



2015 - PLANS UPDATE AND GSC SUMMARY

Strategic Plan

Our Strategic Plan runs from 2011 – 2016. Tracking against each of our key result areas continues to be strong and progress made. This is a good result.

Support for our foster carers remains a strong area of strategic importance. This support includes training available, ongoing mentoring arrangements, the revision of the foster carers manual and the use of a dedicated Facebook page – all of these contribute to a supportive and informative base for our foster carers. Our foster carer numbers fluctuate so we need to continually think about recruitment.

The growth of our social media, especially Facebook – this compliments the website site. This continues to be significant way of publishing our dogs and business;

Our Community Assistance Program initiative was a first for ARF. We ran a trial for 12 months then extended it for a period of about 6months. Raelene and Wendy took the lion's share of the work. A key partner was Northside Community Care. There was quite a lot of discussion on the program's future. The Committee resolved that we should donate the funds set aside for the program to Northside for them to continue to run such a program (it aligned to a program they had in place); and Raelene would remain a vital source of advice for Northside.

Relations with pounds remain strong, both in Canberra and its surrounds.

Risk Plan

The Risk Plan has been reviewed. Largely it remains unchanged, with the key risks, controls and contingency planning arrangements remaining relevant. Key mitigations to our risks remain:

- Having insurance in place
- Strengthened support and advice and information sharing for foster carers; and
- Strong governance in place.

Governance Subcommittee

I also chair the Governance Sub-Committee and I would like to thank my colleagues on that Wendy, Dianne, Tess and Helen. The excellent work Dianne did in developing a Governance Manual remains a key document to guide our work. Helen and Wendy have spent time this year looking at this and finessing the document. We will continue to review and update.

We have looked at our key forms (eg adoption agreement, foster carer applications) to test they remain fit for purpose.

We are currently looking at our volunteer policy, to make sure our volunteers and ARF are adequately protected.

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