



ANNUAL REPORT

2019/20

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PROJECT NUMBAT SUMMARY

MISSION

Community awareness and involvement in the conservation of our unique mammal emblem.

OBJECTIVES

Project Numbat's mission is achieved through four objectives:

- To enhance efforts to conserve the numbat and its natural habitat
- To promote and assist community awareness of the numbat
- To undertake activities to raise monies to support numbat conservation
- To establish and maintain a public fund to be called the Numbat Conservation Fund for the specific purpose of supporting the objectives of Project Numbat.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Adam Cross

Vice President: Emily Safe

Secretary: Cat Diamond

Treasurer: Amy Riley

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Amy Robey

Brian Hadwin

Chloe Karafilis-Brown

Jo Drew

Jo Hos

Julia Burr

Karen Cavanough

Michael Williams

Shelley Hill

NUMBAT CONSERVATION FUND BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Dr Christine Cooper

Dr Tony Friend

Dr Cree Monaghan

Vicki Power

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Project Numbat's achievements are a result of the dedication, skills and professionalism of its committee to work as individuals and as a team. Thank you, your efforts are what make us a successful conservation group acting to save the numbat.

Project Numbat would also like to thank Tarryn Basden for educating numerous students, Neil Shipley for our monthly QuickBook accounts, Peel Harvey Catchment Council, Vicki Power, Poppy Wright at the Rustik Rainbow Café in Williams, Central South Naturalists Club, Perth Zoo for providing us numbat images and a place to meet each month, Tamara Wilkes-Jones, and Dr Tony Friend of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) for collaboration in the numbat dig identification surveys and assisting our fundraising efforts by allowing our supporters to attend a numbat release.

I. ENHANCE EFFORTS TO CONSERVE THE NUMBAT AND ITS NATURAL HABITAT

We cannot conserve an animal if we do not know enough about it. Project Numbat raised \$6,440 for the purchase of 20 radio tracking collars through its “Call for Collars” program during the 2019-2020 financial year. These collars were fitted to wild-born Numbats at Dryandra Woodland and captive born Numbats at Perth Zoo prior to their release into the wild at Dryandra Woodland. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) continues to monitor these individuals and gain important information such as dispersal, home range, breeding, habitat preference and predation.



A Perth Zoo bred numbat being fitted with a radio collar prior to its release.

Project Numbat has been conducting numbat dig identification surveys with Tamara Wilkes-Jones and Tony Friend of DBCA since 2013 at Boyagin and 2017 at the Dryandra Sanctuary. In November 2019 both these sites were surveyed again providing information on the presence or absence of numbat digs and scats at each site. Project Numbat would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the eight volunteers who surveyed over 100 sites and contributed over 215 hours of their time.



Dig Survey team at Boyagin Nature Reserve: L-R: Mark Dewson, Lesley Shaw, Jimmy Lamb, Tony Friend, and Anke Seidlitz. Photo: Tamara Wilkes-Jones.



Volunteers entering dig survey data.

Project Numbat continued to maintain the camera array deployed at Boyagin Nature Reserve during the 2019-20 financial year. The long-term collection of data is important as it can provide valuable trend information. The camera array has been deployed at Boyagin since March 2018 and although this is not yet long enough to determine meaningful trends, it is good to see that numbats are being detected frequently and the population appears to be stable. In addition to the information collected regarding numbats, the camera array also collects valuable information regarding other threatened species as well as introduced predators. Project Numbat provides the data collected to the Numbat Recovery Team and DBCA, who use it to

inform conservation and management decisions. Project Numbat would also like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the nine volunteers who contributed over 130 hours to this project over the financial year.



Numbat caught on remote sensor camera in Boyagin Nature Reserve.

Project Numbat continued to represent the community at Numbat Recovery Team meetings.

Project Numbat has continued to support PhD Student Sian Thorn who is investigating the “Population and spatial ecology of the Numbat population in the Upper Warren Region”. Project Numbat has provided funds for the purchase of a variety of transmitter collars that will be used to quantify the home range and movement patterns of the Numbat in an area where little is known about them. The collars have enabled Sian to gather VHF data as well as seven sets of GPS data from six numbats.



Morphometric data being recorded from a captured numbat in the Upper Warren.

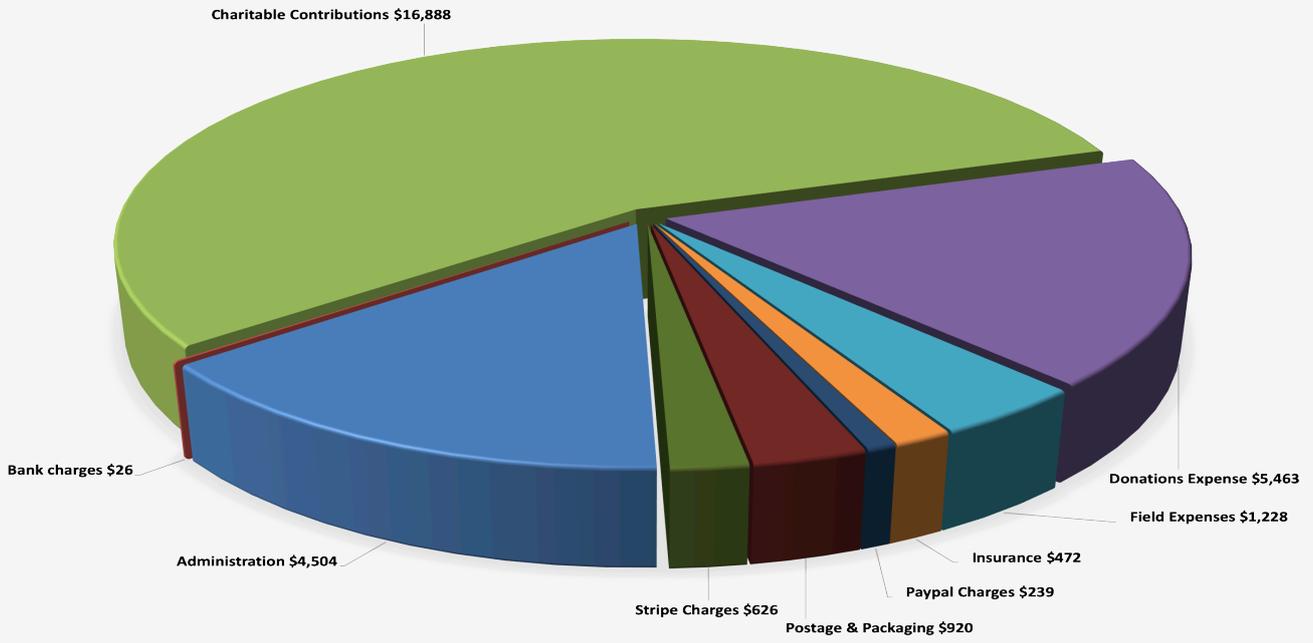


Figure 1. Project Numbat expenses 2019/20.

2. PROMOTE AND ASSIST COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF THE NUMBAT

EDUCATION

Community awareness involves educating children about the importance of the Numbat, its features, and threats. We are fortunate to have an Education Officer visits primary schools in the Perth metropolitan and Mandurah area to teach children about the Numbat.

For the period 2019-2020 education sessions were limited apart from two sessions conducted at the end of 2019. The Baldivis education lesson was conducted by Tarryn Basden with Jo Drew observing and assisting in October 2019. They were presented to several high school students who were in a Ranger Group attached to their high school, Baldivis Secondary College. The Nedlands lesson was conducted by Jo Drew and was presented to two pre-primary classes at Nedlands Primary School. Students had saved some of their pocket money to donate to Project Numbat.

Early in 2020, approximately six enquiries were made and two bookings for education sessions were booked when the effects of COVID-19 interrupted and all sessions had to be cancelled. We are yet to have any bookings since, although we have contacted all those who made enquiries earlier in the year.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media is a key means of promoting Project Numbat and our important messages about its conservation. Facebook likes increased from 5,989 to 6,496 during 2019-2020, and Instagram followers also increased from 1,233 to 1,675. We averaged 14 Facebook posts per month including Numbat images and videos, camera trap images and our merchandise as well as sharing posts from Numbat Task Force, Perth Zoo, ABC, Great Southern and the Shire of Williams.

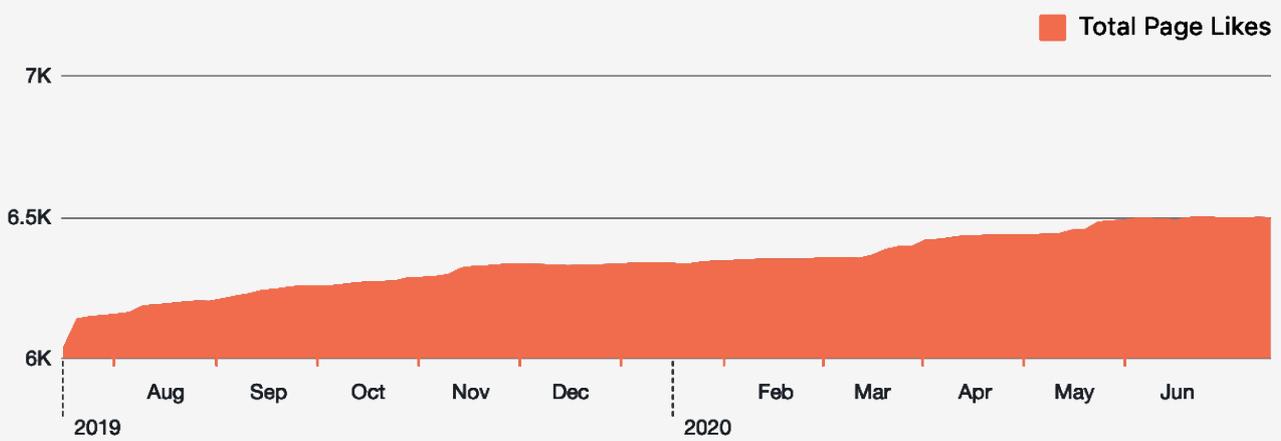


Figure 3. Facebook likes over the 2019/20 financial year.



MEMBERSHIPS

As a result of the cancellation of all 2020 events due to COVID-19, only one newsletter was sent out during 2019 to 2020. Memberships increased from 182 to 237 members. Project Numbat would like to acknowledge our corporate members: Sarah Mason of Carrah Farms, Jo Ferguson of Explorex Caravans, Heinrich Van Niekerk of Hilton Vet Hospital and Brad Walker.

3. ACTIVITIES TO RAISE MONIES TO SUPPORT NUMBAT CONSERVATION

MERCHANDISE

A range of affordable merchandise items were sold on the Project Numbat website and at events. These items included toys, cards, keep cups, water bottles, T-Shirts, earrings and a variety of pins and magnets. The popularity of our merchandise range continues to be a major contributor to our income this financial year (52%), which is up 16% from the 2018/19 financial year. However, a number of merchandise items are being phased out due to price increases or are no longer being available as a result of supplier range reductions due to COVID-19, which will result in a review of our range in the coming year.

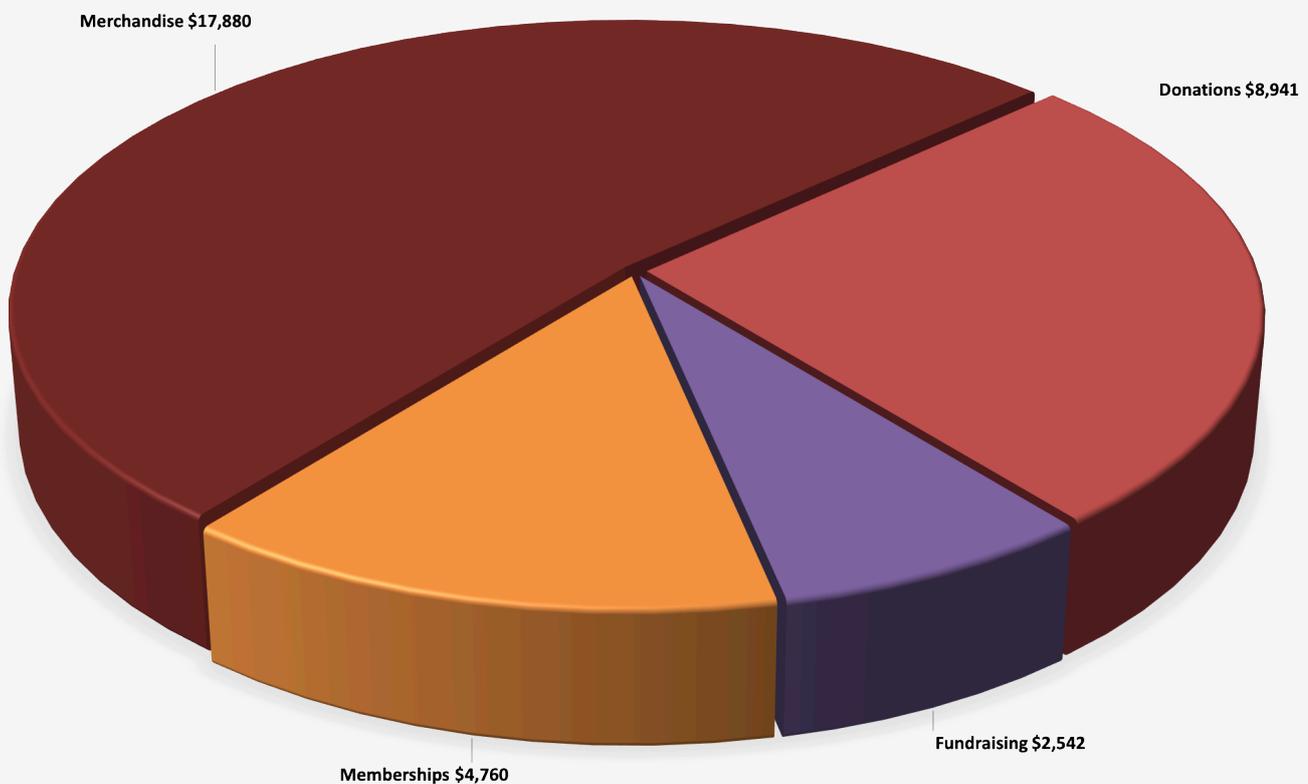


Figure 2. Income streams for Project Numbat in 2019/20.

EVENTS

Project Numbat attended a number of community events in 2019 including a Science Week event at the Canning River Eco Education Centre in August and the Narrogin Show in October. We also attended a National Threatened Species Day event in September 2019 at Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre (pictured). At each event, our volunteers raised awareness and funds to support our conservation efforts.



National Threatened Species Day at Piney Lakes

Our Annual Street Appeal was held in September in the Perth CBD. Our volunteers rattled tins and interacted with city-goers for donations large and small! The total takings for the day were in excess of \$1800 - a combination of donations and merchandise sales.

World Numbat Day was held on the 3rd of November 2019. In celebration, a bowls night was held at South Perth Bowls Club with Project Numbat members. Those who attended were greeted by Nurla, our Numbat mascot, and heard a presentation about the Numbat from Perth Zoo staff member and Project Numbat founder Vicki Power. A raffle and auction topped off the night, along with a few rounds of bowls.

Due to COVID-19 and the restrictions placed upon social gatherings, Project Numbat cancelled all events for 2020. We look forward to reconnecting with our wonderful membership as events hopefully begin again in 2021.



World Numbat Day, South Perth Bowls Club

4. NUMBAT CONSERVATION FUND

Project Numbat provided funding for a range of projects and academic studies through the 2019/20 financial year:

- PhD projects are ongoing and funds of \$10,573 and \$2,757 were paid out as a part of our committed financial backing of Numbat-related studies including collar purchasing.
- Once again, the Board approved two payments to DBCA for the purchase of radio collars: in July 2019 for \$6,315, and in February 2020 for \$5,230.
- In 2020, Project Numbat acquitted the Volunteer Grant received from the Australian Government in 2019 and was used to purchase items such as computer equipment, fuel costs, first aid supplies, storage, battery boxes and rechargeable batteries and landscaping tools. The aim of these purchases as reported last year was to acquire equipment that will support our ongoing work.

5. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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To the members of Project Numbat Incorporated

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Project Numbat Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial income and expenditure for the period ended 30 June 2020 together with the bank account summaries.

Committee responsibilities for the financial report

The committee of Project Numbat Incorporated are responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation is appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the constitution and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives fair presentation, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by those charged with governance as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Project Numbat Incorporated as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended.

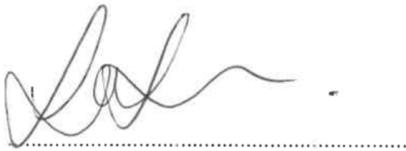
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Management notes

We bring your attention to the issues raised with the Treasurer of Project Numbat Incorporated during the audit process in relation to the anomalies in the cash at bank reconciliations in the original documents provided to our office. We note that this issue is being dealt with by the Treasurer and is relatively immaterial and does not change our audit opinion.

Basis of accounting and restriction on distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the fact that the audit of the financial report has been prepared to assist Project Numbat Incorporated to meet the requirements of the constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



Lee Fox CPA
Desborough Accountants

Dated this 12th Day of November 2020

Project Numbat Comparative Profit and Loss

	FY2020	FY2019	
Income			
Donations	8,941	17,137	Note1 FY20
Fundraising	2,542	1,532	
Memberships	4,760	3,350	
Merchandise	17,880	12,480	Note1 FY20
Total Income	\$ 34,123	\$ 34,499	
Cost of Sales			
2. Purchases	8,051	4,373	
Total Cost of Sales	\$ 8,051	\$ 4,373	
Gross Profit	\$ 26,073	\$ 30,125	
Other Income(Loss)			
Interest earned	57	184	
Other Income	-	4,942	
Total Other Income(Loss)	\$ 57	\$ 5,126	
Expenses			
Administration	4,504	10,376	
Bank charges	26	443	
Charitable Contributions	16,888	7,000	
Commissions	-	26,000	
Donations Expense	5,463	1,527	
Field Expenses	1,228	1,156	
Funding Expenses	-	277	
Insurance	472	465	
Paypal Charges	239	184	
Postage & Packaging	920	853	
Stationery	-	62	
Stripe Charges	626	278	
Total Expenses	\$ 30,366	\$ 48,621	
Net Earnings	-\$ 4,236	-\$ 13,369	

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Note1 FY20 Journals were required to correct a bank register anomaly which according to QBO added 2 additional transactions to the company account. This resulted in a discrepancy of \$280 in Acct 6373 and \$187 in Acct 6381. The adjusting journal was taken to Merchandise and Donations in the P&L. It seems no other viable options were available.

Project Numbat Comparative Balance Sheet

	FY 2020	FY 2019
Assets		
Current Assets		
Acct 4811 - Westpac Community Solutions Cash Reserve	37,072	35,352
Acct 6373 - Westpac Community Solutions Transaction Account	10,977	5,788 Note3
Acct 6381 - Westpac Community Solutions Conservation Fund	8,072	18,770 Note3
Float	100	100
Petty Cash	200	200
Inventory	3,322	3,745 Note1
Total Current Assets	\$ 59,743	\$ 63,955
Long-term assets		
Camera Equipment	8,926	8,926 Note2
Computer Equipment	13,419	13,163 Note2
Total long-term assets	\$ 22,345	\$ 22,089
Total Assets	\$ 82,087	\$ 86,043
Liabilities and shareholder's equity		
Shareholders' equity:		
Net Income	-4,236	-13,369 Note4
Opening Balance Equity	69,247	69,247
Retained Earnings	17,077	30,166 Note4
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 82,087	\$ 86,043
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 82,087	\$ 86,043

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Note1 Inventory carried at cost as per stock take.

Note2 Long-term assets carried at cost.

Note3 Journals were required to correct a bank register anomaly which according to QBO added 2 additional transactions to the company account. This resulted in a discrepancy of \$280 in Acct 6373 and \$187 in Acct 6381. The adjusting journal was taken to Merchandise and Donations in the P&L. It seems no other viable options were available.

Note4 Note3 adjustments appear to have resulted in an overstatement of \$280 in Retained Earnings. QBO technical support have no explanation as to how this has occurred and recommend leaving until the end of this financial year to see if it 'self-corrects'.

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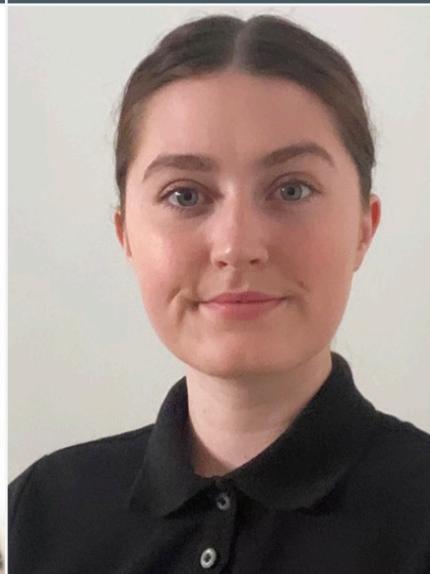
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