

# ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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# ABOUT BAT RESCUE INC.

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Formed in June 2002, Bat Rescue Inc. is an incorporated, non-profit volunteer organization that is based on the Sunshine Coast, with branches on the Gold Coast and Lockyer Valley. The membership also includes supporters from other areas of South-East Queensland, interstate and overseas.

Active (carer) members are permitted under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to care for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. Bat rehabilitation is a unique branch of wildlife caring as vaccination against Australian Bat Lyssavirus (ABL) is required. Volunteers respond to large numbers of rescue emergencies involving bats which minimizes the risk of exposure to ABL within the community.

Members of Bat Rescue Inc. work closely with vaccinated veterinarians who have an interest in bats and provide invaluable support for our work.

*Bat Rescue Inc. is dedicated to:*

- *Providing education and information to the general public*
- *Active conservation of bats and their habitat*
- *The promotion of bats as an important part of our ecology*
- *The rehabilitation and release of bats back to the wild*

## Management Committee 2008/09

### ELECTED OFFICE-BEARERS

President/Secretary	Sylvia Hood
Treasurer	Carmel Givens

Committee	Leanne Baird Lyn Boston
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### LOCKYER VALLEY BRANCH

Co-Ordinator	Peter Richards
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### GOLD COAST BRANCH

Co-Ordinator	Vicki Bressan
Joint Co-Ordinators	Sharon Quinlan & Nadine Read
Administrator	Peter Richards

July-Dec. 2008
January-May 2009
Current

## President's Report



My first year in the job as President has been an interesting and challenging one! I have enjoyed it, although life does get a little hectic at times trying to juggle job, family and volunteer work. When members who hold these positions vacate them, it does tend to leave a huge hole to fill. Leanne Baird, former President, continues to participate as a committee member and we appreciate having the benefit of her constructive input from Karratha.

Vicki Bressan's long-distance input from the Middle East has also been much appreciated. Vicki continues to offer her support remotely by managing the website, producing the quarterly newsletter and also publications such as this report, so I would like to thank her for her continued hard work and incredible efficiency. Her five years as Co-ordinator gave Gold Coast Branch a profile worthy of what she often proudly referred to as 'the Award-winning branch'. The team of very dedicated volunteers on the Gold Coast, are now receiving administrative help from Bat Rescue Lockyer Valley.

Being part of this volunteer organisation is rewarding and I do believe we actually make a difference in changing people's mindset about bats. Whether I stand at a display stall, hand out a brochure at a rescue, or get into conversation with the bank teller while making a deposit, it is an educational opportunity to enlighten someone's perception about bats, because people ARE quite fascinated and curious about them. I think this is where the conservation of the species is really at, engaging people in learning a little bit about them and to appreciate where they fit into the ecosystem. Our rescue, rehab, and orphan raising is the animal welfare side of our role, but the educational side is equally important.

September 2008 marked the end to the legal shooting of flying-foxes in Queensland, which was a huge win for the hard work of Environment Defenders Office, and Dr Carol Booth in particular. This decision was based on the fact that it was deemed inhumane to shoot a flying-fox at night often inflicting wounds that would eventually prove fatal and leaving orphans to die of starvation. Unfortunately other States have so far not been able to replicate this good result.

Carmel Givens as new Treasurer and committee member has been an enormous help this year and I would like to thank her for her support, she has been a pleasure to work with. Many thanks also to Lyn Boston for managing our Sunshine Coast displays that always look so professional, her role as committee member, ABL Titre level testing coordinator and any other job we can throw at her. The release site coordinator Sue Richardson continues to put in an outstanding effort every year to monitor the colony, manage the pre-release of all the juvenile flying-foxes we have raised from babies, and monitor their release and integration into the colony. It is a vitally important role, as is the crèche management with thanks to Peter Richards, Gabi Friebe and Sharon Quinlan for running successful crèches this year. A great team effort!

Finally a big thank you to all our carers and support members for your dedication, commitment and enthusiasm which is key to Bat Rescue's continued success.

Sylvia Hood  
PRESIDENT

## Treasurer's Report



We have been steadily adding to our balance sheet with more sizzles, chocolates, and sponsorships as our main income flow. We received a grant from Wildlife Preservation Society Queensland for rehab equipment and running costs of crèche and release, which also helped during a busy bat season.

This year all Branches held at least one sausage sizzle at Bunnings. This has become a very important source of the funding we need to enable us to fully subsidise the crèche and release program. Our display days can then be dedicated largely to education and awareness building. The few standard merchandise items such as colouring books, bookmarks and the greeting cards are not great revenue raisers but can also have a flow-on educational benefit. The free giveaways are always a hit with the kids, as are the information CD's for potential new carers to take away and learn about what is involved before signing up as members.

The greatest expenditure for the year was bat food for crèche and release. This cost has been fully subsidised for several years now. Other major expenses include the purchase of Cadbury's fundraising chocolates and food for the sausage sizzles. Despite a price increase this year, chocolate sales were fantastic and were our biggest single source of income. Sunshine Coast achieved \$1,767 in sales and Gold Coast a whopping \$2,927! Thanks to all who support this fundraising initiative.

Along with the regular crèche groups, Bat Rescue also fully funded a winter crèche at the Bat Hilton (Gatton) this winter, where a group of late babies were housed over the winter months in preparation for release in the summer months. This was a cost of just over \$1,350, so it is not an insignificant amount, achievable only through the fundraising activities.

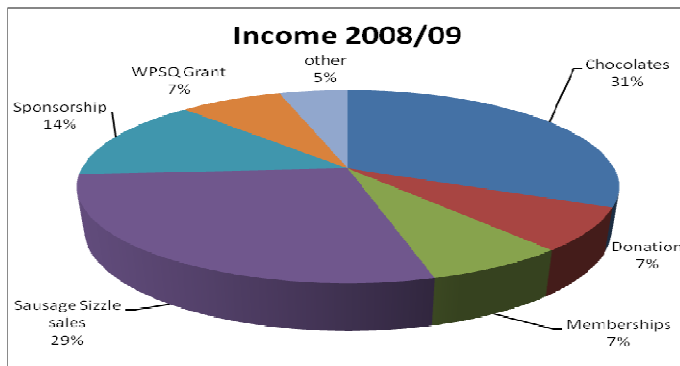
The combined total received this year from Donations and Sponsorships was \$1,397.12 (see explanatory note on page 5). This reliable source of income is only possible due to our Deductible Gift Recipient status.

Paypal, the secure online payment system attached to the website, has proven to be an excellent means by which to offer an easy payment option for donors. In total, \$519.51 was withdrawn from Paypal and deposited to the fund account, consisting of donations to Bat Rescue Inc. Paypal take a small fee for their collection service which can now be reconciled with their new financial statements available. This caused problems in previous years due to the fact that people are receipted a larger amount than what we deposit, as the fee was taken directly from the Paypal account, rather than a separate billing procedure.

Each year, funds permitting, Bat Rescue Inc. tries to make donations to other organizations who we believe deserve some support. Beneficiaries this year included: Wildlife Victoria Bushfire Appeal-\$300, Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, Eumundi-\$50. Previous year's recipients included Environmental Defenders Office, and the Spectacled Flying-fox rescue. If some of our fundraising efforts can assist other like-minded organizations then we can indirectly achieve even greater outcomes for conservation and animal welfare.

Carmel Givens  
TREASURER

## Income & Expenditure Year ended 30 June 2009



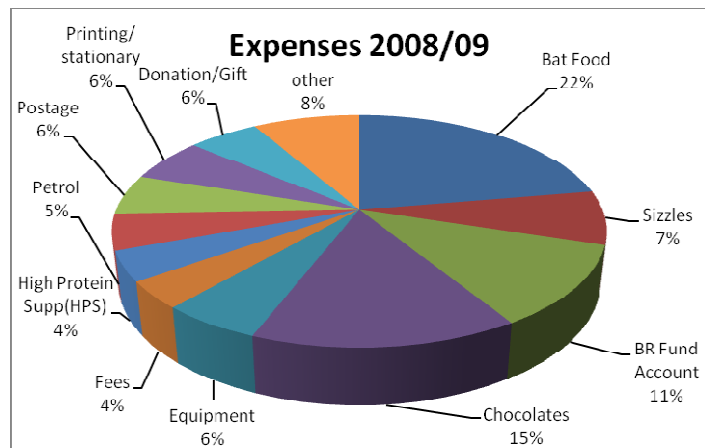
**Opening Balances**      \$ 5,458.59

### Income

Chocolates	\$ 4,694.60
Donation	\$ 1,091.83
Memberships	\$ 1,065.00
Sausage Sizzle sales	\$ 4,251.40
Sponsorship	\$ 2,045.98
WPSQ Grant	\$ 1,100.00
other	\$ 734.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,983.47</b>

### Expenses

Bat Food	\$ 3,430.54
Sizzles	\$ 1,146.39
BR Fund Account	\$ 1,740.69
Chocolates	\$ 2,260.48
Equipment	\$ 850.28
Fees	\$ 581.36
High Protein Supp(HPS)	\$ 641.90
Petrol	\$ 761.90
Postage	\$ 865.82
Printing/stationary	\$ 936.99
Donation/Gift	\$ 847.28
other	\$ 1,279.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,343.31</b>



**Closing Balance**      \$ 5,098.75

\* The expenditure item 'BR Fund Account' is basically a transfer of funds from the General Account to the Fund Account. Some donations and sponsorships are occasionally deposited to the General Account that need to be transferred over to the Fund Account, hence it appears as an expense in the General Account but then shows as income (donations and sponsorships) in the combined reconciliation. We are working on getting the majority of funds into the right account, without the need for transfers.

# ACHIEVEMENTS 2008/09

## Membership

As at the end of the financial year there were a total of 62 members (active and support). There were 12 new active members recruited and one new support member.

Membership has steadily risen over the years as we have managed to retain a high percentage of our members, along with the new recruits that we welcome on board each year. In any volunteer organisation it is retention that is the biggest challenge, but we generally find that people who join Bat Rescue are in there for the longhaul in their commitment to these important native Australians.

## Grants

A total of \$1,100.00 was received this financial year from the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland Brisbane, from the proceeds of their Batty Bat Cruises. These funds are split between the various wildlife organisations that care for flying-foxes.

This amount comprised \$600 towards equipment used to purchase rescue kits and rescue poles and \$500 towards reimbursement of food costs for the crèche and release program. We are very grateful to the WPSQ organisation for their continued support of Bat Rescue Inc.



The current round of applications were submitted in July 2009 and the results will be known in the near future.



## Newsletters

*Night Wings*, the quarterly Bat Rescue newsletter, just continues to get better and better! There are always snippets of bat-related news, as well as carer specific information and reports contributed by the three Branches. Offering something interesting for everyone, the newsletter has become a publication we are very proud to deliver to the constantly growing circulation of members and bat supporters.

The newsletter is edited by Vicki Bressan.

## Website & Online Records System



The Bat Rescue website continues to achieve high rankings in the search engines, resulting in impressive figures on our site hitlog from visitors all over the world.

A steady flow of enquiries are also received each week through the **Contact Us** page, particularly from people who have concerns about microbats which are roosting in their homes. This year we have received enquiries from USA, England, Malaysia and all over Australia. Emails need to be regularly monitored as sometimes rescue situations are involved.

This year Bat Rescue provided long-distance mentoring to a carer in Papua New Guinea raising a baby Variable Flying-fox (*Pteropus hypomelanus*). He was subsequently released successfully. Essential supplies and advice were also given to a carer in Guam raising a Marianas Flying-fox (*Pteropus mariannus*), a highly endangered species.

Events such as workshops and displays, and bat news are regularly updated on the website. Members can also download current forms such as membership, Code of Practice and Bat Rescue By-Laws. The website is managed by Vicki Bressan and free hosting sponsored by Figjam Design.

The online system has once again proved to be an essential tool, with all carers maintaining their own records electronically. The system's designer, Peter Richards, has added several enhancements this year which have simplified and improved the features on offer. The scope of the information has also recently been increased to include vaccination status and current titre. Gold Coast Branch continues to lead the way with the ongoing regular input of their rescue call logs. All aspects of the Batphone are ably and efficiently managed by Katrina Faulkes-Leng.

## Project Activities



This year Bat Rescue finalised some outstanding issues with the coolroom, and the grant was successfully acquitted. In addition, registration, security and protection of the cool room also had to be organised.

The supplier eventually completed some of the outstanding tasks - such as installing the shelving unit and a cover over the generator, and Bat Rescue would like to thank Ridley Kennedy for following these processes through to their successful conclusion. The ability to store large quantities of fruit on-site at the release facility has already proved to be of enormous benefit to Site Co-ordinator Sue Richardson. Our thanks also to Leanne Baird and Vicki Bressan for securing the grant from GCBF.



## Rescue Report 2008-09

### Orphans released at Peacheater 2009

The Peacheater bat colony release site continues to be managed by Sue Richardson, whose dedication to the release program is appreciated greatly by all the carers whose juveniles are sent there to be integrated back into the wild. Sue monitors the colony closely through all stages of pre-release and release, removing snakes, reporting regularly on colony activities through bat season. A crèche and release report is prepared by the Management Committee at the conclusion of each bat season. This incorporates all the results of the measurements gathered throughout the handraising process, through crèche and their final results on entering pre-release. This year there were some caring issues to be addressed, and so these were discussed and action taken to continually improve on the outcomes.

**Table 1 – Summary of orphans raised by location**

Branch	Black Flying-fox		Grey-headed Flying-fox		Total
	F	M	F	M	
BRSC	2	8	5	8	23
BRGC	7	11	2	4	24
BRLV	6	7	2	2	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>64</b>

There are currently 2 late orphan awaiting the return of the Peacheater colony to be released.

**Table 2 – Summary of orphans allocated to crèche based on age**

Creche	Black Flying-fox		Grey-headed Flying-fox		Total
	F	M	F	M	
BRLV(10/1/09)	4	5	1	3	13
BRGC(24/01/09)	5	7	2	4	18
BRLV(07/02/09)	5	11	4	3	23
BRSC(28/02/09)	2	2	2	4	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>64</b>

**Table 3 – Summary of orphans by the cause for entering care**

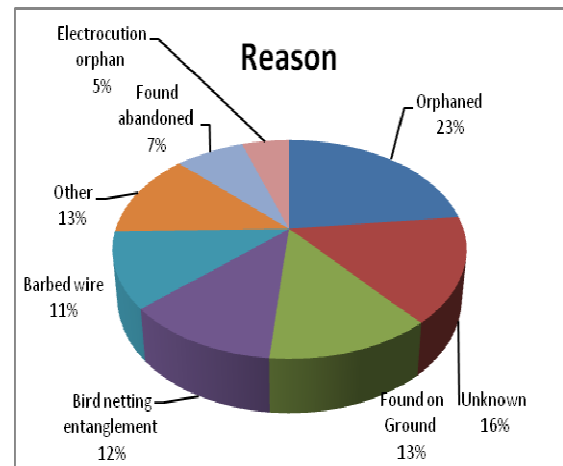
Reason for entering care	Black Flying-fox		Grey-headed Flying-fox		Total
	F	M	F	M	
Barbed wire orphan	1				1
Bird netting entanglement	1				1
Dog attack orphan		1			1
Electrocution orphan	5	2			7
Found abandoned	2	4	1		8
Found on Ground	1	3		2	6
Orphaned	5	8	5		26
Unknown	1	7	3		14
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>64</b>

## Megachiroptera Summary

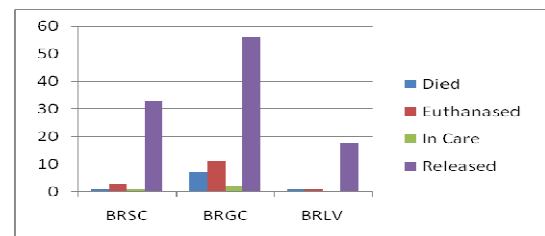
SPECIES	BRSC	BRGC	BRLV	Totals
Black	23	57	16	96
Grey-headed	13	19	4	36
Little Red	2			2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>134</b>



REASON	BRSC	BRGC	BRLV	Totals
Barbed wire orphan	2			2
Barbed wire	8	5	2	15
Bird netting entanglement		16		16
Electrocution orphan	1	3	3	7
Fishing line entanglement		2		2
Found abandoned	3	2	5	10
Found on Ground	5	12		17
Orphaned	6	19	6	31
Other	3	8		11
RAV		2		2
Unknown	10	7	4	21
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>134</b>



OUTCOME	BRSC	BRGC	BRLV	Totals
Died	1	7	1	9
Euthanased	3	11	1	15
In Care	1	2		3
Released	33	56	18	107
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>134</b>

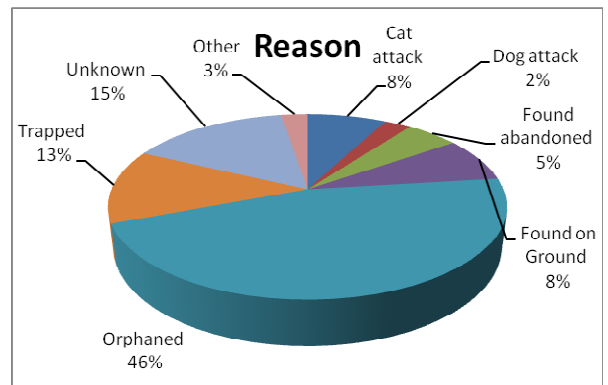


## Microchiroptera Summary

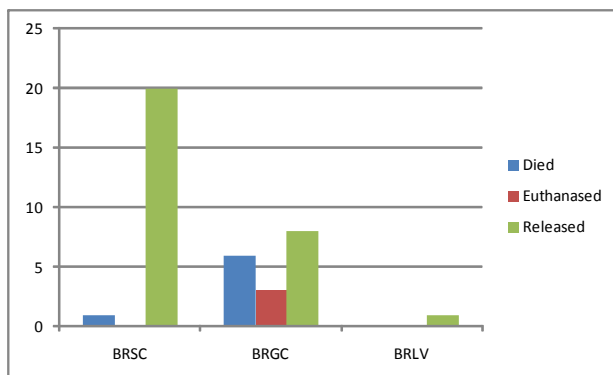
SPECIES	BRSC	BRGC	BRLV	Totals
M.australis		1	0	1
M.norfolkensis		1	0	1
M.schreibersii		2	0	2
N.bifax		2	0	2
N.geoffroyi		2	0	2
S.orion	16	4	0	20
Unknown	4	5	1	10
V.pumilus	1	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>



REASON	BRSC	BRGC	BRLV	Totals
Cat attack	1	2		3
Dog attack		1		1
Found abandoned		2		2
Found on Ground	1	2		3
Orphaned	13	5		18
Trapped	3	2		5
Unknown	3	3		6
Other			1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>



OUTCOME	BRSC	BRGC	BRLV	Totals
Died	1	6		7
Euthanased		3		3
Released	20	8	1	29
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>



## Sponsorship & Donations

The Sponsorship Program was popular once again. Thanks to Emily Power (BRLV), several sponsors she signed up the previous season returned for another baby.



The introduction of a 'syndicate' baby also proved worthwhile, enabling sponsors who contributed smaller donations to buy a share in a syndicate bat. This also minimised the volunteer labour required to produce sponsorship documentation, and encouraged donations from people unable to donate larger amounts.

Sponsors can apply through the website, or via a form available at display stands. In return they receive a sponsorship profile with pictures and special details of their sponsored baby, and a note about his or her carer.

The 2008/2009 program was administered by Jeannette Miles from BRGC, and over \$1,000 was raised.

*Our sincere appreciation to the following sponsors and donors, including commercial sponsors and regular private contributors:*

Andrew Baillie  
Brett Warner (Figiam Design)  
Craig Johnson  
Gabi Friebe & Peter Richards  
Hugh Burns  
Joanne Adams  
Jan McKenzie

Julia Galbraith  
Kathryn Radford  
Kylie-Ann Horton  
Lester Crombie  
Louise Gray  
Lyn Boston  
Martina Mazzetti

Morag Bruce  
Pool World  
Robyn Roberts  
Rod & Sian Blievers  
Sweet lil' Freaks  
Trish & Nick Hall  
Ursuline Community

## Training

19 July 2008

*Microbat Workshop*  
Daisy Hill  
Presenter: Dr Les Hall



This workshop was held jointly with Bat Care Brisbane and was primarily aimed at identification of the various microbat species.

Dr Hall was particularly pleased with the simplified identification key designed by Vicki Bressan.

Nine members from Bat Rescue Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast attended the training session.

27 July 2008

*Orphan Training for New Carers*  
Ipswich RSL  
Presenters: Gabi Friebe (BRLV) & Vicki Bressan (BRGC)

Nine new members from all three Branches attended the annual compulsory training session.

# SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH REPORT

## Overview

Bat Rescue Inc. began on the Sunshine Coast seven years ago. The organisation's original founding members still remain on the Management Committee, keen to participate in this rapidly expanding organisation. With the addition of the Gold Coast and Lockyer Valley Branches, our ability to pursue and achieve our bat conservation goals across S.E. Queensland has been increased substantially. Attending to bat welfare across a wider region has also been achieved, and it is important to ensure training is consistent and caring standards remain high to attain better outcomes for bats in our care. The Sunshine Coast remains the central administrative hub for the group, fulfilling the needs of an Incorporated Association with Deductible Gift Recipient Status.

## Branch Achievements

A permanent display bat is not something this organisation would normally consider, however Phoebe was an unusual case being a late orphan that badly imprinted on humans more so than any other 'normal' orphan. Phoebe was submitted to the Queensland Species Management Program, however no zoo was interested in her and in mid-2009 Bat Rescue was granted a permit to keep her.

One of our members kindly put up her hand to house Phoebe (a commitment of up to 20 years!) and her upkeep is generously sponsored by Lyn Boston.



## Displays/Expos

2-3 May Maleny Wood Expo (pictured below left)  
28 June WED Sunshine Coast University Sippy Downs



## Fundraising Activities

19 April Bunnings Maroochydore  
Ongoing Cadbury's Chocolate Fundraiser. A total of \$1,767 was sold this year by Sunshine Coast Branch. The Queen of Sales is Megan Vella.



## Other Activities

- Hosted Annual General Meeting October 2008
- Hosted a 'guided flying-fox flyout' at the Weyba Creek colony as part of the Wildflower Festival on the Sunshine Coast. Lyn supplied information handouts on the day. It was fully booked with 25 keen participants.

## Projects

Sunshine Coast Branch continues to promote the Wildlife Friendly Fencing project at displays and at rescues, with promotional material supplied by the project and practical help such as the barbed wire initiative at Maleny.



## Media & Publicity

Bat Rescue was invited to contribute to a new children's book entitled 'BAT RESCUE', published by Eleanor Curtain Publishing as part of their *Flying Start* series aimed at the young reader.

A number of photographs contributed by Bat Rescue (Gary and Vicki Bressan) and WIRES accompany a simple story about bats.

Bat Rescue (Leanne Baird and Gary Bressan) also contributed three photographs to the second edition of AUSTRALIAN BATS by Sue Churchill, including two orphan feeding poses which were specially commissioned by the author. The book is available from bookshops for \$45.00.



## Active Conservation of Bats & Their Habitat

The following were lodged by Sunshine Coast Branch during the reporting period:

- An application was submitted to secure funding for release aviary maintenance and to fix a notorious hot spot at Maleny for barbed wire rescues. Barbed wire over dams or any body of water poses great risks for bats and makes rescues almost impossible. Thanks to Carmel Givens for submitting the application to the Maleny Credit Union. This funding will help save many victims from this hot spot.
- Sue Richardson was involved in securing from Council a Conservation Agreement to protect and maintain an important piece of remnant rainforest which is home to flying-foxes, Cahill Scrub Nature Refuge. The Agreement has promised border planting, disclosure laws, information packages to new residents, and funding to Bat Rescue.
- March 2009      *Position statement on Bat Research at Texas A&M University*  
Bat World Sanctuary Petition against unethical research practices.

# GOLD COAST BRANCH REPORT

## Overview

The Gold Coast branch (BRGC) has grown rapidly and achieved some major successes during its five year history. BRGC have a dedicated 'batphone' manned 24/7 which received 220 rescue calls during the reporting period, an increase of 47 calls from the previous year (equating to almost one per week).

During the reporting period Gold Coast Branch lost four of its five founding members, including the Co-Ordinator in the latter half of the year. With the additional loss of other members as well in recent months, the Branch has since been unable to maintain the previous levels of non-rescue activities. Peter Richards and Gabi Friebe are providing administrative support and guidance.

## Branch Achievements

- Nominated second year in a row for 'Biggest Heart' Category of the 2008 Paws & Claws Awards.
- Free vaccinations were provided to all the new carers who joined as a result of a recruitment drive in May 2009.

## Displays/Expos

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| ▪ 13/14 July 2008  | Gold Coast Pet & Animal Expo, Varsity Lakes               |
| ▪ 17 August 2008   | Drumley Walk Festival (Yugambah Corroboree), Southport    |
| ▪ 7 September 2008 | Threatened Species Day, Benowa                            |
| ▪ 7 June 2009      | 'Green Day Out' World Environment Day Festival, Currumbin |
| ▪ 27/28 June 2009  | Gold Coast Pet & Animal Expo, Varsity Lakes               |



## Projects

- BRGC continues to promote Wildlife Friendly Fencing at display events as well as individual rescues where barbed wire and fruit netting is involved.
- No annual maintenance/weeding session was carried out this year at the Cascades Gardens Flying-fox Colony (BRGC's flagship revegetation project). The site is reportedly flourishing.



## Fundraising Activities

Ongoing  
13 September 2008

Cadbury's fundraiser chocolates, managed by Mary Pearce  
Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Harbour Town

## Other Activities

1-2/08/2008

FFICN 2008 CONFERENCE, Ballina  
Attendees: Vicki, Sharon, Emily, Mary, Bob & Jenny  
Presentations: Bat Rescue Group Report (Vicki), Commercial  
Fruit Netting (Sharon)

09/09/2008

RSPCA & DPI PUBLIC BIOSECURITY FORUM, Brisbane  
Attendees: Gavin, Jeannette, Sharon

30/09/2008

COMMUNITY WILDLIFE HOSPITAL, Currumbin Sanctuary  
Official sod-turning and launch of construction by AO  
Governor of Qld Ms Penelope Wensley  
Attended by: Vicki, Sharon, Nadine, Jenny, Jan, Karen

6/12/2008

BRGC Xmas Party & Annual Baby Show, Runaway Bay

15/03/2009

Records demonstration & Pizza Party, Mt Tamborine

30/05/09

Informal Welcome Session For New Members, Southport

## Media & Publicity

### On the Airwaves

11/9/08

ABC Radio Sunshine Coast  
Bob Stewart with Vicki Bressan re Hendra virus, work of Bat  
Rescue and importance of bats to the environment

26/09/08

UQ Brisbane Campus Podcast  
Interview with Sharon Quinlan re Hendra and bat cruelty issues

21/10/08

Channel 9 Gold Coast News  
Katrina Faulkes-Leng with orphan Trixie Belle at Currumbin  
Sanctuary

### In Print

Nil reported

## Active Conservation of Bats & Their Habitat

The following submissions were lodged by Vicki Bressan on behalf of Gold Coast Branch during the reporting period:

October 2008 *Public Environment Report for proposed dispersal of flying-foxes from the Maclean rainforest*

March 2009 *Christmas Island Pipistrelle*

Plea for action to save this critically endangered species sent to The Hon. Peter Garrett, Minister for Environment and Mr Peter Cochrane, Director of National Parks, Dept of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts. Reply received 24 April 2009.

# LOCKYER VALLEY BRANCH REPORT

## Overview

Bat Rescue Lockyer Valley (BRLV) is the newest and smallest branch of Bat Rescue, although we are rapidly growing having welcomed six new members shortly after 30 June 2009.

Based 40 minutes south west of Gatton, BRLV is located in a region already serviced by a number of larger more established wildlife groups which offer the majority of rehabilitation and rescue services for bats. BRLV therefore is not often involved in rescues and concentrates



instead on caring for orphans, supporting Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast Branches during orphan season and providing crèche facilities for Bat Rescue as a whole. BRLV have a dedicated wildlife rescue hotline listed in both the Gatton and Toowoomba phone books.

Facilities include the Bat Hilton crèche facility, a dedicated microbat cage (pictured) and a second, smaller flying-fox facility.

## Branch Achievements

The first year of operation has required that a lot of energy be directed at getting established. BRLV received congratulations from Bat Rescue's President for the high standard of orphan raising and impeccable crèche records.

## Displays/Expos

As BRLV is located over an hour's drive from any major centre where events are usually held, it is very difficult to attend environmental displays and expos. We also currently lack any display equipment in order to properly represent the organization at such events.

## Fundraising Activities



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Toowoomba - 28 September 2008

Our first ever BBQ was a great success, raising over \$1000 for the Bat Rescue crèche effort. With only one single Bunnings store in the area, competition is fierce to obtain a slot and we were unfortunately not able to secure another BBQ date prior to the end of this reporting period.



## Project Activity

BRLV is involved in the Wildlife Friendly Fencing project as part of the Long Grass Nature Refuge.

## Other Activities

- In July BRLV hosted the “Batty Xmas in July” for branch members.
- As the originators of the Bat Rescue on-line records system, BRLV continue to support users and develop its functionality. During the past year a number of improvements have been made including a major update to provide Firefox support, improvements to the call logs, mouseover display of current carer details and display of membership and vaccination icons for carers.

## Media & Publicity



During the first quarter of 2009 the Lockyer Valley Regional Council published a number of biased articles concerning health risks to the public emanating from the local bat colony which is located close to the Gatton town centre. At around the same time the same Council also felled an important egret nesting site at Lake Apex, close to the bat colony. In a primarily agricultural area raising concerns for a bat colony does not create a lot of community interest, however we were able to highlight the Council's environmental vandalism of the Lake Apex area and at the same time gained some good publicity for the bat colony.

The publicity through local TV, Newspapers and ABC Stateline created a great deal of concern in the community for the environment. As a result the Council has adopted a more 'green' approach and we feel that the bat colony is currently reasonably safe. Curiously, once the colony was protected the bats decided to move on!

This media event took a number of months of intensive letter writing, circulating pamphlets, talking to the public, and contacting members of the Government. The Council are currently under investigation from EPA regarding the destruction of the bird habitat. Further information about these events can be found on [www.LongGrassSystems.com.au/BrowningLockyer.php](http://www.LongGrassSystems.com.au/BrowningLockyer.php)

## Active Conservation of Bats & Their Habitat

As part of the Lake Apex and Gatton bat colony protection campaign, submissions were made to State government, EPA and DEHWA during Autumn 2009.

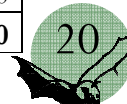
# APPENDICES

## Equipment Inventories & Stock

### BAT RESCUE INC SUNSHINE COAST EQUIPMENT REGISTER - as at 30/6/09

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY ITEMS		
Used for displaying posters and articles and pictures		
	UNITS	TOTAL
Spyder Display Systems	1	\$1,386.00
BlackBoard&chalk	1	\$36.98
Trestle table	1	\$99.00
Gazebo	1	\$29.49
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,551.47</b>
<b><i>New Carer's Starter Kits (5 items of each)</i></b>		
To lend out to new carers during their first year		
Cages-Type C	5	\$205.50
Vernier Calipers	5	\$66.00
Digital Calipers	5	\$182.95
Welding Gloves	5	\$47.81
Temp Alert Thermometers	5	\$137.15
Digital Scales	5	\$225.00
Heat Pads	5	\$250.00
Clothes Airers	5	\$43.05
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,157.46</b>
<b><i>Other Rescue equipment</i></b>		
Mini bolt cutters 200mm	2	\$85.00
Calipers 200m	2	\$85.60
Multifold Ladder	2	\$190.00
Microbat Digital scales	2	\$199.90
In/out thermometers	2	\$29.97
Microbat Shadehouse	1	\$69.99
Plastic Carry baskets	2	\$19.90
Microbat Release Boxes	3	\$150.00
Canvas carry bags	2	\$55.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$885.36</b>
<b><i>Release Aviary</i></b>		
9M Long, 2.1M High, 2.4M Wide	1	<b>\$1,860.11</b>

<b><i>Items purchased 2004-05</i></b>		
Microbat nest boxes	6	300.00
Rehab Cages (small)	3	405.00
Rehab Cages (medium)	2	310.00
Stainless Steel bowls(0.3L)	10	35.00
Stainless Steel bowls(0.6L)	10	49.50
Stainless Steel bowls(0.9L)	20	119.00
Storage Shed	1	450.00
Storage Shed (slab&installation)	1	350.00
Digital Camera & accessories	1	1,067.37
Binoculars	4	356.00
ABL vaccinations	4	996.27
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,438.14</b>
Funding Source:Gambling Community Benefit Fund		
<b><i>Items purchased 2005-06</i></b>		
Teat moulds	1 set	50.00
<b><i>Items purchased 2006-07</i></b>		
VSEG Grant tear dropbanners	1	333.00
VSEG Grant -straps for trolleys	1	6.50
VSEG Grant-Gazebo	1	188.75
VSEG Grant-Trolleys	1	64.98
VSEG Grant-Banner	1	284.90
Storage Containers-release	3	50.31
water bottles	1	97.90
feeders	1	247.56
Fridge	1	40.00
Bands and bottles	1	126.40
Equipment-scales	1	26.22
GCBF Release cage	1	3994.51
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,511.03</b>
<b><i>Items purchased 2007-08</i></b>		
Mobile Cool Room	1	12,217.00
Funding Source:Gambling Community Benefit Fund		
Sausage Sizzle Equipment		200.00
<b><i>Items purchased in 2008-09</i></b>		
Locks for release cage		\$33.90
Hardware for release cage		\$24.15
Coolroom accessories(tarp, locks etc)		\$161.89
Thermometers	10	\$93.79
<b><i>Artworks</i></b>		
David Conolan Painting	1	700.00
Sheila Tanna Paintings	1	200.00
Sue Richardson Painting	1	295.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 29,379.30</b>



**BAT RESCUE INC GOLD COAST  
EQUIPMENT REGISTER - as at 30/6/09**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>SITE EQUIPMENT (Cascades Proj)</b>			
Binoculars	2005	Cascades Grant	349.95
GPS	2005	Cascades Grant	1,099.00
Water container	2006	Cascades Grant	11.24
First Aid Kit	2006	Cascades Grant	86.00
First Aid Kit	2006	Donated by Jeannie White	0.00
Sunshade umbrella	2007	Donated by Bob James	0.00
Gardening Gloves	2006	Cascades Grant	17.92
Secateurs	2006	Cascades Grant	40.00
Pruning Saw	2006	Cascades Grant	6.95
Bow Saw	2006	Cascades Grant	14.62
Branch Loppers	2006	Cascades Grant	39.98
Mattock	2006	Cascades Grant	29.00

<b>DISPLAY EQUIPMENT</b>			
Folding chairs (green stripes)	2006	Donated by Nadine Read	0.00
Display Gazebo (green stripes)	2005	Cascades Grant	40.00
Display Gazebo (folding, black)	2007	VSEG Grant	188.75
Orange tablecloths	2007	WPSQ BBC Grant	34.00
Display Posters (laminated A1 size)	2006	BRGC funded	50.00
Barbed wire/netting mockup with toy bat	2007	Donated by Sharon & Vicki	0.00
Folding trolley	2007	VSEG Grant	64.00
Plastic Storage tubs (merchandise)	2007	BRGC funded	40.00
Folding display tables	2007	WPSQ BBC Grant	80.00
Vinyl banner	2005	Cascades Grant	500.00
Xmas tree stand (banner holder)	2007	Cascades Grant	39.99
Teardrop banner	2007	VSEG Grant	333.00
Rehab/display cage	2007	Cascades Grant	185.95
Metal cage barrier	2007	VSEG Grant	100.00
Display cage batty cover	2008	BRGC funded	20.00

<b>MISC. EQUIPMENT</b>			
Mobile phone (batphone)	2008	Donated by Sylvia Hood	0.00
Bat-shaped cookie cutters	2009	BRGC funded	46.00
Rescue Poles	2009	BBC Grant	353.60
Rescue Poles (long, made in-house)	2009	BBC Grant	250.00
Headset, Microphone, Software	2008	Landcare Grant	0.00
Dream Machine (gas chamber)	2008	Bat Rescue group funds	231.00

<b>LOAN EQUIPMENT - ORPHANS</b>			
Digital Calipers (@\$19.99 ea)	2007	BBC Grant	199.90
(B3)Breville Heatpad	2006	Cascades Grant	44.00
(B2) Digital Thermometer	2006	Cascades Grant	30.00
(B4) Digital Scales	2007	BRGC funded	29.99
Cage cover (yellow checks with bees)	2006	Donated by Nadine Read	0.00
<b>Orphan Loan Kit A</b>			
(A3) Breville Heatpad	2006	Cascades Grant	44.00
(A2) Digital thermometer	2006	Cascades Grant	30.00
(A4) Digital Scales	2006	Cascades Grant	44.99
(A1) Cat Carry cage (white base)	2005	Donated by Suzy Fedyk	0.00
Cage cover (yellow checks with bees)	2006	Donated by Nadine Read	0.00

<b>LOAN EQUIPMENT - RESCUE KITS</b>			
Welding Gloves	2007	BBC Grant	60.00
Large Bolt Cutters	2007	BBC Grant	94.70
Small Bolt Cutters	2007	BBC Grant	53.70
3 piece plier set	2007	BBC Grant	49.70
2 piece Scissor Set	2007	BBC Grant	50.00
Laptop Kit Bags	2007	Donated by S. Quinlan	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,981.93</b>

**BAT RESCUE INC. SUNSHINE COAST  
STOCK LIST AS AT 30/6/09**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>In Stock</b>	<b>Total</b>
SFF bats in bed cards	2.00	100	200.00
Helen Gormley Post cards	1.50	53	79.50
Ribbon support brooches	2.00	3	6.00
Ribbon bats are cool brooches	1.00	9	9.00
Bat Badges	2.00	5	10.00
Les Hall Book	34.95	1	34.95
Jill Morris Colouring Book	3.50	10	35.00
Aussie Friends colouring books	8.00	4	32.00
Spooky bookmarks	1.00	4	4.00
Bat Lightcatchers	5.50	1	5.50
earrings- silver hooks(singles)	2.50	7	17.50
heart shaped pendants	1.00	5	5.00
laminated ffox posters	5.00	3	15.00
Green Wisdom Posters	3.00	21	63.00
mobile phone bead string	2.00	4	8.00
Book - "bats" by Andrew Cleave	35.00	1	35.00
WFF T-shirt	15.00	29	435.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 794.45</b>

Audited Financial Statements

# **BAT RESCUE INC**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AND**

## **AUDIT REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**30TH JUNE 2009**

**Michael T Harper B.Bus. JP(C'Dec) Registered Company Auditor 6286**  
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**Independent Audit Report to the Committee of the  
Bat Rescue Inc  
For the year ended 30th June 2009**

***Scope***

We have audited the financial statements, being a special purpose financial report, of the Bat Rescue Inc for the year ended 30th June 2009. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and are appropriate to meet the needs of the Committee. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Committee. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the Committee.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and the Committee. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the Committee, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

***Qualification***

As is common for organizations of this type, it is not practicable for the Bat Rescue Inc to maintain an effective system of internal control over receipts and payments until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, the audit in relation to these activities was limited to the amounts recorded.

***Audit Opinion***

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of the Bat Rescue Inc as at 30th June 2009 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Michael T. Harper (Registered Company Auditor 6286)



Dated this 16th day of September 2009

# BAT RESCUE INC

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2009

2008 \$		2009 \$
	<b>INCOME</b>	
4243.22	Cadbury Fundraiser	4694.60
1500.00	Caloundra Council Grant	
1187.93	Donations	1091.83
70.00	Equipment	79.63
12934.00	GCBF Grant	
25.12	Interest Received	25.13
234.00	Manuals	66.00
1260.00	Membership Fees	1065.00
1086.19	Sales Stock Items	368.90
3845.65	Sausage Sizzles	4251.40
1122.76	Sponsorship	2045.98
255.40	Workshops	195.00
400.00	WPSQ Grant	1100.00
<u>28164.27</u>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>14983.47</u>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
139.66	AGM	90.00
396.00	Audit Fees	451.00
2026.33	Bat Food	3430.54
	Barbeque BRLV	653.51
798.70	Barbeque BRSC	492.88
	BR Fund Account	1740.69
	BRGC Phone	114.00
	Courier	66.00
778.95	Donations	350.00
	Donated Christmas Party	100.00
12542.25	Equipment	850.28
50.10	Fees	581.36
50.00	Fuel	761.90
2320.94	Fundraiser	2260.48
	Gas	107.61
	Gas Chamber	246.07
	Gift	397.28
431.92	GCBF Grant	
954.12	High Protein Supplement	641.90
669.74	Manuals	179.65
95.00	Memberships	35.00
1628.53	Postage and Printing Journal	1517.82
980.76	Purchases Stock Items	
55.90	Stationery and Printing	105.34
122.00	Telephone	170.00
150.00	Website	
<u>24190.90</u>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>15343.31</u>
<u>3973.37</u>	<b>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</b>	<u>-359.84</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report

**BAT RESCUE INC**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30TH JUNE 2009**

2008		2009
\$		\$
	<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	
33759.89	Opening Balance	37733.26
3973.37	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	-359.84
	Add - Increase Plant and Equipment	2428.66
	- Increase Stock	452.35
<u>37733.26</u>	<b>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<u>40254.43</u>
	<b>REPRESENTED BY :-</b>	
	<b>ASSETS</b>	
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
4518.44	Cash at Bank - Working Account	1404.66
920.15	Cash at Bank - Fund Account	3664.63
	Pay Pal Account	9.46
20.00	Cash on Hand	20.00
342.10	Stock	794.45
<u>5800.69</u>	<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>5893.20</u>
	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	
31932.57	Plant and Equipment	34361.23
<u>31932.57</u>	<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>	<u>34361.23</u>
<u>37733.26</u>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>40254.43</u>

# BAT RESCUE INC

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2009

### PUBLIC FUND

2008 \$		2009 \$
	<b>INCOME</b>	
	Donations	894.22
	Sponsorship	1845.98
	Interest Received	4.28
<u>458.35</u>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>2744.48</u>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
<u>458.35</u>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	
	<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>2744.48</u>

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2009

	<b>PUBLIC FUND</b>	
461.80	Opening Balance	920.15
458.35	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	2744.48
<u>920.15</u>	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUND</b>	<u>3664.63</u>
	<b>REPRESENTED BY :-</b>	
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
920.15	Cash at Bank	3664.63
<u>920.15</u>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>3664.63</u>

#### Audit Opinion

I have audited the Public Fund of the Bat Rescue Inc for the year ended 30th June 2009.  
In my opinion the above statement presents a true and fair view of the fund for the year then ended.

Michael T Harper - Registered Company Auditor 6286

Dated this 16th day of September 2009

# Bat Rescue Inc

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements For the year ended 30th June 2009

### **Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies.**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and the committee. The Committee has determined that the Bat Rescue Inc is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AAS 1	Statement of Financial Performance
AAS 3	Accounting for Income Tax
AAS 5	Materiality

No other **applicable** Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues, Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

This financial report has been prepared on a cash basis whereby items are brought into account as money is paid or received, from the records of the Bat Rescue Inc.

The following **material** accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

#### *(a) Income Tax*

The Bat Rescue Inc is exempt from income tax under the Australian Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. No provision for income tax has therefore been made in these accounts.

#### *(b) Fixed Assets*

Fixed Assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation has not been calculated in these financial statements.

#### *© Payments to Members*

There were no payments made to members of the Bat Rescue Inc in the form of remuneration.

## Bat Rescue Inc

### Statement by Members of the Committee For the year ended 30th June 2009

The Committee has determined that the Bat Rescue Inc is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report as set out:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of the Bat Rescue Inc as at 30th June 2009 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Bat Rescue Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
3. All expenses included on the Profit and Loss Statement for the Bat Rescue Inc for the year ended 30th June 2009 have been approved for payment by the Committee.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President.....

Secretary.....

Treasurer.....

Dated this 30th day of September 2009