



Animal Management in Rural and
Remote Indigenous Communities

IMPACT REPORT

2022



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OUR MISSION

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
HEALTHY AND SAFE FOR PEOPLE AND
THEIR COMPANION ANIMALS.**

CHAIR'S REPORT

In starting this reflection of the last twelve months let us remember the Indigenous elders who have passed in the communities we visit. The resilience of the elders to retain connection to country, family, lore and culture continues to be a gift for us. Additionally, we acknowledge all the lands on which we work and occupy as being the traditional grounds for a wide variety of language groups who still remain steadfast. I thank my elders and all elders for their unceded connection to country.

At the November AGM I accepted the role of Board Chair having previously chaired the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee for 2 years. Upon the initial appointment with AMRRIC I had wondered if this was another white saviour organisation, but thought to jump in and see.

What I have found is an organisation with a maturity of understanding, that is willing to step back when they could speak but know and respect that not being Indigenous, it is not their place to speak. I have found an organisation in a state of change and growth. An organisation committed to our One Health Vision, supporting communities to be healthy and safe for people and their companion animals. Animal health, environmental health, and most importantly for me, people health together.

Over the past 12 months our CEO has worked tirelessly in continuing to oversee all aspects of AMRRIC's operations. Brooke is to be commended for the reliable, professional and consistent manner in which she has led the team out of the COVID-19 hiatus. Following on, AMRRIC

has returning at full force, catching up on lost time and in servicing communities with renewed vigour.

This year has seen the retirement of Dr. Kate Blaszak who fulfilled the role of Chairperson from 2019 to 2021. I would like to acknowledge her grace and professionalism is handing the role over. Her hard work, dedication and thoroughness in the role has enabled a smooth transition, for which AMRRIC thanks her. Also, moving off the board was Ann-Margret Withers and Emma-Jane Cook. We thank them all for their service and commitment to AMRRIC.

Dr. Barbara Hostalek joined the board earlier this year, taking on the role of Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee. As a Larrakia woman, qualified Veterinarian and lecturer of the Waardong Veterinary Program at Murdoch University, Barbara brings a wealth of knowledge to the team.

In addition, we have also seen changes within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee and welcome, Christopher Blow, Sandra Woosup and Jeremiah Baker.

Finally in Australia, the life gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians continues to be inexcusable, with a median age of 23.0 years compared with 37.8 years respectively. (ABS 2016). AMRRIC, as do all Australia entities, has a responsibility to reduce this gap.

As a board, we look forward to a dynamic 12 months ahead as we continue to evolve, thrive and do our part in reducing this gap with your valuable support.



Joanne Abraham, Chair of the Board

PAW PRINTS OF THE YEAR

90



COMMUNITIES REACHED

31



SCHOOLS VISITED

13



EDUCATION RESOURCES
DEVELOPED

715



ANIMALS DESEXED

791



STUDENTS ENGAGED IN
EDUCATION

3.3K



COMMUNITY MEMBERS
ENGAGED IN EDUCATION

8.8K



ANTI-PARASITIC DOSES
ADMINISTERED

27



VETERINARY PROGRAMS
ADMINISTERED



2022: YEAR OF GROWTH

In this message last year, I spoke of the adaptability of our staff who continued to deliver services and support to remote communities amid a global pandemic and the ever-changing circumstances it created. At the time, I never imagined that their adaptability and continued resilience would need to persist through another year, but here we are, and will continue to be.

In 2022, AMRRIC has been able to realise a long-term aspiration, securing funding for targeted projects investigating collaborative opportunities to showcase the One Health value of remote companion animal management programs. With philanthropic support AMRRIC has employed a One Health Research Coordinator to work in partnership with communities, identifying their One Health research needs & linking researchers to answer these key research gaps via culturally and contextually appropriate projects. Coordinating efforts to build the evidence-base & in turn reduce physical & mental health risks for remote communities.

Highlighting the important role of companion animal management in the context of Australia's Biosecurity surveillance, AMRRIC kicked off our Biosecurity Pilot project which will improve remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community animal health surveillance capacity. The project will enable considerable improvements to current animal biosecurity surveillance activities while concurrently

building local biosecurity capacity, improving community animal health, and supporting Indigenous economic opportunities.

Along with the expansion of our work, with the help of our partners we have continued to support remote communities to improve the health and wellbeing of their companion animals and in turn the safety, health, and wellbeing of their communities. This year AMRRIC has had the pleasure of working with 90 communities across 4 States and Territories.

We have been able to provide an increased level of support to Northern Queensland with the employment of a QLD Project Officer, however funding for this position is not secured moving forward and will be the focus of our fundraising efforts over the next 6 months.

A huge thank you must go to those who make our work possible – to our passionate and dedicated staff, volunteers, our Board and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, and our amazing financial and in-kind supporters.

I hope you enjoy reviewing AMRRIC's achievements detailed throughout this report, for the 2022 financial year, which we share and recognise with the communities we work with.



Dr Brooke Rankmore, CEO

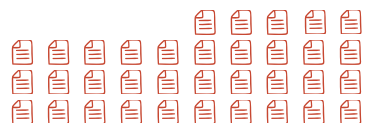
31 SCHOOLS VISITED

15 LAST FINANCIAL YEAR



35 COMMUNITIES WITH COMPLETED CENSUS

19 LAST FINANCIAL YEAR



5 NEW POSITIONS

ONE HEALTH RESEARCH COORDINATOR

BIOSECURITY PROJECT MANAGER

SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

QLD PROJECT OFFICER

COMMUNITY STORES PROJECT OFFICER

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COMMUNITY STORES STOCKED

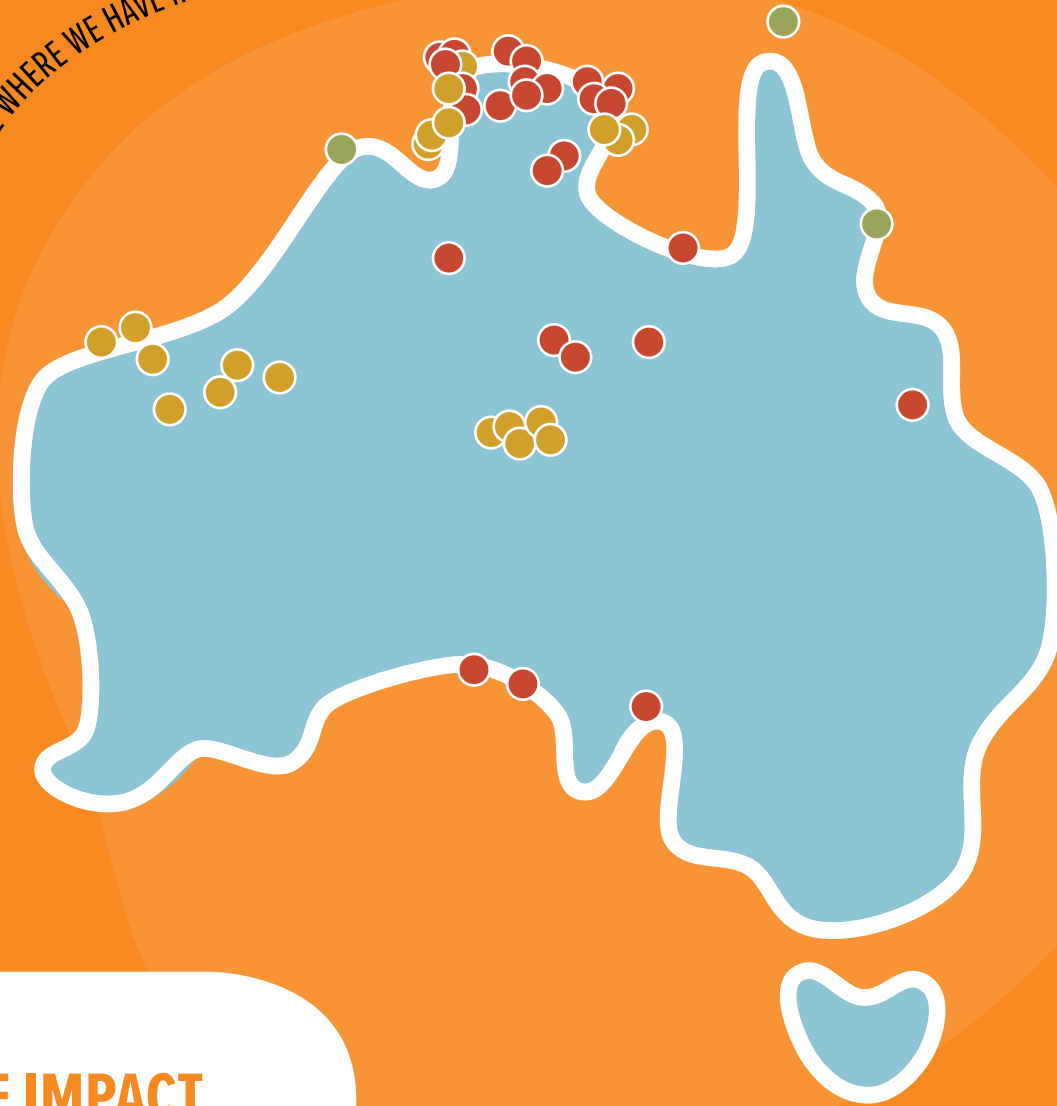


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TEAM MEMBERS



CLICK THE MAP TO SEE WHERE WE HAVE IMPACT



90 
COMMUNITIES REACHED

4 
STATES VISITED

47 
PROGRAMS DELIVERED

WHERE WE HAVE IMPACT

AMRRIC collaborates with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities nationally. The past year, our reach has focused across the NT, SA, WA & QLD, with AMRRIC's impact growing beyond veterinary and education programs, with additional resources invested in research and resource equity project initiatives.



HIGHLIGHT STORY

JEREMIAH LARRWANBUY BAKER

Jeremiah Larrwanbuy Baker is a man of the Dhuwa & Yirritja Ringitj'mirr mala Yolnu Nation, of the NT's top end northeast Arnhem Land region. He works for Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation at the time of first working with AMRRIC he was as an Environmental Health Project Officer and is now part of the NDIS team. Jeremiah has recently joined AMRRIC's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee (the Advisory Committee).

AMRRIC's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee brings the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities into the planning, design, delivery and evaluation of AMRRIC's animal management services and programs. It seeks to have representation from a diversity of First Nations communities nationally, incorporating a broad range of cultures, views, experiences, skills, genders, and geography. The Advisory Committee grounds AMRRIC's governance and programming in culture and authenticity.

Advisory Committee members engage and consult with their communities to identify and make recommendations on the development of programs, frameworks, policies, and opportunities for collaboration.

Jeremiah is a long-term contributor and advocate for AMRRIC's work. His investment in his cultural responsibility, and his passion for advocacy have already made significant impact within our organisation. Jeremiah has provided narration for our educational Tick Sickness animation in English, and is working on developing the Yolŋu Matha translation. He has also been a keen advocate in raising awareness about the spread of Ehrlichiosis in remote Indigenous communities, having partaken in a feature video and spoken at an AMRRIC member's event.

Some words from Jeremiah's presentation: *"Designated through my mother's bloodline of the Dhurrkay clan of the Wangurri tribe, to this particular group I am what you may say a maternal child. Due to my traditional obligations,*

it prompts this tribe to refer to me as their Djungaya, the Estate Manager, Ceremonial Police Officer & Enforcer Of Tribal Customary Protocols just to name a few.

As Djungaya in addition to my cultural obligation, is the role of a caretaker: where I execute & supervise others in many tasks working in harmony with nature's processes. Inclusive in this is the management & preservation of my mother's traditional homeland & other estates, and the protector & guardian of all my mother's tribal totems.

As Djungaya for the Dhurrkay clan of the Wangurri tribal group, I can tell you all that one of my mother's primary tribal totem is the warruŋ the dog. I would like you to consider that the bond I has with warruŋ, the dog, is as strong as the bond I share with my mother.

AMRRIC works side by side with rural and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to improve the health and wellbeing of their loved warruŋ, and the health, wellbeing and safety of communities. And for this I support them in all their efforts."

You can watch the entire presentation [here](#).

Jeremiah spoke has spoken on how he felt to be able to share his story:

"With my obligation in regard to being the Djungaya, we wouldn't be able to have this kind of opportunity. Let me put it into context, there were people in my position – throughout generations – my skin name, my tribal group, in the same line. They never had this kind of opportunity, this kind of exposure, to reach beautiful people, caring people like yourself; and to be able to ask for help."

We are very excited to have Jeremiah join the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee at AMRRIC, and can't wait to see how he will continue to have impact within his work.



PROGRAM PILLARS



COMPANION ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

AMRRIC works to mitigate geographic and socio-economic barriers, and assist remote communities to access vital veterinary services. Our companion animal management centres around veterinary programs that provide desexing and anti-parasitic treatment, alongside conducting companion animal census to enable informed strategic planning in future.



BUILDING KNOWLEDGE & CAPACITY

Local engagement, knowledge and skills are critical to the sustainability and effectiveness of remote community companion animal health and management programs. To enhance animal health and management outcomes, AMRRIC has developed a variety of animal-related educational resources, activities and programs.



RESEARCH & ADVOCACY

AMRRIC works with communities to highlight the practical challenges of managing companion animals within the contexts of remoteness and limited resources. AMRRIC also recognises the benefits of the involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as full partners in research projects.



INNOVATION & SUSTAINABILITY

Multi-disciplinary collaboration for long-term impact is what drives AMRRIC's work. This encompasses actively seeking two-way partnerships, studying under-represented fields and developing relevant projects.



ONE HEALTH COMPANION ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

AMRRIC's mission to facilitate holistic and sustainable companion animal management services has taken many forms this past year.

VETERINARY PROGRAMS

Due to COVID-19 outbreaks in many communities in the NT, and continued border restrictions for WA, several of our veterinary programs were cancelled in the first six months of the 2021-2022 FY. However in the last six months, we more than doubled the amount of veterinary programs delivered! In total, 27 veterinary programs servicing 49 communities took place.

CENSUS PROGRAMS

AMRRIC completes censuses that capture detailed data of both cats and dogs living in community. These are followed by detailed reports that aid each council in engaging more tailored animal management programs.

AMRRIC operates under a mantra of no survey without service, hence when undertaking door to door census we provide anti-parasitic medication and provide animal management education through general conversation and knowledge sharing with pet owners. Through the collection of census data over 6000 doses of anti-parasitic medication have been provided to dogs and cats, and an additional 2,850 doses delivered through veterinary programs.

STRATEGIC SUPPORT

Throughout the year, AMRRIC has continued to contribute to, and assist government and local councils in the delivery, planning, and exploration of opportunities for increased service delivery. AMRRIC has participated in:

- Darwin City Council Cat Spey Day – *in partnership with RSPCA and City of Darwin*
- Cat management in remote Indigenous Communities; tracking cats and owner perceptions – *collaboration with Territory Natural Resource Management (TNRM)*
- Submitted grant applications to fund one round of veterinary and education projects for communities across the Barkly Region – *partnership with Barkly Regional Council*
- E. canis meetings and development of an APY and full South Australia ehrlichiosis proposal – *collaboration with Primary Industries and Resources South Australia*
- Preparation to deliver grant-funded program to Kalumburu, WA – *supported by the PetBarn Foundation*



27 
VETERINARY PROGRAMS

35 
CENSUSES CONDUCTED

8,850 
ANTIPARASITIC DOSES ADMINISTERED

BUILDING KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY SCHOOL EDUCATION

31



SCHOOLS VISITED ON
EDUCATION PROGRAMS

3,066



COMMUNITY MEMBERS
ENGAGED IN EDUCATION



CAT RESOURCES

In the past year, AMRRIC has developed a variety of [cat education resources](#) that highlight the value of cat population management. These focus on the topics of cat breeding potential, cat hunting habits, and the significant threat cats pose to native wildlife populations and to Australia's biodiversity. Through the resources, students learn about the importance of desexing cats, of keeping cats inside at night, and of minimising the number of cats acquired as pets in community.



CDU COLLABORATION

The 'Secret Life of Remote Dogs' program, funded by Inspired NT (supported by *Charles Darwin University*), aims to teach children the scientific method by tagging dogs in community with GPS tracking collars for a week. The Secret Life of Remote Dogs' project had students introduce the topic of animal tracking and create hypotheses about where their dogs would go, and why. After wearing the collars for a week, the data was collected and presented to the students to analyse. The data was presented as map locations, heat maps, and graphs of individual dogs' distance and speed over the course of the week. By the end of the program, students were able to connect that the dogs in community were moving around in order to fulfill their needs, i.e., to find food, to find water, to exercise, or to be with their family.



SCIENCE WEEK

National Science Week is held every year in Australia by national organisation Inspired Australia, to help promote science and its value to the Australian public across all regions and areas. This year's theme was 'Glass', so students learnt about the value of glass in veterinary medicine in the detection and diagnosis of zoonotic and non-zoonotic diseases and parasites, as well as its use in medication storage. Focusing specially on glass use in slides, microscope, and medicine storage, students looked at ticks, worms, eggs, and fungus under the microscope and learnt about the integral role glass has played in the management of both human and animal health.

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BUILDING KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY

ACCREDITED TRAINING

AMRRIC's ongoing work in capacity building in the companion animal management space has expanded to include the development of accredited training through two short courses (skillsets). These short courses are designed for community workers and coordinators to gain skills and knowledge to better manage companion animal health and have positive impacts on human health.

AMRRIC has worked closely with Ninti One Limited – a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) – for course design and accreditation and is seeking local engagement through formation of a reference group to review the resources.

AMRRIC will be looking forward to delivering the first of these courses in 2023 to Animal Management Workers, Environmental Health Workers, rangers and local government coordinators responsible for animal management.



ONE HEALTH RESEARCH

AMRRIC's One Health research activities are focused on coordinating efforts to build the One Health evidence base. AMRRIC supports research projects and facilitate community engagement and leadership, address community-identified priorities, help to improve local capacity and utilising culturally and contextually appropriate research practice. To facilitate this, AMRRIC has secured funding from a philanthropic sponsor to employ a One Health Research Coordinator to help facilitate collaborative One Health research in partnership with researchers and rural and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.


AMRRIC's One Health Research Coordinator (OHRC) started with AMRRIC in March 2022. Since starting, the OHRC has been working closely with AMRRIC's Program Manager of Strategic Delivery to establish the policy and procedural foundations for developing effective and meaningful One Health research collaborations, as well as capturing community feedback on research priorities and supporting culturally-appropriate research proposals addressing One Health priorities.

Some of the main achievements of AMRRIC's One Health Research Coordinator role so far this year include:

- The development of policies and procedures that outline AMRRIC's framework for research partnerships, facilitating research engagements that promote Indigenous leadership, community engagement and capacity building, while ensuring AMRRIC's activities are in line with ethical and best-practice standards.
- Collaboration with research institutes on two One-Health focused research grant applications.
- The OHRC has also had the opportunity to present at two conferences this year, including two conference presentations, one poster and one workshop session on One Health topics
- The new role has also allowed for an opportunity to review some of the existing data captured by AMRRIC's innovative AMRRIC app, which will help to improve our understanding of the impacts of programs carried out by AMRRIC and its partners, to help knowledge gaps to help prioritise future research activities and to work towards improved evidence-based practice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community animal health programs.
- In the coming year, AMRRIC's One Health Research Coordinator will be focusing on improving the broader understanding of One Health as it applies to the inter-relationships between the health of humans, companion animals and country, by developing regular communications that help to ensure knowledge translation from research findings and program experience to both individuals involved in community animal health programs and the broader research community.



RESEARCH & ADVOCACY

22 

PRESENTATIONS BY
AMRRIC STAFF

16 

CONTRIBUTIONS OF ADVICE,
FEEDBACK AND COMMENTARY TO
POLICY AND RESEARCH PAPERS

2 

INDIGENOUS VETERINARY PHD CANDIDATES
PROVIDED WITH ONGOING SUPPORT

TAMARA RILEY

Published paper:
*One Health in Indigenous
Communities: A Critical
Review of the Evidence*

CAM RAW

Coordination to provide
dog parasite sampling
for Torres Strait Island
communities research

BIOSECURITY PILOT PROJECT

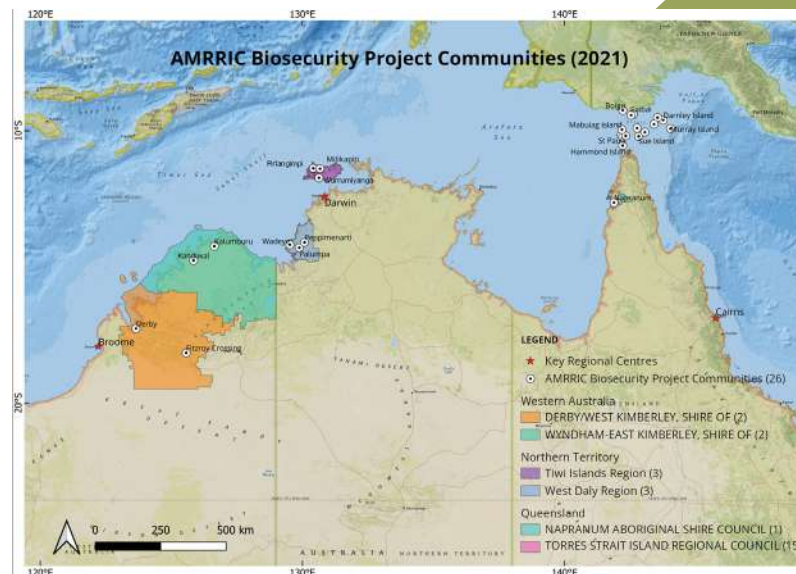
In January 2022, AMRRIC recruited a Biosecurity Project Manager (BPM) to manage a newly established biosecurity surveillance project funded through the Australian Government Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture's Biosecurity Business Grants Program. The three-year collaborative pilot project (2021-2024) is enhancing biosecurity capacity in remote Indigenous communities and supporting Indigenous economic opportunities, by supporting the employment of over 40 local community members across six regions on Australia's biosecurity frontline, Northern Australia.

The role of the BPM has been to initiate and deliver the new project: AMRRIC Biosecurity Pilot Project: Improving remote Indigenous community animal health surveillance and preparedness through collaboration, in line with AMRRIC's focus of building local capacity with remote communities, training and supporting local staff to use the AMRRIC App to capture biosecurity surveillance data, increasing the collaborative approach to companion animal management, and building awareness of biosecurity risks in the remote Northern Australian region.

Key achievements in the 2021-2022 financial year included completion of the Kalumburu biosecurity community animal health census and anti-parasitic distribution in Western Australia in collaboration with East-Kimberley Job Pathways (EKJP) and alongside Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy (NAQS) staff from the animal health and plant health teams, as well as attendance and networking at the 2nd Australian Biosecurity Symposium on the Gold Coast, presentations on the AMRRIC Biosecurity Pilot Project including talks at a Torres Strait Islands Regional Council (TSIRC) Environmental Health Worker Workshop, the annual Queensland Health Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Public Health Program Environmental Health Workshop, a NAQS Community Liaison Officer Workshop in Cairns, and an online workshop developing a monitoring and evaluation framework for the project in collaboration with NAQS and Wildlife Health Australia (WHA). Additional achievements through

the project include ongoing contributions to the enhancement of the AMRRIC App, development of resources for a Biosecurity Training Package, and numerous other project establishment achievements.

Looking forward, the next steps for the BPM and the project are to continue delivery of the biosecurity training and census trips in the remaining five partner regions across Northern Australia, including anti-parasitic distribution to all companion animals, as well as continued app functionality enhancements, further development of resources for the Biosecurity Training Package, development of easily accessible data summary dashboards, further outreach and networking with stakeholders based on stakeholder mapping exercises, ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the project to drive continual improvement and, most importantly, to provide ongoing support to project partners as they monitor for disease between censuses and continue to protect Australia on the frontline of biosecurity surveillance.



INNOVATION & SUSTAINABILITY

3 
BIOSECURITY TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

54 
COMMUNITY MEMBERS TRAINED THROUGH WORKSHOPS

INNOVATION & SUSTAINABILITY

ANTIPARASITIC

2,192



DOSES DISTRIBUTED THROUGH QLD NEEDS ASSESSMENTS PROJECT



QLD NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

AMRRIC is partnering with Indigenous Local Government Authorities (LGA) in Far North QLD to undertake Animal Management Needs Assessments. These assessments involve AMRRIC staff working alongside local Animal Control or Environmental Health Officers to undertake a community-wide dog and cat census, interview key local staff and evaluate the facilities and equipment available to support each LGA's animal management program. Information collected through each needs assessment is reported back to each participating LGA, as well as collated into an advocacy report.

Dog & cat census: AMRRIC's Queensland-based Project Officer visits each community to work alongside the LGAs' animal management worker (AMWs) or other staff. Using the AMRRIC App, every household is visited to record animal numbers and health status. Whilst engaging with animal owners and recording details, antiparasitic treatments are administered to each dog and cat.

Needs assessment surveys: The Project Officer conduct surveys with AMW's, nominated management and council representatives. There

is also a facilities checklist and a de-identified survey, if people wish to provide anonymous feedback. These surveys can be carried out during the census visit or can be emailed for completion.

This project benefits participating councils in the following ways:

- Comprehensive Animal Management Needs Assessment Report
- On-ground training and support for LGA Animal Management staff in undertaking a companion animal census and distributing anti-parasitic treatments
- Anti-parasitic treatment for each dog and cat in the community supplied thanks to AMRRIC's supports and corporate partners
- Demonstration of commitment to continuous improvement by participating in evaluation of current animal management strategies
- Contributing to high level advocacy with the aim of securing sustainable and appropriate resourcing for remote Indigenous LGA animal management activities

STORES PROJECT

AMRRIC feel that securing access to suitable animal care products in communities is a key priority program for our organisation, that is not currently funded. Staff are currently developing a project plan and national stakeholder mapping analysis with a view to establishing equitable, sustainable, and affordable access to high quality companion animal health care products within remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community stores nationally.

AMRRIC's vision is for a project which facilitates a pathway to equitable, sustainable, and affordable, high quality companion animal health care products for remote Indigenous communities.

This begins at a community-wide level, while collaborating with suppliers and wholesales to enable community-based organisations and residents to support local access via engaged partners and remote stores.

There are 16 remote stores currently engaged in antiparasitic distribution. To continue expanding the reach, AMRRIC is developing a project plan and national stakeholder mapping analysis to engage community stores nationally. Once completed we will be actively looking to secure funding to support this initiative.

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REMOTE COMMUNITY STORES ENGAGED



AMRRIC FUNDRAISING SOURCES

During 2021/2022 AMRRIC were pleased to be the grateful recipient of:

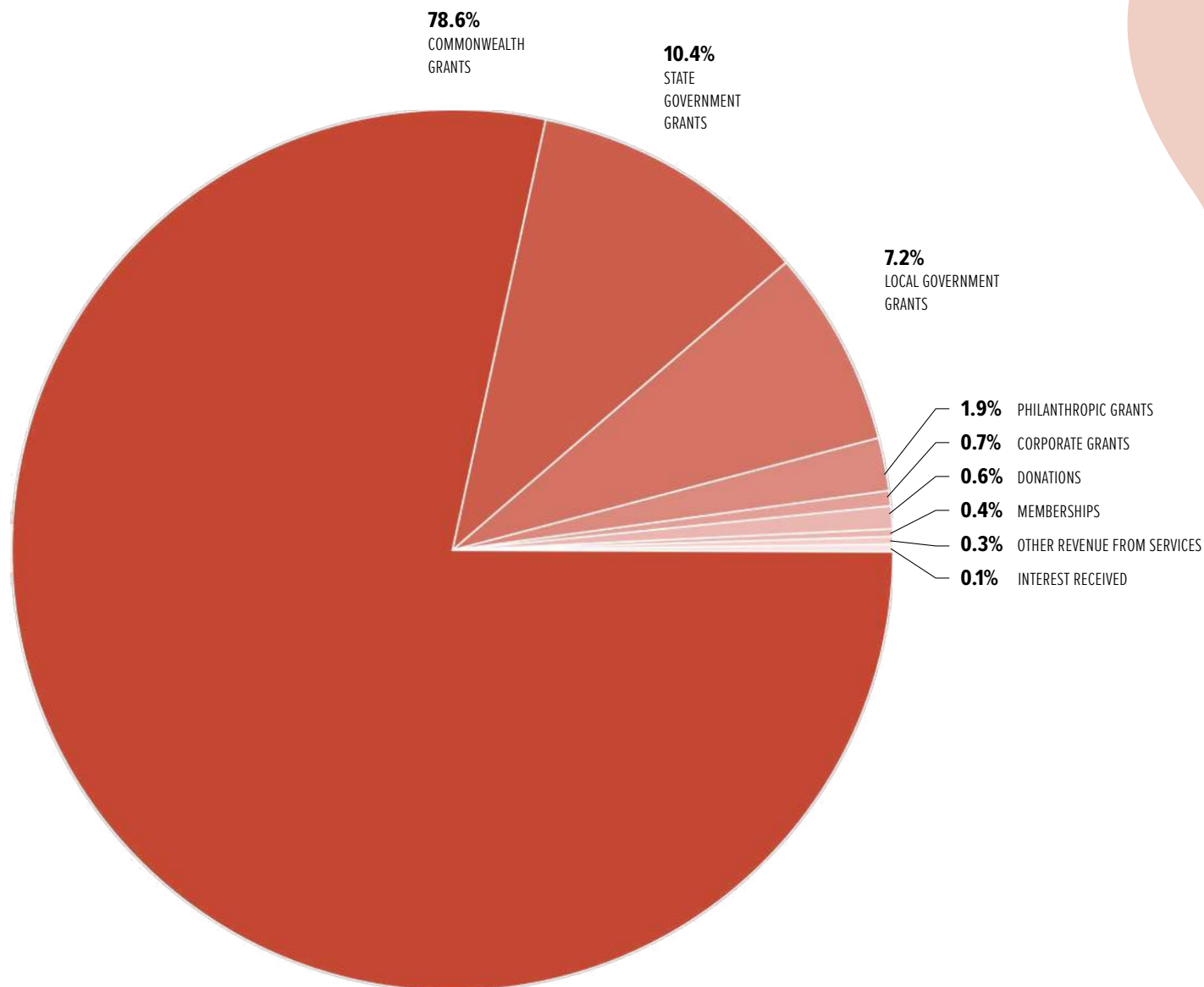
- 2 Commonwealth Funded grants
- 2 State Government grants
- 1 Local Government grant
- 3 Philanthropic grants
- 2 Corporate Supporter grants

AMRRIC's donor support grew during 2021/2022 thanks to our many individual and collective contributors, including:

- 112 AMRRIC Allies regular givers
- 2 Corporate donor-led campaigns
- 8 Individual or Family Trust donations over \$1,000

AMRRIC acknowledges the governance role and support of its 150 national members who contribute to the organisation annually

If you are interested in supporting AMRRIC please visit www.amrric.org/donate/

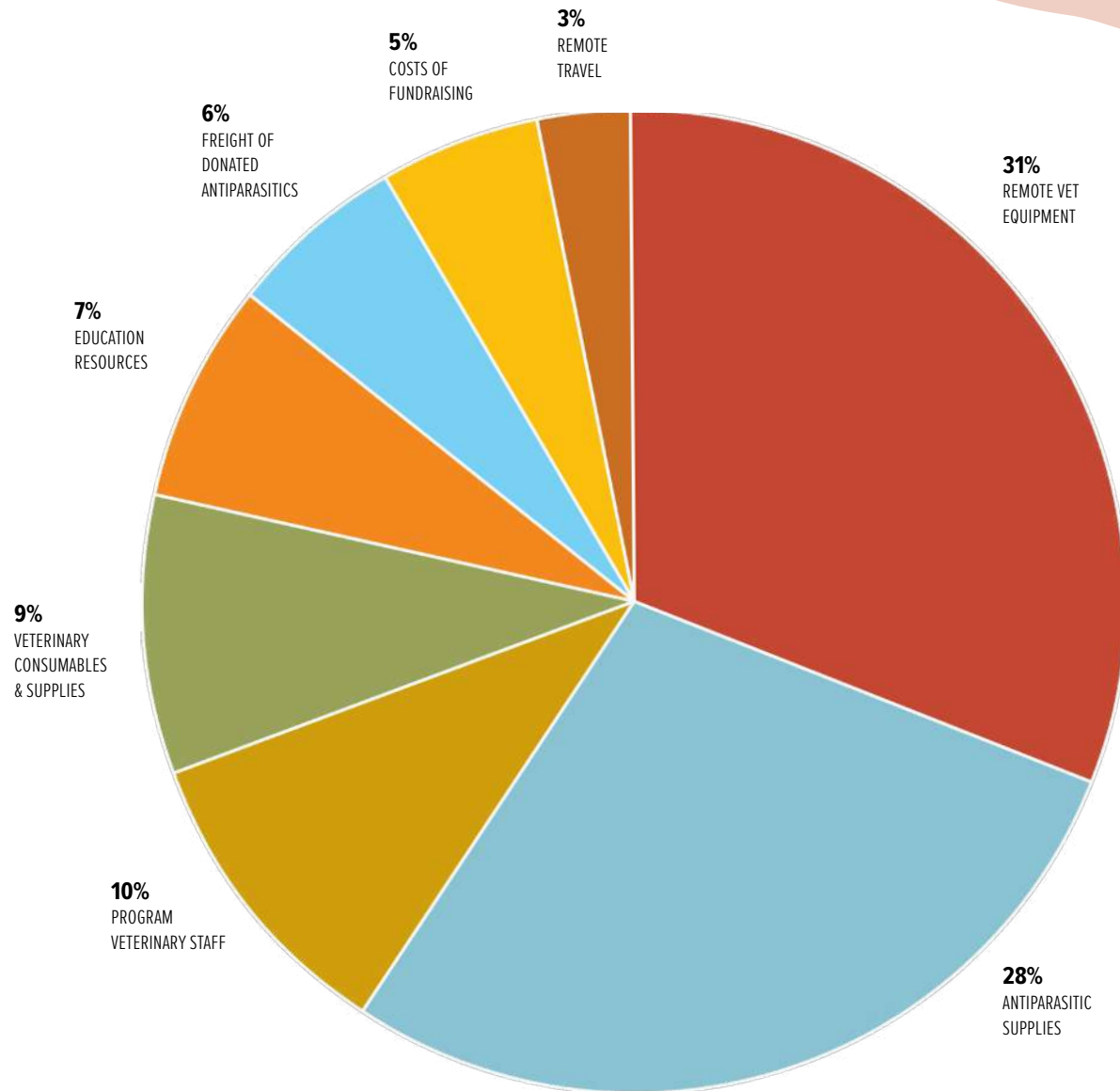


DONOR FUND ALLOCATION

Delays in programming affected by COVID travel restrictions to remote communities has meant that not all planned donor-supported programs were carried out in the 2021 / 2022 Financial Year. AMRRIC was able to diversify its support by assisting remote community companion animal health throughout this period with approximately \$473,500 of donated supplies of antiparasitic medications through the invaluable contribution of corporate partners and direct donor contributions along with assisting with the costs of distribution of these products to remote communities.

Pro Bono Support

- The Leading Partnership, Philip Pogson, Sydney – governance event support
- Clayton Utz, Darwin – legal support



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Highlight

Sarah Irwin



What inspires you to volunteer your time and skills?

I find the ethos of AMRRIC really encompasses the One Health model and it feels great to be part of something so essential. I always come back from an AMRRIC program feeling like a better vet and inspired by the people I've met and the work we have achieved.

Recalling your favourite program, what made it special, unique, or impactful for you?

The second program I partook in was the one that made the biggest impact on me. I knew I had enjoyed the first one but was still a bit unsure if I had the right skills to be a volunteer. However, we had a fantastic, supportive and fun team that really gelled. The week went so well it build my confidence and I knew I would be back.

What attracted you to volunteer with AMRRIC?

The opportunity to help a community that did not have access to regular veterinary care was what attracted me to volunteer with AMRRIC. Living in a city, I take it for granted that essential services are easily available to me and remembering this is not the case for everyone is important. Being able to help in a practical way, even for just a week, is really rewarding and knowing AMRRIC has a sustainable model that ensures community support is ongoing is reassuring.

What was your experience working with the AMRRIC team during your time volunteering?

Fantastic! The staff have always been so helpful and available whenever needed. The level of organisation and professionalism is exceptional.

What is your one piece of advice for someone considering becoming a volunteer?

Go for it! Come to the program willing to work hard and with an open mind to take it all in. There is so much to learn when visiting a community. Also, don't forget your bug spray!

For more information about volunteering with AMRRIC please visit <https://www.amrric.org/volunteer/>

GOVERNANCE

BOARD

AMRRIC's elected Board of Directors is made up of a wide range of people, from both veterinary and environmental health, tertiary institution staff and private and corporate sector members.

Joanne Abraham	<i>Chair</i>
Prof. Steve Rogers	<i>Vice Chair</i>
Karl Dyason	<i>Chair of Finance and Risk Committee</i>
Dr Rosalie Schultz	
Dr Alison Taylor	
Dr Barbara Hostalek	

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The AMRRIC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee brings the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities into the planning, design, delivery and evaluation of AMRRIC's discrete animal management services and programs.

It's members have been sourced from across Australia bringing with them a wealth of knowledge and experience which will assist in ensuring that AMRRIC's programs and communication are both culturally sensitive and achievable.

Dr Barbara Hostalek	<i>Chair</i>
Joanne Abraham	
Alex Blackman	
Wayne Bynder	
Bindee Davis	
Christopher Blow	
Sandra Woosup	
Jeremiah Larrwanbuy Baker	



