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Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Australia Annual Report 2024





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Message from our President and CEO

United in the battle against extinction and habitat destruction

This past financial year has again shown our resilience when united in the fight against the extinction of the Bornean orangutans and the depletion of their rainforest homes. We have achieved encouraging milestones thanks to our incredible individual donors, longstanding partnerships with corporate friends, and collaboration with the global BOS network.

In the fiscal year 2023/24, the primary focus remained on continuing our crucial conservation efforts for orangutans by rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing healthy individuals into the wild and providing care for those we cannot release. We also worked on protecting and restoring critical orangutan habitats. Our top priority this past year was the urgently needed construction of a new Forest School for the orphaned orangutans at BOS Foundation's Nyaru Menteng Rehabilitation Centre.

The new school was necessary because the current centre is located on government-owned land, which we need to return. To address this, the BOS Foundation purchased land that they will solely own. The new area, Nyaru Menteng 2, will secure the future of the unique Forest School program, which is crucial to our mission of rehabilitating the rescued orangutans in our centres. To expedite the construction of the new school, we utilised our most significant end-of-financial-year appeal to raise the majority of the necessary funds, making it one of our most successful appeals ever.

In addition, we are proud to have contributed to the rehabilitation and care of 355 orangutans and 74 sun bears and the successful release of 20 orangutans to protected reintroduction sites and 24 individuals to pre-release islands. The latter marks the final step of an orangutan's journey to freedom.

We are delighted to report that our reforestation project in Mawas, securing 60 hectares of crucial

orangutan habitat and carbon storage, has made an enormous step forward. 53 members of six community groups from the village of Mantangai Hulu in Central Kalimantan have completed the land preparation and planted 66,660 seedlings from six different species of orangutan food plants. Over 80 per cent of the initially planted seedlings survived the first few months, and the local groups have already replaced the rest. The great news: The monitoring team spotted animal footprints in the replantation area, showing that the new forest is coming to life, growing into a vital habitat for orangutans and other species.

Moreover, we have made further progress in updating the infrastructure of BOS Foundation's facilities in Indonesia in order to minimise the environmental impact in our working areas. For instance, BOS Australia allocated funds to replace a central water pipe that was in desperate need of repair.

We maintained a strong relationship with the BOS Foundation team in Indonesia and the global BOS network. Regular meetings and visits to the two centres in Borneo bolstered international cooperation, consequently contributing to the success of our orangutan conservation and welfare efforts.

We are pleased to share this review of our achievements in the past year with you. These successes would not have been possible without your loyal support and generosity.

With endless gratitude,

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Kerin Welford
President

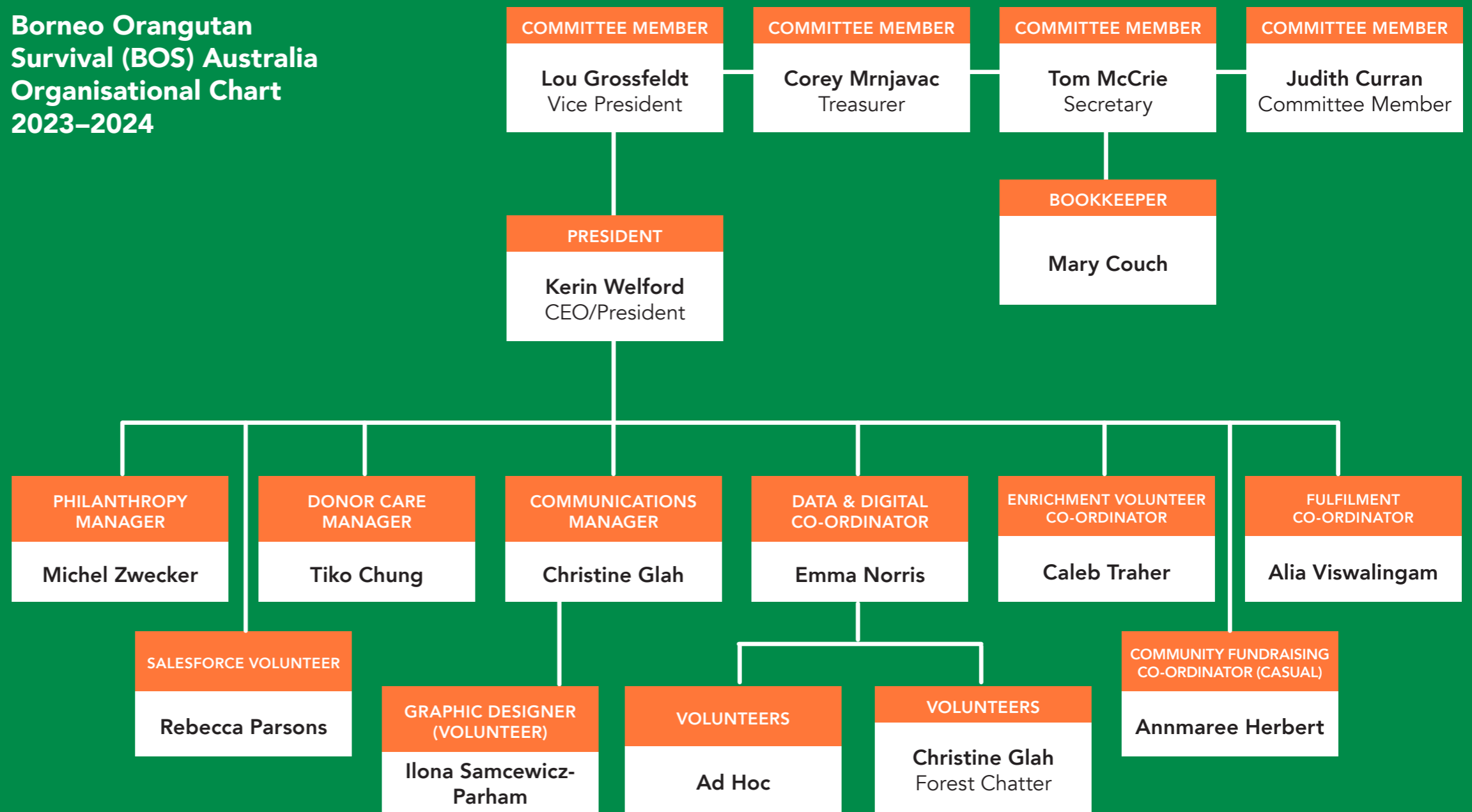


About Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Australia

Since its establishment in 2001, BOS Australia's dedicated team has been fighting to save the critically endangered Bornean orangutans from extinction by raising funds and educating people about the plight of orangutans and their rainforest homes. Through our engagement, we are supporting the work of the BOS Foundation in Indonesia – the largest orangutan conservation organisation globally.

Our **VISION** is a world where orangutans are free from the threat of extinction and can live in the wild, unharmed by humans. BOS Australia's **MISSION** is to contribute to the conservation of orangutans and their ecosystem.

Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Australia Organisational Chart 2023–2024



OUR IMPACT IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024

For BOS Australia, the previous financial year has again shown our resilience when united in the fight against the extinction of the Bornean orangutans and the depletion of their rainforest homes. We have achieved encouraging milestones thanks to our incredible individual donors, longstanding partnerships with corporate friends, and collaboration with the global BOS network. In the fiscal year 2023/24, the primary focus remained on continuing our crucial conservation efforts for orangutans by rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing healthy individuals into the wild and providing care

for those we cannot release. Additionally, we dedicated ourselves to protecting and restoring essential orangutan habitats.

We are excited to share that we have successfully released a total of 533 orangutans back into their natural rainforest habitats since 2012, including 20 in 2023/24. These releases have contributed to the species' survival, resulting in 34 wild-born babies so far. Thanks to the incredible support from our donors over the past year, we were able to care for 355 orangutans and 74 sun bears in our two sanctuaries. Additionally, we have protected and partially replanted 465,225 hectares of vital orangutan habitat.



355
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sanctuaries

24
FOREST SCHOOL
GRADUATES MOVED TO
PRE-RELEASE ISLANDS



74
SUN BEARS WERE
BEING CARE FOR AT
SAMBOJA LESTARI



465,225
HECTARES WERE
PROTECTED, WITH
309,000 IN MAWAS
BEING A CRUCIAL
HABITAT FOR 2,250
WILD ORANGUTANS



20
orangutans have
been released into
protected forests

533
orangutans have been
released to their wild
home (all time)

66,660
seedlings of orangutan
food trees have been
planted for our 60-hectare
reforestation project to
secure crucial habitat



34
wild-born babies
(all time) from
released orangutans



369
routine patrols were
carried out in Mawas,
helping to report 66
cases of illegal logging
and 27 fire outbreaks



Our Core Strategies

Tackling today's conservation challenges is no simple task. With orangutans being critically endangered and their forest homes vanishing at an alarming rate, the need to protect and restore their existing habitats has never been more urgent.

In the following, please learn about how we did our part last year – from rescuing orphaned orangutans from areas of human-wildlife conflict and their rehabilitation journey to working with local communities and conserving vital forest ecosystems for generations to come.

Our parent organisation, the Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Foundation, started in 1991 by establishing a modest rehabilitation centre at Wanariset in East Kalimantan, Borneo, in response to the many orangutans displaced due to the illegal wildlife trade. In the decades after, the BOS Foundation's role has grown immensely.

Since 2001, Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Australia has been supporting the BOS Foundation's lifesaving work to fight extinction and conserve orangutans and their habitats in sites across Borneo – specifically in the Indonesian provinces of Central and East Kalimantan.

Today, our work focuses on four strategic pillars:

- Orangutan Reintroduction
- Orangutan Ecosystem Conservation
- Sanctuary Care
- Sustainable Community Development & Education

1. Orangutan Reintroduction A Second Chance At Freedom

Thousands of orangutans are displaced or killed yearly due to mass deforestation, rampant forest fires, poaching for consumption, and the illegal wildlife trade. Whenever an individual survives their trauma or is reported captive, the BOS Foundation is ready to rescue and rehabilitate them - and, if possible, reintroduce them to wild forests for a second chance at freedom.

Even in more complex situations, when orangutans are smuggled to other countries, the BOS Foundation team has worked with Indonesian authorities towards their repatriation and taken the orphans into their care once returned to Borneo. One example is Taymur, who was stolen from his mum as a baby and illegally smuggled to Kuwait, where he was kept as a pet and given drugs for his captor's entertainment.

As one of seven global partners, Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Australia is raising vital funds to support the BOS Foundation's work so that orangutans can live in a world free from the threat of extinction and prosper in the wild, unharmed by humans.

1.1. Rescue

Whenever human actions or natural disasters displace orangutans from their forested homes, we support the BOS Foundation in its mission to rescue these orangutans from conflict areas.

In the financial year 2024, the BOS Foundation assisted the Natural Resources Conservation Agency (BKSDA) in rescuing two orangutans and relocating them to a safer area. Additionally, the BOS team welcomed one orangutan and three sun bears at their two rehabilitation centres in East and Central Kalimantan, all handovers by the BKSDA.

1.2. Rehabilitation

As soon as an orangutan enters our centres, they are assessed, treated by a team of veterinarians, quarantined, and then placed into the appropriate stage of the rehabilitation process. The youngest orangutans join the nursery group, while the juveniles attend forest school.

On their journey through forest school, human surrogate mothers teach the young orphans the skills they need to survive in the wild while stimulating them to express natural behaviours. To succeed in the wild, they must learn everything from locating and opening all the varied foods the rainforest offers to building secure nests where they will sleep.

By the end of the financial year 2024, the BOS Foundation team was caring for 355 orangutans in their two rescue and rehabilitation centres in Indonesian Borneo:

- 114 individuals at the Samboja Lestari Orangutan Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in East Kalimantan (100 at the centre itself and 14 on Pre-Release and Sanctuary Islands)
- 241 orangutans at the Nyaru Menteng Orangutan Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (172 in the centre itself, 46 on the Pre-Release Islands Bangamat and Kaja, and 23 on Badak Kecil Sanctuary Island)

1.3. Release

Once the surrogate mothers have found the juvenile orangutans proficient, the BOS Foundation team moves them to socialisation complexes. There, they temporarily live within groups in large cages to practice their socialisation skills among new individuals.

While orangutans are classed as semi-solitary animals, in the wild, they will be required to interact with other species members when mating, during times of high food availability, and disputing territories.

The orangutans' survival skills are put to a final test when the BOS Foundation team transfers them to forested pre-release islands. Here, technicians provide additional food daily and evaluate the orangutans' health while gathering important behavioural data.

When the orangutans prove themselves capable foragers, adept climbers, innovative nest builders, and appropriately wary of humans, the team knows that they are ready to return to their true forest homes. These proficient candidates are then transported to and released at one of three release sites, where their life begins anew.

In the financial year 2024, we supported the BOS Foundation in three releases to the wild and seven releases to pre-release islands:

- On 20 July 2023, the BOS Foundation team released four orangutans (Roma, Kombew, Vino, Jumbo) from the Nyaru Menteng Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Central Kalimantan onto the Bangamat Pre-Release Island.
- On 28 July 2023, the BOS Foundation team released three orangutans (Peanut, Otong, Friska) from Nyaru Menteng onto the Salat Pre-Release Island.
- On 5 and 6 November 2023, the BOS Foundation team released eight orangutans (Ocie, Rajawali, Juki, Batola, Carlos, Taco, Melanie and Cici) from Nyaru Menteng into the Bukit Batikap Protection Forest.
- On 9 November 2023, the BOS Foundation team released four orangutans (Dias, Eliona, Gami, Ozi) from the Samboja Lestari Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in East Kalimantan to the Kehje Sewen Forest.
- On 2 December 2023, the BOS Foundation team released four orangutans (Taymur, Jelapat, Napri, Kalanis) from Nyaru Menteng onto the Salat Pre-Release Island.
- On 5 December 2023, the BOS Foundation team released two orangutans (Bumbum, Grapa) from Nyaru Menteng to the Bangamat Pre-Release Island.
- On 12 and 14 December 2023, the BOS Foundation team released eight orangutans (Tomang, Cinta, Lala, Liti, Fajar, Fathia, Ojes, Wanto) into the Bukit Baka Bukit Raya National Park.
- On 19 December 2023, the BOS Foundation Team released four orangutans (Otan, Langit, Dona, Sebabi) from Nyaru Menteng to the Bangamat Pre-Release Island.
- On 8 February 2024, the BOS Foundation Team released two orangutans (Madara, Yutris) from Nyaru Menteng to the Bangamat Pre-Release Island.
- On 19 April 2024, the BOS Foundation team released five orangutans (Talaken, Bawan, Josh, Uru, Monthe) from Nyaru Menteng to the Salat Pre-Release Island.

All our reintroduced orangutans are monitored regularly by the Post-Release-Monitoring teams. They collect valuable behavioural data regarding their adaption to the wild and intervene if they fail,

get injured, or fall sick. The teams conduct their observations from camps at our three release sites: the Bukit Batikap Protection Forest and the Bukit Baka Bukit Raya National Park in Central Kalimantan, and the Ecosystem Restoration Concession within the Kehje Sewen Forest in East Kalimantan.

There, life begins anew for the rehabilitated orangutans, who are free again to live their lives unencumbered by humans, with the ultimate goal of creating a new generation of wild-born orangutans.

The BOS Foundation manages all three to ensure the safety of the reintroduced orangutans. A forest must meet specific criteria to be deemed suitable for releasing orangutans. Key factors include the local population of wild orangutans, the availability of food sources, the presence of other fruit-eating species such as monkeys and gibbons, and the area's accessibility. Ideally, a release forest should be challenging for humans to access and difficult for orangutans to leave.

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2. Sanctuary Care

A Dignified Life For Our Permanent Residents

Orangutans who enter a BOS Foundation centre have experienced unspeakable tragedy. Those who are young enough to enter forest school to be taught key survival skills are the lucky ones. But even though older or disabled rescued orangutans may never be able to return to the wild, BOS Australia works with the BOS Foundation to ensure that they are cared for and live long lives in freedom and dignity.

Of the almost 355 orangutans in our care this past financial year, 128 are considered 'unreleasable' and will most likely never be able to return to their rainforest homes. Many of these permanent residents were rescued from captivity too late in life for forest school and did not possess the skills needed to survive unaided in the wild.

Whenever possible, we transfer them to one of our forested sanctuary islands, where they can live a self-determined and species-appropriate semi-wild life in a natural environment while still receiving care from the BOS Foundation staff.

Other permanent residents suffer from ailments such as tuberculosis or chronic respiratory disease, requiring them to remain in permanent quarantine as they would pose a health threat to other orangutans. In the most unfortunate cases, some orangutans need long-term intensive care due to severe physical disabilities.

Kopral's story is a beautiful example of how unreleasable orangutans in our care can still live a happy and dignified life beyond cages. The male was kept as a pet in a cage until he escaped, climbing an electricity pole that electrocuted him. Unfortunately, his condition was so severe that both arms had to be amputated when he arrived at our centre. However, he was an outstanding student at forest school, climbing trees and building nests with his feet and mouth. He now lives on a sanctuary island, where he can roam freely, as close to the wild as possible.

2.1. Sun Bears

In addition to caring for and rehabilitating Bornean orangutans, the BOS Foundation also takes care of sun bears. While our primary goal is and will always

be to save orangutans from extinction, we can only stop the downward trajectory by also saving their rainforest homes, including species that coexist with orangutans, like the sun bear. Both are a vital part of the same ecosystem, and by losing one, we risk losing the other.

Therefore, it was a no-brainer for the BOS Foundation when, in 1998, the East Kalimantan Natural Resources Conservation Agency asked them to help take care of rescued sun bears. Even though the chances of returning the bears to the wild are slim, we are committed to providing them with the best care possible, just like we do for our unreleasable orangutans.

By the end of the financial year 2023/24, the BOS Foundation looked after 74 sun bears at their Samboja Lestari centre.

2.2. Animal Welfare

As a conservation organisation focusing on orangutans, we are committed to providing the highest animal welfare standards for all the animals under our care. We make sure that they have access to a diverse diet and various enrichment activities to keep them mentally and physically healthy. This requires a continuous program dedicated to their welfare, including regular assessments conducted with the help of animal welfare specialist and BOS Australia Vice President Louise Grossfeldt and Melbourne Zoo's Primate Keeper, Fleur Butcher.

To encourage wild behaviours such as climbing, arboreal travel and nest building, the enrichment team continued to develop and distribute new enrichment items throughout the year. Food enrichment was also provided daily to keep the animals stimulated.

In addition, BOS Australia's popular Enrichment Volunteer Program is vital in supporting the welfare of orangutans and sun bears at the Samboja Lestari sanctuary by giving volunteers of all ages and backgrounds a chance to work hands-on with the BOS enrichment team. The program runs for two weeks at a time, from October to March each year.

In the past financial year, 53 volunteers participated in our Enrichment Volunteer Program, which we offer in partnership with Oceans2Earth Volunteers. This marks a 60 per cent increase in participation compared to the previous year.

3. Orangutan Ecosystem Conservation

We Can't Save Orangutans Without Saving Their Habitat

Like humans, orangutans need a safe place where they find enough food, water, shelter, and room to roam and raise their offspring. But orangutan homes vanish at an alarming rate. In the past 50 years, we have lost over 80 per cent of the Bornean orangutan population, mainly due to habitat loss.

BOS Australia has always understood that our mission extends beyond rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing orangutans. We recognise that the healthiest and happiest orangutans are those we don't need to rescue at all. Therefore, we advocate for preserving large tracts of forest, which are essential for the survival and well-being of orangutans. We emphasise that habitat fragmentation and destruction caused by human activities pose the greatest threat to these magnificent creatures.

Our solutions to stop the rapid decline of orangutan habitats are manifold and range from securing safe release sites for our rehabilitated orangutans to protecting and conserving vast forested areas for the remaining wild populations.

The BOS Foundation's Mawas Conservation Program is a beacon of hope in the fight against habitat loss. It comprises 309,000 hectares of peatland and is home to the largest known wild population of orangutans. Around 2,550 individuals call Mawas their home, and we do everything we can to protect them and their habitat by supporting BOS Foundation's efforts, which include;

- active management;
- patrolling for illegal and environmentally damaging activities, with over 360 routine patrols carried out in past financial year, helping to report 66 cases of illegal logging and 27 fire outbreaks;
- mitigation of human-orangutan conflict and forest fires;
- rehabilitating the forest by engaging with the local communities to block canals and implement large-scale replanting projects;
- collaborating with Universitas National Indonesia and Rutgers University at the Tuanan Research Station to carry out ground-breaking research in the fields of wild orangutan behaviour and peatland ecology.

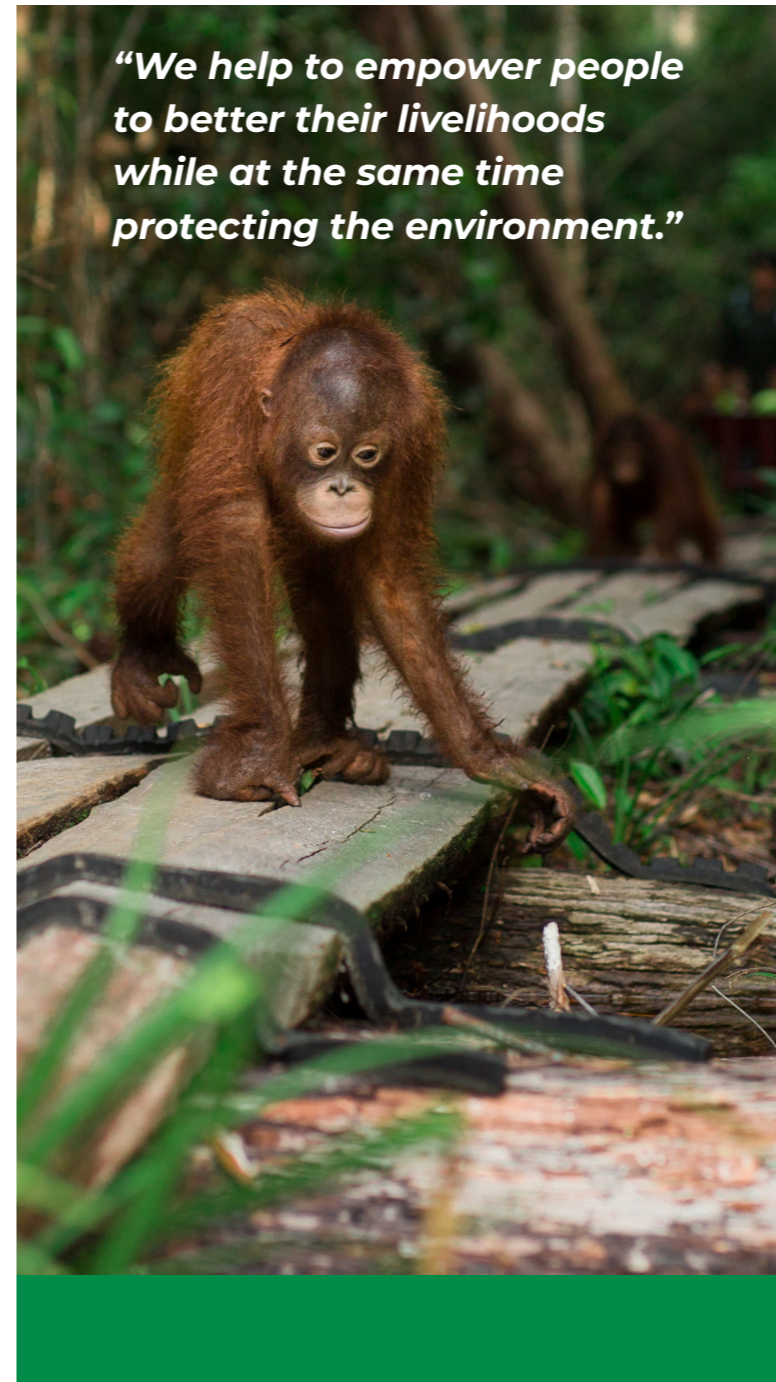
Besides being a critical orangutan habitat, the Mawas peatlands are globally important as a carbon reservoir and biodiversity conservation site.

This past financial year, the BOS Australia-funded 60-hectare deforestation project in Mawas made significant progress. 53 members of six community groups from the village of Mantangai Hulu in Central Kalimantan have completed the land preparation and planted 66,660 seedlings from six different species of orangutan food plants. Over 80 per cent of the initially planted seedlings survived the first few months, and the local groups have already replaced the rest. The great news: The monitoring team spotted animal footprints in the replantation area, showing that the new forest is coming to life, growing into a vital habitat for orangutans and other species. This is a significant advancement in our efforts to safeguard this precious ecosystem and restore a crucial carbon sink.

4. Sustainable Community Development & Education

Orangutan Conservation Starts With The Local Communities

"We help to empower people to better their livelihoods while at the same time protecting the environment."



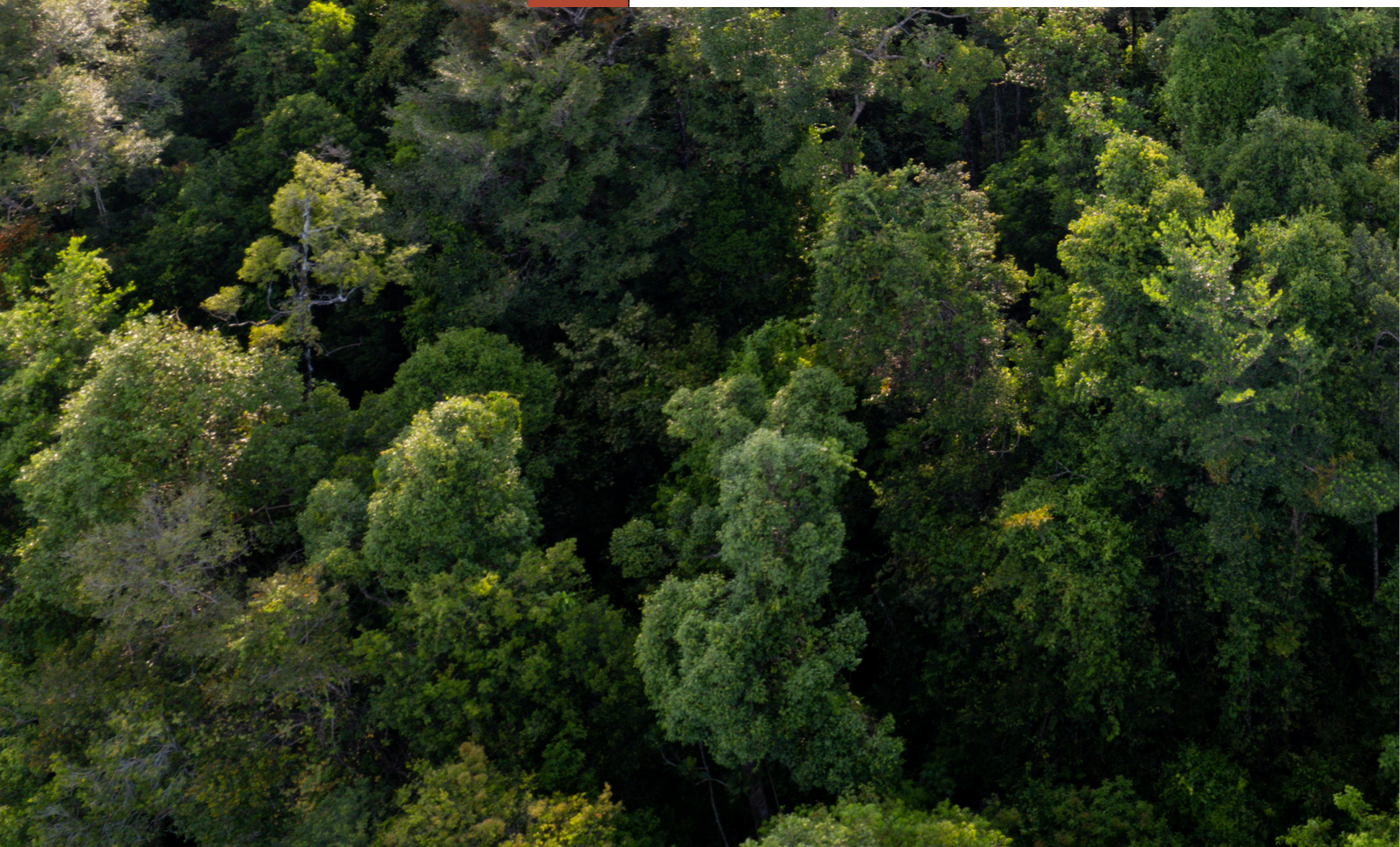
Without the locals on our side, we couldn't protect and save orangutans from extinction. Their traditional knowledge about the rainforest and its inhabitants is crucial for our work. On the other hand, we need to make sure they make a living while protecting and conserving precious orangutan habitats.

Even in the most remote sites, the BOS Foundation's work and changes to the natural landscape impact the indigenous communities bordering the area. By employing local staff, purchasing consumables locally, and working within communities to build awareness and capacity, we help to empower people to better their livelihoods while at the same time protecting the environment.

The BOS Foundation's community development work engages communities near the release sites in Central and East Kalimantan, the Mawas Conservation Area, and around the Samboja Lestari and Nyaru Menteng Orangutan Rehabilitation Centres.

In each of its working areas, the BOS Foundation tailors the programs to identify and address the needs of the neighbouring communities. Supporting activities include reforestation and land rehabilitation, forest protection through firefighting and monitoring for illegal activities, alternative income generation such as sustainable agriculture and handicraft production, cultural preservation, and natural resource management.

Through our 60-hectare reforestation project in Mawas, BOS Australia directly helps create jobs for the neighbouring communities. As part of the team, local workers collect, care for and plant seedlings, and they monitor and protect the area against illegal logging and forest fires.



5. Sustainable Infrastructure Projects

In addition to focusing on the four core strategies, we are committed to reducing our carbon footprint – a matter genuinely dear to BOS Australia.

For us, saving orangutans also means protecting their rainforest homes and fighting climate change. Therefore, we partnered with the BOS Foundation and our colleagues at BOS Switzerland and built a solar system at our Samboja Lestari rehabilitation centre - our first big step towards renewable energy.

An over 600-panel solar array converts sunlight directly into electricity, producing around 272 kWh of energy monthly. With this much solar power, we could drastically reduce our carbon footprint and energy expenditures.

Over the past years, we made further improvements to the solar system, for example, by joining solar arrays to reduce the need for additional generators. Moreover, we have started installing solar power

systems at our remote post-release monitoring camps deep in the Bornean rainforest. The solar power systems replace the noisy and fuel-guzzling diesel generators.

Furthermore, BOS Australia contributed to road builds and repairs for better access to the sun bear enclosure and as an overflow for times of flooding rains. We also helped to replace water pipes to enhance water delivery, balance water pressure and stop leakages, and install water tanks and a bore as a water supply backup. The Samboja Lestari clinic enlargement project received funds from BOS Australia for rainwater harvesting and technical support to ensure proper septic system installation.

These are just a few examples of our continuous efforts to improve the infrastructure at our centres so that orangutans and sun bears can receive the best care possible with the most negligible environmental impact.

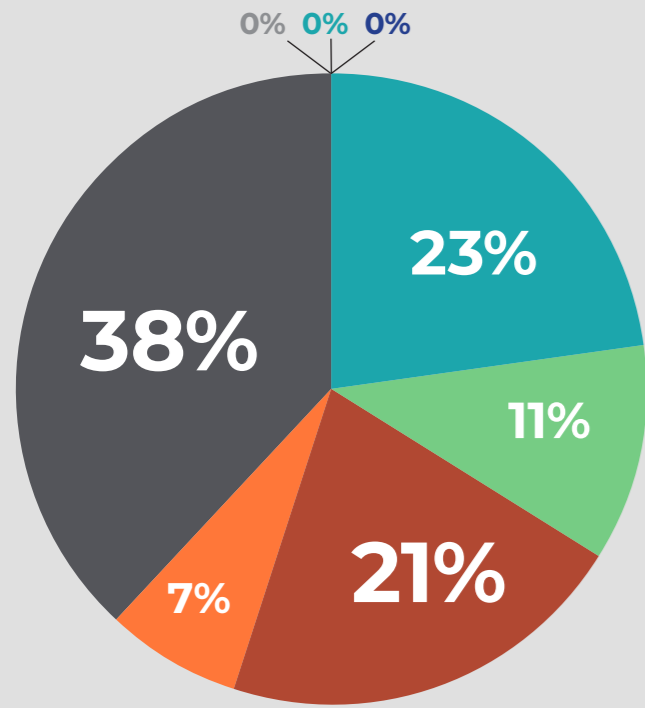
Fundraising

Healthy Revenue For Sustainable Growth

As a not-for-profit organisation, our success in raising funds each year is critical for achieving our conservation goals. Thanks to our incredible supporters – individuals, institutions and corporations – we could again allocate significant funding to the BOS Foundation. In fact, fundraising activities accounted for 99.65% of BOS Australia’s revenue last year, and 68.74% of our expenditures went towards Indonesian conservation activities.

As a not-for-profit organisation, our success in raising funds each year is crucial for achieving our conservation goals. Thanks to our incredible supporters – individuals, institutions, and corporations – we were able to allocate significant funding to our parent organisation, the BOS Foundation. Last year, fundraising activities accounted for 99.65% of BOS Australia’s revenue, and 68.74% of our expenditures were directed toward Indonesian orangutan conservation activities.

While major giving and gifts in Wills are important areas for growth, Trusts & Foundations account for the largest segment of our fundraising revenue, followed by regular giving/adoptions. Regular donations through our adoption program create a stable income stream, enabling us to support projects in Indonesia more effectively. Additionally, the adoption program strengthens our connection with supporters by providing them with regular updates.



FUNDRAISING REVENUE 2024

- Regular Giving/Adoptions
- High Value Cash (\$1,000+)
- Bequests
- Enrichment Tours
- Trusts & Foundations
- Virtual gifts
- Memberships
- Merchandise

BOS Australia’s 2024 Progress

BOS Foundation Support

We **DISTRIBUTED \$621,248** to the BOS Foundation to support orangutan projects in Indonesian Borneo.

In October 2023, we **RAISED \$14,147** through our Spring Appeal to support the work of the Post-Release Monitoring team, ensuring the well-being and survival of our released orangutans.

During our End-of-Year Appeal in November and December 2023, we **RAISED \$103,556** to help release more rehabilitated orangutans into the wild and support our adoption program by sponsoring a newly added orphaned orangutan.

In June 2024, we **RAISED \$319,532** through our Tax Appeal, our most successful appeal to date. The funds will support constructing a new Forest School at the Nyaru Menteng 2 Orangutan Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, enabling our parent organisation in Indonesia to continue the vital school program for rescued orphaned orangutans. In our forest schools, the orangutans learn essential survival skills for their eventual release into the wild.

Thanks to our ongoing fundraising efforts, which included the Facebook

challenge “57,000 Steps for Orangutans” in August 2023 on the GivePanel platform, three screening events of the awarded documentary “Eyes of the Orangutan” in July 2023, a three-day “Trek for Orangutans” up Mount Kosciuszko in March 2024, and our Orangutan Volunteer Program running from October to March each year, we acquired **615 NEW DONORS**, 254 more than the year prior.

We acknowledge the considerable support this year from our major partner the King Living Foundation.

Additionally, we received a **GRANT OF \$30,000** from the SMEC Foundation in October 2023 to conduct a habitat assessment of our orangutan sanctuary area at Samboja Lestari.

In November 2023, we received a **\$69,000 GRANT** from the Orica Foundation to help complete the veterinarian clinic, reforest five hectares, and purchase a lightweight food truck for our Samboja Lestari centre.

Furthermore, we secured a **GRANT OF \$40,000** from the Capricorn Foundation in June 2024 to replant 5 hectares of a former encroachment area at Samboja Lestari.

Outreach

Increasing awareness and gaining new supporters

We have been employing various outreach strategies to raise awareness about our brand and conservation work, build relationships, and acquire new supporters. These include maintaining a

constant social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Threads, LinkedIn and TikTok.

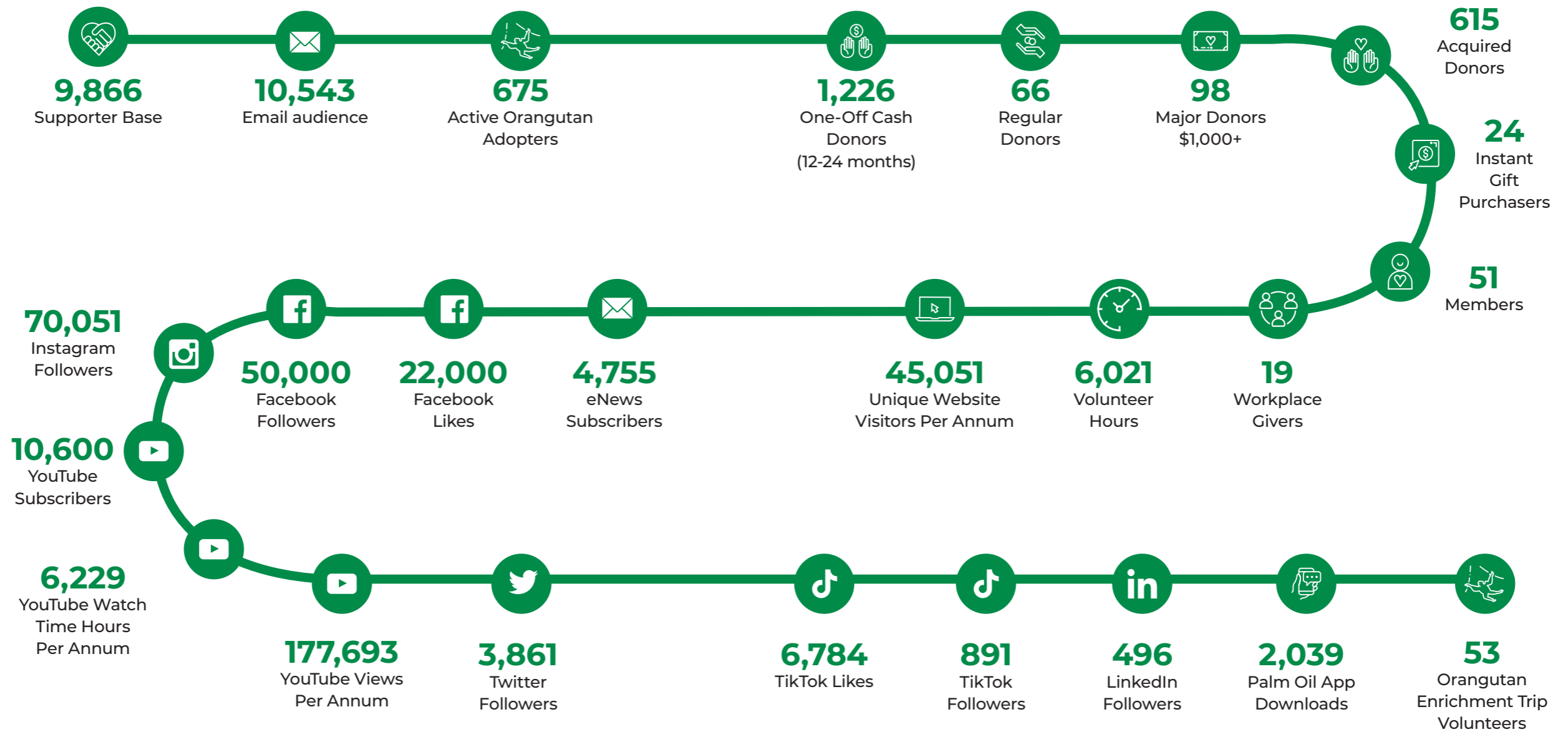
We also publish a quarterly newsletter, 'Forest Chatter', with engaging background stories on our work, and we provide quarterly adoption updates for our orangutan adopters, precisely for 675 active adopters in the past financial year.

We implemented three new fundraising ideas over the past year to enhance engagement with our cause,

increase the potential for larger donations, improve brand awareness, and adapt to changing donor preferences. Our goal was to keep our fundraising efforts fresh and exciting for our current supporters while at the same time reaching new audiences.

The new opportunities included three screening events of the awarded documentary "Eyes of the Orangutan" in Sydney, Melbourne and Auckland

in July 2023, the Facebook challenge "57,000 Steps for Orangutans" in August 2023 on the GivePanel platform, and a three-day "Trek for Orangutans" up Mount Kosciuszko in March 2024. In addition, we ran our well-established Orangutan Volunteer Program from October 2023 to March 2024. Thanks to these fundraising efforts, we acquired 615 new donors, 254 more than the year prior.



Communications

Strengthening connections with our donors and partners

Our primary focus during the past year was cultivating our existing supporters while acquiring new donors and raising vital funds for our conservation work. We achieved this through various approaches, including appeals, engaging social media posts, advertisements and electronic direct mail. Thanks to our incredible supporters – our base grew by 615 – we successfully ran four appeals and witnessed a further increase in donations, adoptions and followers on social media accounts. Furthermore, we continued to strengthen our relationships with our dedicated major donors and corporate partners, such as the King Living Foundation.

Facebook
In 2024, we reached 50,000 Facebook followers, an increase of 26,000. This is our most significant gain to date, demonstrating that our strategy of consistency and engaging, informative, and authentic content is effective. We employed a variety of formats to connect with our audience, with videos being the most successful.

Instagram
Our Instagram account was the most successful social media platform for us in the past year, gaining over



55,000 new followers. We achieved this success by maintaining consistency and creating engaging reels that highlighted our conservation work, particularly through our unique Forest School, adoption program, and volunteer program.

Threads
Threads is a promising new social media platform for connecting with our audience. With 4,814 followers at the end of the financial year, it has surpassed Twitter, demonstrating significant growth rates.

X (formerly Twitter)
Our Twitter account reports 3,861 followers, a slight uptick from last year.

YouTube
At the end of the financial year 2024, our YouTube channel had 10,600 subscribers, a plus of 273 compared to the period prior.

TikTok
Since we added TikTok to our social media channels in 2020, we have seen steady growth, with 891 followers at the end of June 2024.

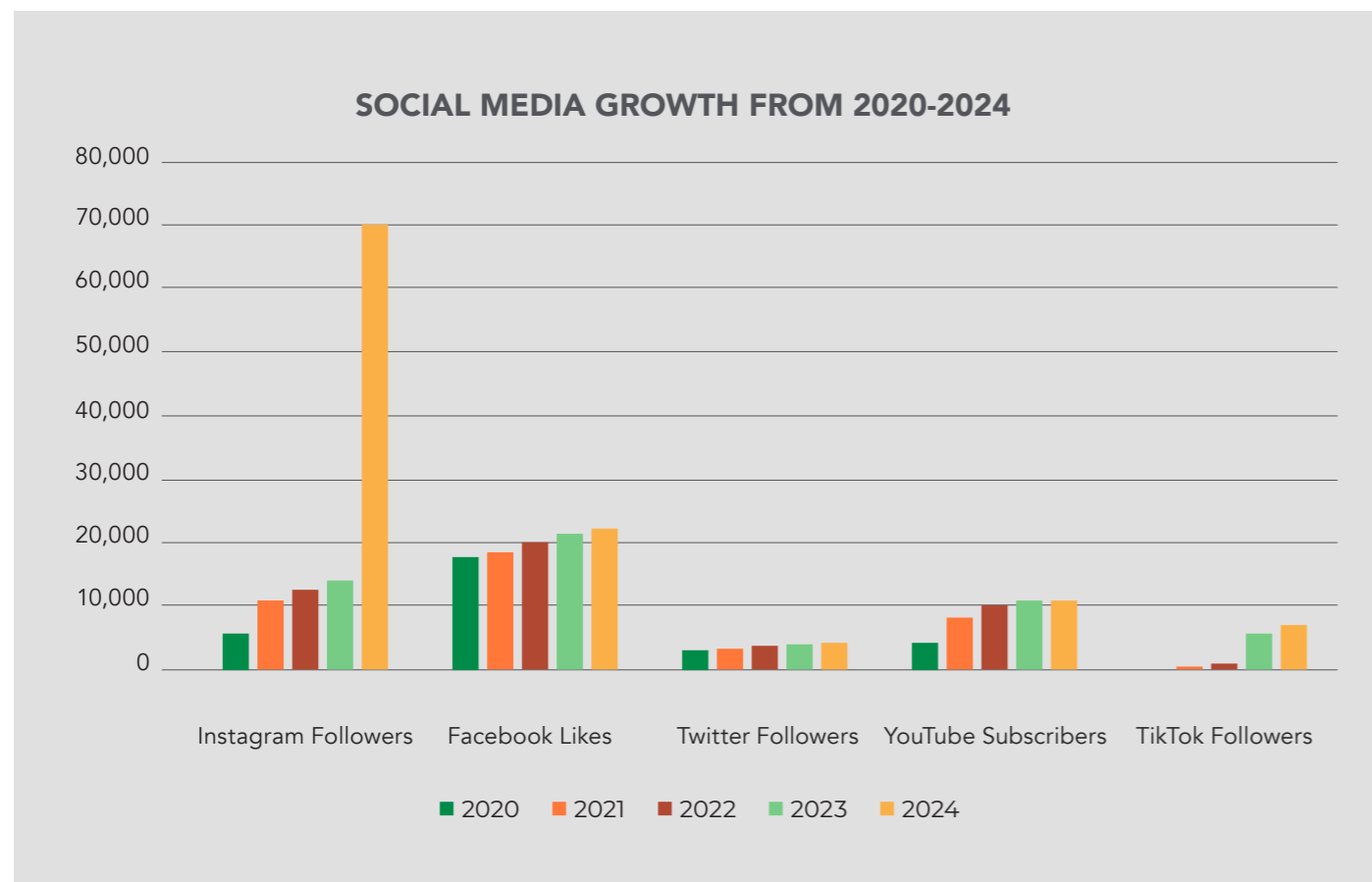
LinkedIn
Our LinkedIn followers increased by over 150 per cent in 2024, resulting from more tailored posts to this specific network.

Quarterly Newsletter 'Forest Chatter'
A well-established and classic tool of our communication strategy is our quarterly newsletter. Showing solid growth over the years, we saw a slight decrease in sign-ups in 2024.

Website
Last year, our website had over 45,000 unique visitors, a slight increase compared to the previous year.

Partner Meetings & Networking
In addition to communicating with our supporter base, we have focused on maintaining strong relationships with our partners. We have been in close and regular contact with the communication and leadership teams at the BOS Foundation, as well as our global partner organisations, including BOS Germany, Save The Orangutan, BOS Switzerland, BOS UK, BOS USA and BOS New Zealand.

Our President, Kerin Welford, attended the annual BOS partners meeting, which was held online from 25 to 31 October 2023. The meeting reaffirmed the strength of the global BOS network and highlighted the importance of collaboration as a team.



Financial Report

We are pleased to present the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024. The names of the committee members in office at any time during the financial year are as follows:

NAME	ROLE	COMMENCED	CEASED
Kerin Welford	President	May 2022	
Louise Grossfeldt	Vice President	June 2022	
Tom McCrie	Secretary	September 2019	
Corey Mrnjavac	Treasurer	October 2021	
Judith Curran	Ordinary	June 2023	

Principal Activities

Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Australia Incorporated ("BOS Australia") contributes to the conservation and protection of orangutans and their habitat by fundraising and increasing awareness. It does so by funding, supporting, and assisting with the activities undertaken by the Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Foundation ("BOS Indonesia") domiciled in Bogor, Indonesia, for the protection, preservation, and survival of orangutans. The principal activities remained unchanged during the year.

The Association is an endorsed charity, and it therefore does not pay income tax under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Controlled Entities

During the previous year, Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) New Zealand Trust (the Trust), an incorporated entity under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 (New Zealand), was established. The Trust was officially registered on 13th June 2023 and is commonly controlled by Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Australia Inc.

Financial Summary

The comprehensive income/(loss) of BOS Australia for the 2023-24 financial year amounted to a profit of \$280,458, compared to loss of \$17,993 for 2022-23.

A review of the operations of the Association during the financial year and the results of those operations found the following:

- * **Total Revenue** increased by \$560,810 from \$623,352 (2022-23) to \$1,184,162 (2023-24).
- * **Total Expenses** increased by \$255,298 from \$641,345 (2022-23) to \$903,704 (2023-24).
- * **Total Support** to BOSF and Other Orangutan Project Costs increased by \$291,877 from \$329,371 (2022-23) to \$621,248 (2023-24).
- * **Net Assets** increased by \$280,458 from \$662,080 (2022-23) to \$942,538 (2023-24).

Subsequent events

There has not been any matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the financial year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of BOS Australia.



Statement of Comprehensive Income For the financial year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Year Ended 30-Jun-24	Year Ended 30-Jun-23
Continuing operations			
Revenue			
Donations received	2	1,179,988	618,322
Merchandise sales	2	2,901	4,354
Other revenue	2	1,273	676
Total revenue	2	1,184,162	623,352
Expenses			
BOS Indonesia financial support	3	612,315	229,068
Other Orangutan project costs	3	8,933	100,303
Fundraising expenses	3	54,441	41,016
Cost of merchandise sold	3	7,061	2,937
Marketing costs	3	10,971	15,241
Other expenses	3	209,983	252,780
Total expenses	3	903,704	641,345
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/ (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		280,458	(17,993)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position For the financial year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-23
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and bank balances	5	896,724	636,474
Receivables	6	42,973	18,115
Financial assets	7	7,500	7,500
Other Assets	8	9,200	15,651
Total Current Assets		956,397	677,740
Total Assets		956,397	677,740
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	13,859	15,660
Total Current Liabilities		13,859	15,660
Total Liabilities		13,859	15,660
Net Assets		942,538	662,080
EQUITY			
Capital and reserves			
Reserves and accumulated funds	4	942,538	662,080
Total Equity		942,538	662,080

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity For the financial year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Total funds 30-Jun-24 \$
Balance as at 30 June 2022	4	680,073
Comprehensive income/(loss) for year		(17,993)
Balance as at 30 June 2023	4	662,080
Comprehensive income/(loss) for year		280,458
Balance as at 30 June 2024	4	942,538

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flow For the financial year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Year ended 30-Jun-24 \$	Year ended 30-Jun-23 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from donors and fundraising		1,172,076	608,492
Payments to suppliers		(911,871)	(597,369)
Interest received		45	145
Net cash inflows from operating activities	5(b)	260,250	11,268
Cash flows from investing activities			
Net cash (used in)/generated by investing activities		-	-
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net cash flows from financing activities		-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		260,250	11,268
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		636,474	625,206
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	5(a)	896,724	636,474

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Notes to the financial statements

For the financial year ended 30 June 2024

NOTE 1 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

Financial reporting framework

The incorporated association is not a reporting entity because in the opinion of the directors there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, these special purpose financial statements have been prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australia Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act), Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101	Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 107	Cash Flow Statements
AASB 108	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 124	Related Party Disclosures
AASB 1048	Interpretation and Application of Standards
AASB 1054	Australian Additional Disclosures

Statement of compliance

Preparation under the Australian Accounting Standards is in line with the amendment to the NSW Incorporated Associations reporting requirements. The financial report was authorised for issue by the committee and its members on the 21st day of October 2024.

Basis of preparation

The financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis. Cost is based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for the assets. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars and rounded to the nearest dollar.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Adoption of new and revised Accounting Standards

In the current year, the Entity has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (the AASB) that are relevant to the operations of the Entity and effective for the current annual reporting period.

Accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The following material accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial report:

(a) Goods and services tax

Revenue, expenses, and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST) except:

- where the GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office ("ATO"), it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part an item of expense; or
- for receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables.

Cash flows are included in the Cash Flow Statement on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is classified within operating cash flows.

(b) Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

The following specific recognition criteria must be met before revenue is recognised.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when:

- the Association has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods.
- the Association retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold.
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably.
- it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Specifically, revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when goods are delivered, and legal title is passed.

Interest

Revenue is recognised as the interest accrues (using the effective interest method, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument) to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

The interest revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably.

Donations and Bequests

The timing of the recognition of contributions from donations and bequests depends on when control of these contributions or right to receive these contributions is obtained, which is usually upon receipt of the monies.

(c) Income tax

As the Association is an endorsed charity, it does not pay income tax under Subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises cash on hand and demand deposits held with banks. Cash equivalents are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and have a maturity of six months or less at the date of acquisition.

(e) Trade and other receivables

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

(f) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid.

Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(g) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The directors evaluate any estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Association.

There are no other material estimates or judgments impacting on the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Notes to the financial statements

For the financial year ended 30 June 2024

NOTE 2 REVENUE	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Donations received		
Regular donations	128,639	114,625
Significant donations	130,307	92,050
Orangutan adoptions	136,139	139,726
Bequest donations	250,000	-
Donations – enrichment tours	45,122	70,893
Enrichment program fee	35,858	-
Grants	451,872	197,084
Virtual gift certificates	865	2,580
Membership fees	1,186	1,364
	1,179,988	618,322
Merchandise sales	2,901	4,354
Other revenue		
Freight income	1,228	531
Interest received	45	145
	1,273	676
Total Revenue	1,184,162	623,352

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

For the financial year ended 30 June 2024

NOTE 3 EXPENSES	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Direct Expenses		
BOS Indonesia financial support	604,362	229,068
Other Orangutan projects (Including Orangutan Enrichment, Sewerage projects, VET equipment)	16,114	100,303
Fundraising expenses	54,441	41,016
Cost of merchandise sold	7,061	2,937
Marketing costs	10,971	15,241
Total Direct Expenses	692,949	388,565
Other Expenses		
Bank charges	225	121
Accounting, audit and filing fees	9,447	10,539
Administration	116,652	124,812
Amortisation expense	-	45,507
Insurance & legal costs	4,715	16,147
Postage, printing, stationery and telephone	14,651	7,582
Travel	13,802	13,776
Website and IT costs	18,859	13,658
All other costs	32,404	20,638
Total Other Expenses	210,755	252,780
Total Expenses	903,704	641,345

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

For the financial year ended 30 June 2024

NOTE 4 RESERVES AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated funds brought forward	662,080	680,073
Surplus/ (Loss) for the year	280,458	(17,993)
Total Accumulated Funds	942,538	662,080
Total Equity	942,538	662,080

NOTE 5 NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

a) Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents	2024	2023
	\$	\$

For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following at 30th June 2024:

Cash at bank	896,724	636,474
Total cash and cash equivalents	896,724	636,474

b) Reconciliation of cash flows from operations

Operating surplus/(deficit)	280,458	(17,993)
Non-cash items		
- Add back amortisation expense	-	45,507
- Donation of shares	-	(7,500)

Movements in the Balance Sheet

(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(25,703)	(7,214)
(Increase)/decrease in GST receivable	846	(1,541)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets	6,451	(15,651)
increase/(decrease) in payables and accruals	(1,802)	15,660
Net cash provided by operating activities	260,250	11,268

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

For the financial year ended 30 June 2024

NOTE 6 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Undeposited funds	37,504	14,019
GST receivable	1,624	2,469
Other receivables	3,845	1,627
Current Receivables	42,973	18,115

NOTE 7 FINANCIAL ASSETS

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Shares in unlisted companies	7,500	7,500
Financial Assets	7,500	7,500

NOTE 8 OTHER ASSETS

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Prepaid expenses	9,200	15,651
Other Assets	9,200	15,651

NOTE 9 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Accrued expenses	13,859	15,660
Current Payables	13,859	15,660

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

For the financial year ended 30 June 2024

NOTE 10 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Association has neither contingent liabilities nor financial commitments, except for those arising in the normal course of operations.

NOTE 11 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Association's related parties include members of the Committee, close family members of the Committee members and entities that are controlled or significantly influenced by those Committee members of their close family members. Related parties also include key management personnel, being those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Association, directly or indirectly. Total amounts paid to key management personnel during the 2024 year was \$48,000 (2023: \$28,500). Transactions with related parties are on normal commercial terms no more favourable than those available to other parties, unless otherwise stated.

NOTE 12 REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

Audit Fees for the following years are:

2024	2023
\$3,000	\$3,500

The Auditor of the financial reports of Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Australia for the year ended 30th June 2024 was Audit Logic (2023: Audit Logic).

NOTE 13 DETAILS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Registered Office:

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Website: <https://www.orangutans.com.au>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Directors' Declaration

The directors declare that the entity 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 Directors' opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay all of its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements as at 30 June 2024 and notes thereto are in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)* and satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including compliance with accounting standards, and giving a true and fair view of the financial position at that date and the performance of the Association for the year then ended 30 June 2024.

This declaration is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors made pursuant to subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

K WELFORD 

Kerin Welford
President

Louise Grossfeldt
Vice President

Dated this 21st Day of October 2024



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