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We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples and the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands and waters on which we live and work. We pay our respects to their Elders, Knowledge Holders and Leaders, past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



We empower people with low vision or blindness to achieve independence, participation, inclusion and wellbeing.



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Guide Dogs has given me freedom.

Guide Dogs Client

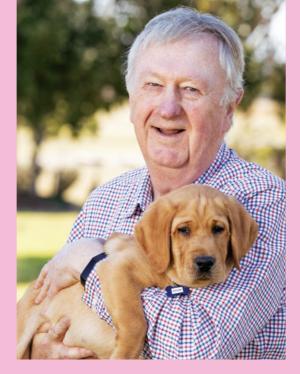
Message from the Board President

This year marks a significant period of growth and transformation for Guide Dogs Queensland. It has been an honour to witness the incredible strides made by our team, as well as the many inspiring stories of resilience and achievement shared by our Clients.

With the conclusion of our current three-year strategic plan at the end of the 2024 financial year, it is gratifying to see how much we have accomplished. We have not only expanded the number of Clients we serve but also enhanced the quality of our services, both in Queensland and beyond. Our partnerships with sister Guide Dog schools and our participation in the international community through the International Guide Dog Federation have broadened our scope and amplified our impact on a global scale.

At the heart of this success is our community. Our dedicated volunteers and the generous support of donors and fundraisers have been and will continue to be the lifeblood of our organisation. Their commitment ensures we can continue to offer the highest standard of care and support to the community we serve, creating opportunities for greater independence, wellbeing, freedom and inclusion.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the formal appointment of CEO Jock Beveridge. Jock's leadership has already laid a strong foundation and under his leadership, we are looking forward to further growth and transformation of Guide Dogs Queensland via the 2024-2030 6-year strategic plan, that has been put in place.



As we look toward the future, we are confident in Jock's ability to steer Guide Dogs Queensland given his deep connection to the community, combined with his years of experience in Community Engagement, making him well-positioned to guide us through this next chapter.

On behalf of the board, I thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of people with low vision or blindness across Queensland.

With gratitude,

Richard Anderson OAM

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President of the Board Guide Dogs Queensland



Message from our CEO

As we reflect on this past year at Guide Dogs Queensland, we have much to be proud of, expanding our reach across Queensland and strengthening our role as a key contributor and peak body for our community living with low vision or blindness. I feel both humbled and privileged to have served as Acting CEO for much of the year, before being officially appointed in June. It has been an honour to lead such a dedicated and inspiring organisation through a year of significant milestones.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our incredible staff and Board. Your hard work and ongoing support have been instrumental in helping us achieve these milestones and continue delivering exceptional services to our Clients. Our ongoing efforts have been pivotal in supporting the needs of people with low vision or blindness, as well as achieving the objectives outlined in our strategic plan, which came to a conclusion in June 2024.

This year, we welcomed 50 new Guide Dog pups, placed 21 Guide Dogs with new handlers and supported 109 active Guide Dog teams. These milestones were only possible thanks to the ongoing support from our community of volunteers, donors, and fundraisers, whose contributions provide over 85% of our annual funding. Their unwavering generosity continues to enable the delivery of our lifechanging services across Queensland.

A highlight of the year was the release of our first Social Impact Report, a major milestone in defining and measuring the positive impact our services have on the lives of people living with low vision or blindness. This report underscores our commitment to transparency and continually enhancing the lives of those we serve.



I would also like to take a moment to thank Michael Kightley, our previous CEO, who departed in September 2023, and Julie Ellard, our former Company Secretary, for their valuable contributions during their time with us. Their leadership helped lay the groundwork for the successes we are now building upon.

As we look toward 2025, we remain committed to delivering world-class services to our Clients and aligning our work with the key deliverables of our 2025-2030 strategic plan. With your ongoing support, we are confident we can meet new challenges and grow even stronger in the year ahead.

Thank you for your trust and support.

Kind Regards,

Jock Beveridge

CEO, Guide Dogs Queensland



A message from our Patron

As the Governor of Queensland and proud Patron of Guide Dogs Queensland, I wish to congratulate this remarkable organisation on another full year providing services, care and confidence to people living with vision loss.

For 64 years, Guide Dogs Queensland has provided the means and motivation for people with low vision and blindness to live more freely through a world that is not always cognisant of their needs.

Through tailored programs, Guide Dogs Queensland helps people move with confidence — whether it is travelling to work or school or using technology to explore their communities.

The organisation assists older adults experiencing changes in vision, as well as children and teens, equipping them with essential skills to grow into confident, independent adults. It offers guidance on funding to ensure the necessary resources are available to those who need them. Crucially, it also focusses on emotional wellbeing, creating connections among those who understand the challenges of low vision or blindness.



Guide Dogs Queensland is dedicated to empowering individuals living with vision loss and committed to being there every step of the way on their journey toward greater independence and fulfillment.

We owe Guide Dogs Queensland a debt of gratitude, and I offer mine on behalf of all Queenslanders.

Oluth Young

Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM Governor of Queensland



Social impact

5,668Clients supported across Australia.



674

people with working Guide Dogs supported.



71%

of Clients say they are more able to live the life they want.



"With Guide Dogs I can live the life I want."

Guide Dogs Client



"I have more independence to do what I want to do when I want to do it."

Guide Dogs Client

Linda's story

An adventurous spirit, Linda loves travelling with her husband, and getting out and about in their motor home or on their crayfishing boat. Closer to home Linda engages her creative side through quilting, sewing and writing, which she enjoys sharing with an audience. Linda has Retinitis Pigmentosa and has been a Guide Dogs Client for twelve years. She has accessed a range of services, including Orientation and Mobility training, Counselling Services and Assistive Technology.

Linda says there's a real grieving process when you lose your sight. Counselling Services supported Linda as she transitioned from life on her farm, which had become inaccessible, to life in the town where she and her husband now live. Linda says accessing the Counselling Services helps her to handle things. When she received her cane from Guide Dogs Linda felt like her world opened back up. Linda says her cane has given her freedom, and with support she receives from Guide Dogs, she is now doing more than she was before she lost her sight.

Linda has been running a peer support group for blind and vision impaired people for the past two years. Using the tools and knowledge she has gained through working with Guide Dogs, Linda helps others to overcome similar challenges and feel good.

Through Guide Dogs, Linda purchased resources for the group to use and says the technology support she receives from Guide Dogs enables her to run the group with confidence. Linda appreciates the opportunity to connect with and help her local community.





I stopped doing many, many things because I really didn't think I could. I hit a bottleneck. It was very restrictive. I got my cane, and my life opened out again. I'm doing a lot more now than I did even before my vision got worse! It's given me greater confidence. I don't have to live my disability; I can live my life, and not allow my vision loss to drive my life.

— Linda



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Social impact

83%

75%

of Clients say they

recognise more of

their strengths.

of Queensland Clients day they have more choice in how they go about each day



"I feel confident to be able to lead a productive life and get on with enjoying my life."

Guide Dogs Client

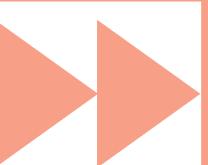


89%

of Clients feel an increased sense of achievement and pride in themselves.

76%

of Clients say they spend more quality time with the people they care about.



"Guide Dogs supported me through losing my vision... I know there can be a new normal being vision impaired."

Guide Dogs Client



84%

of Clients say they are more confident when getting out and about.



"Guide Dogs have given me back my confidence, given me back my social skills." Guide Dogs Client



82%

of Clients say they are more independent when doing daily activities.

88%

of Clients say they are more confident doing activities that are important to them.



92%

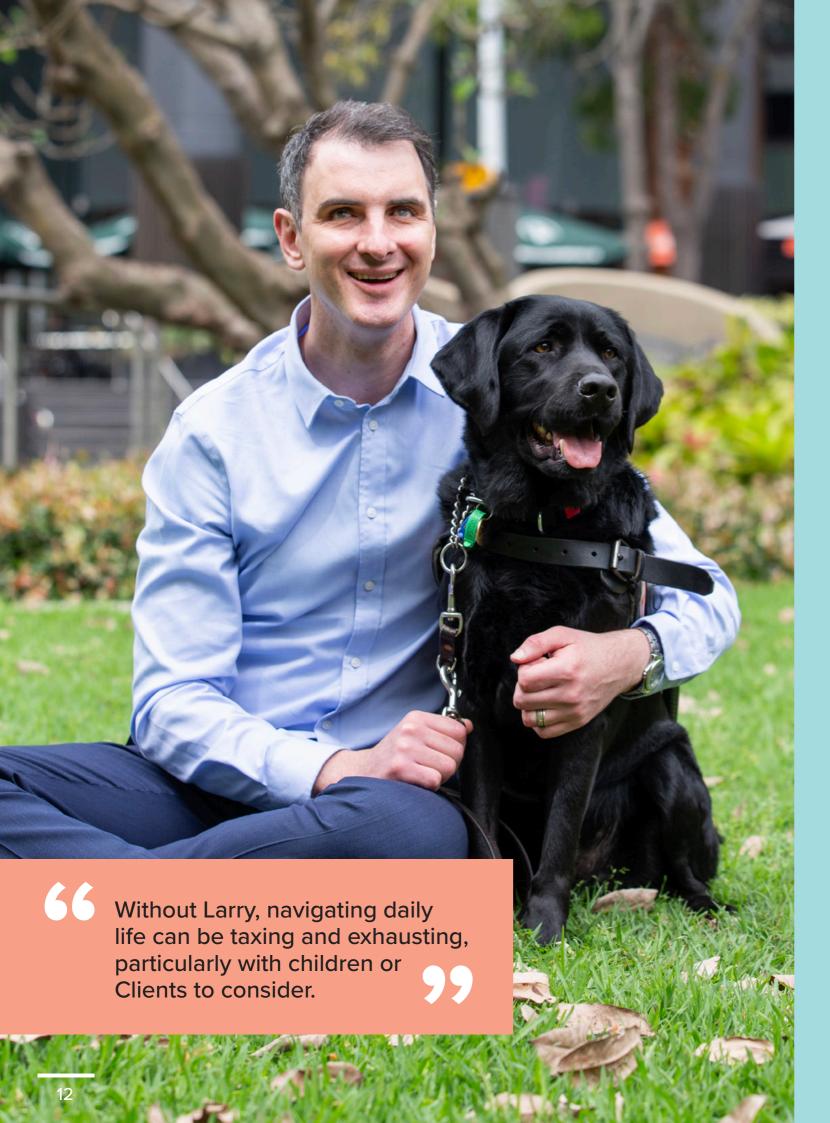
of Guide Dog Handlers say they spend more quality time with the people they care about.



"I have more options and have been exposed to things that I never knew existed."

Guide Dogs Client





Michael's story

Michael, a 40-year-old resident of Brisbane, exemplifies resilience and determination. As an insurance lawyer for the Queensland State Government, a former representative for Australia in Goalball, and an electronic music enthusiast, Michael's talents are diverse. However, his most cherished role is that of a husband to Nicole and a father to six-year-old Rowan and two-year-old Emilia.

Born blind, Michael embodies energy and humour, navigating daily challenges with an inspiring zest for life. Simple tasks, such as meeting clients, crossing roads, or even selecting a Christmas gift for his wife, can be daunting without a mobility guide.

Enter the indispensable trio: Cara, Libby, and Larry—his loyal Guide Dogs. Since 2004, these remarkable dogs have been integral to Michael's journey, from university life to raising a young family. Each has provided him with confidence, independence, and companionship, enabling him to live life fully.

"Cara was my first love, you know—being my first dog and all. Libby was such a good friend. And Larry is my family. He keeps everybody safe."

Notably, Cara was present at Michael's wedding, while Libby accompanied him through the births of both children, showcasing the deep bonds formed.

Larry, Michael's current Guide Dog, is a source of stability and joy. "When I take Rowan and Emmy to school or daycare, Larry guides me while Emmy holds my hand. He watches out for traffic and helps keep us on a safe path," Michael explains. "Without him, navigating daily life can be taxing and exhausting, particularly with children or clients to consider."

Nicole, Michael's wife, emphasises Larry's critical role: "Larry gives Michael the confidence to shop or stay focused in high-pressure situations. Without him, the fatigue from obstacles and choices would be overwhelming." She highlights how Larry enables Michael to participate fully in family life, particularly during busy seasons like Christmas, making navigating crowded spaces manageable.

Beyond his duties, Larry is an integral family member, known for his playful antics during story time. As Nicole fondly states, "He's just part of the family."



Our Board of Directors



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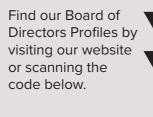
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Our Client Liaison Committee

The purpose of our Client Liaison Committee is to enhance communication between Guide Dogs Queensland and our Clients, aiming to improve service delivery and outcomes.

Committee members are volunteers and committed to supporting Guide Dog Queensland's mission.

Our services will assist our Clients to achieve their optimal level of mobility.

The committee meets upwards of 3 times a year.

Client Liaison Committee:

Chris Backstrom

Debbie Venables

Layla Eather

Linda Jorgensen

Rhett Bryant

Santiago Velasquez

Therese Jansen



Debbie



Rhett and Guide Dog Trixie



Santiago and Guide Dog Trey

Our volunteers

Celebrating 10, 15 and 20+ year anniversaries in 2024

Barbara Attwood 10 years

Jennifer Cavill 10 years

Kaye Gardner 10 years

Jennifer Kirby 10 years



Wendy & Guy Mauger

10 years

Betty Nunan

10 years

Greg & Jo-Anne Smith

10 years

Stuart & Natalie Benfield

15 years

Karen Carter

20 years

Pat Collins 20 years

Leigh Daunt

20 years

Janette Moloney

20 years

Fay Gourlay 20 years

Fred & Dorthy O'Brien

20 years

lan Murray 20 years Ann Main 20 years

Ronald Jendra

22 years

Maree Maizey

22 years

Jan Manson

22 years

Laurie Dunn 23 years

23 years

Barry & Lisa Foat

23 years

Vicki Davis 25 years

Zita Penrose 26 years

Joan & Neil Ritchie

26 years

Gillian Stout

26 years

Meet Rem

This is Rem's 4th year of volunteering with Guide Dogs Queensland, during which she kas taken on all sorts of roles!

Rem volunteers a few times a week in our warehouse, assists with mailouts from time to time and also volunteers in our breeding centre.

Her husband, Mark, is also a volunteer with us and has assisted with important tasks like transporting dogs for our PACT Court Program.



I do it for the love of the dogs and the joy of giving back. Whilst I initially started as a Puppy Raiser, Volunteering has turned into a rewarding journey allowing me to support in a variety of areas.



Thank you to our valued supporters



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Rohan McCaul

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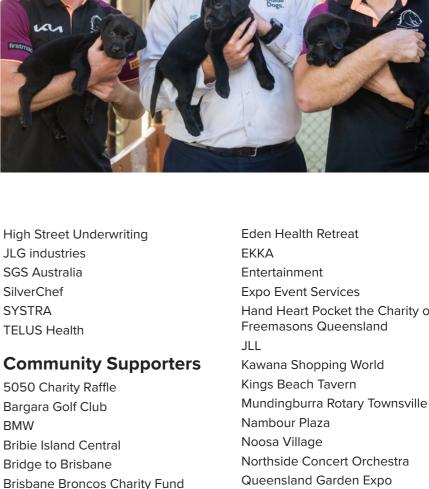
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Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show

Volunteer Optometrist

Martin Hodgson

The Lynton Group



In loving memory of

During 2023/2024 we were honoured to receive generous gifts from many inspirational supporters who chose to include Guide Dogs in their Will.

Alice Davidson	Geoffrey Penney
Alwyne Miller	Graham Strachan
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Leaving your legacy

The late Edmund Franklin's generosity and his decision to include a gift in his Will to Guide Dogs Queensland have enabled us to train two Guide Dog puppies, named in his honour: Eddy and Franklin.

These two pups have recently returned to campus, beginning the next steps in their journey to becoming Guide Dogs.

Pictured here is Robyn, her husband Tony with Guide Dog-in-training Eddy.

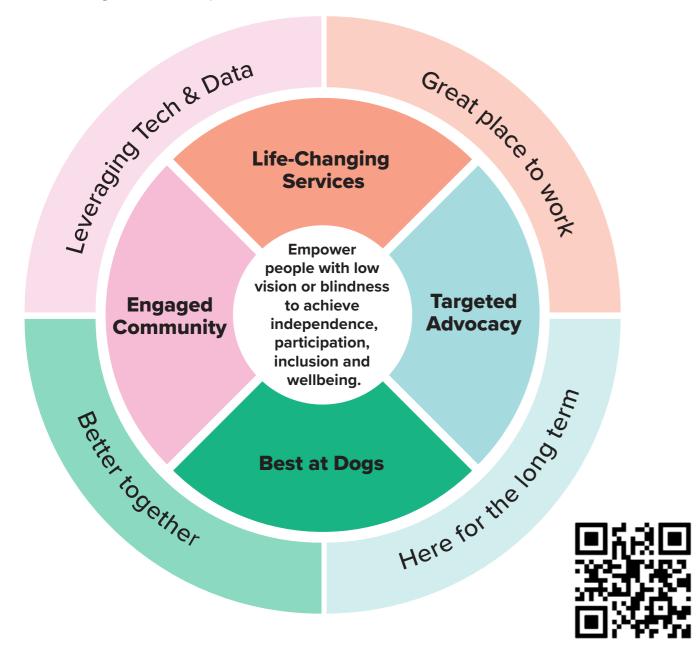




Strategy Framework 2024 – 2030

Guide Dogs Queensland's 2024-2030 Strategic Plan outlines a framework that aims to enhance the lives of people with low vision or blindness through targeted initiatives across four key pillars: **Life-Changing Services, Best at Dogs, Engaged Community and Targeted Advocacy.**

This strategic plan drives our commitment to delivering world-class services, expanding regional and remote support to go where we are needed, fostering innovation, commitment and fostering meaningful connections, and influencing key policy frameworks to create a more accessible, inclusive society. Each pillar is designed to strengthen our ability to meet the evolving needs of our Clients while ensuring sustainable growth and impact.



Life-Changing Services

- ► Enhance impactful outcomes
- Broaden our Clientele
- Go where needed



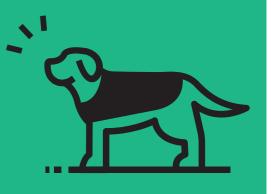
Targeted Advocacy

- Influence key policy & regulatory frameworks
- Promote more accessible businesses, workplaces & communities



Best at Dogs

- Strive for a world-classGuide Dog program
- Diversify into complementaryAssistance and Therapy Dogs



Engaged Community

- Strengthen the commitment of our donors and volunteers
- Create exceptional experiences
- Foster meaningful connections



Abridged financial statements

Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$			2023 \$		
	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
Fundraising	14,595,532	9,087,392	5,508,140	14,639,069	8,734,862	5,904,207
Services						
Client services	860,248	4,258,603	(3,442,301)	860,248	3,573,983	(2,713,735)
Guide Dog services & supply	1,188,462	6,228,228	(5,039,766)	1,216,071	5,477,366	(4,261,295)
	2,004,764	10,486,831	(8,482,067)	2,076,319	9,051,349	(6,975,030)
Other						
Dividends & interest	791,138	88,770	702,368	834,986	93,195	741,791
Other	11,180	7,461	3,719	8,298	11,813	(3,515)
Gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	368,078	-	368,078	708,916	-	708,916
Gain on sale of non-current assets	35,911	-	35,911	71,503	-	71,503
	1,206,307	96,231	1,110,076	1,623,703	105,008	1,518,695
(Deficit)/surplus before income tax			(1,863,851)			447,872
Income tax expense			-			-
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(1,863,851)		447,872			
Other comprehensive income (loss)						
Changes in the fair value of debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	44,808			(1,459)		
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	44,808		(1,459)			
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year			(1,819,044)			446,413

These figures have been extracted from the annual financial report, which are available on our website at guidedogsqld.com.au. The annual financial report was given an unqualified opinion by our auditors.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,391,210	2,424,615
Trade and other receivables	947,024	775,312
Inventories	2,098,090	2,167,696
Total current assets	5,436,325	5,367,623
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	5,830,089	5,561,001
Intangible assets	96,397	166,151
Right of use assets	554,895	477,010
Investments	11,819,914	13,940,957
Total non-current assets	18,301,294	20,145,119
Total assets	23,737,619	25,512,742
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	1,063,814	828,519
Employee provisions	1,289,814	1,386,439
Lease liabilities	144,230	187,738
Other liabilities	495,002	644,292
Total current liabilities	2,992,860	3,046,988
Non-current liabilities		
Employee provisions	97,023	110,468
Lease liabilities	422,816	311,323
Total non-current liabilities	519,839	421,791
Total liabilities	3,512,699	3,468,779
Net assets	20,224,920	22,043,963
Equity		
Retained surplus	20,139,873	22,003,724
Reserve	85,047	40,239
Total equity	20,224,920	22,043,963

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