board has not identified any other related parties and accordingly no other related party transactions need to be disclosed.

END OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached financial statements.

Budget

	2022 Budget \$	2021 Budget \$
INCOME		
Registration Fees	1,260,620	1,228,830
Licensing Fees	262,460	257,680
Services	10,760	10,530
Expense Recovery	-	-
Penalties and Fines	10,000	12,000
Sundry Income	100	100
TOTAL INCOME	1,543,940	1,509,140
EXPENSES		
Board Expenses	153,357	165,421
AVBC Expenses	95,000	95,000
Publications Expenses	10,500	14,000
Complaints Committee Expenses	68,188	49,968
Legal Expenses	124,000	185,000
Staff and Payroll	715,336	705,440
Administration Expenses	386,409	337,550
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,565,291	1,552,379
OPERATING PROFIT	-21,351	-43,239
OTHER INCOME	52,000	20,000
OTHER EXPENSES	-	-
NET PROFIT	30,649	-23,239

