

## ARF President's Report for 2014/2015

In last year's President's Report, I predicted that we would continue to maintain the high standards we set for ourselves, standards that would continue to be acknowledged by both government and the community in the field of dog rescue. And indeed that is the case.

Acknowledgment of our work is also evident in the fast growing support from a wide range of business sponsors in Canberra and the region, particular examples being the many sponsors of the 2015 Trivia Night and the 2016 ARF Calendar.

Our training programs for foster carers continue strong and underpin our high standards of care.

We have maintained excellent relationships with government-funded shelters - Domestic Animal Services (DAS) in Canberra and in the region Queanbeyan, Yass and Goulburn. This year we revisited our Memorandum of Understanding with DAS to make sure both organizations are still satisfied with the arrangements for ARF's presence and operations at the shelter.

We continue to use our extensive networks to help people in the community with the rehoming of their dogs and our public profile remains strong through our use of social and internet media as well as press, radio and television.

These achievements would not be possible without people of extraordinary commitment - foster carers, temperament testers, committee and subcommittee members and stalls teams. Nor would they be possible without our special ARF veterinarians, our sponsors and our members - thank you all, so much.

I'm sure we can look forward to another very successful year ahead.

Wendy Parsons President

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