

Annual Report

REMOUNT

SEPTEMBER 2024



Assisting those who have served to get back in the saddle and reconnect through horsemanship



Overview

Remount has hosted over 500 people since commencing operations in 2016.

Remount Limited is an Australian company limited by guarantee, governed by a Board of Directors.

Remount provides horsemanship programs to veterans and first responders, their families and carers, at no charge. It is fully staffed by volunteers.

Remount is a registered charity and is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient by the Australian Taxation Office. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Remount participants stay on farm at "Gunben" and learn the language of the horse, and then apply these skills to muster cattle as a team.

It is our way of saying thank you to those who have served and are currently serving; and in doing so make significant sacrifices for which we are eternally grateful.

Horses provide a "circuit-breaking" opportunity for people suffering PTSD, depression, isolation or lack of connection as a result of their service.



Our horsemanship training at Remount is delivered by a team with many decades of experience of coaching and training. The hospitality and accommodation is second to none, the experiences and environment for our visitors is excellent and people leave here feeling valued, relaxed, re-energised and with new perspectives on life.

These breakthroughs enable change in peoples lives that create positive pathways that have long lasting effects. Breakthroughs can come in many ways such as:

- Increased social connection
- Reduced signs of PTSD
- Increased motivation and self worth
- Feeling connected and valued
- Sense of optimism about the future
- Renewed pride in service history
- Increased confidence

Chairman's Report



ROBERT MORRISON CSC

Chairman

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am delighted to present this annual report for Remount Limited now in our ninth year of giving back to those who have served.

2024 has been a milestone year for Remount with over 500 veterans, first responders and their families hosted since commencing operations in 2016. We proudly maintain a national reputation for our quality delivery of service, and for enabling positive change in people's lives. In addition to dedicated stay-over horsemanship programs, Remount support for ACT Legacy also continued with the team proudly hosting a day on the farm for children of servicemen and women who gave so much to our country.

While our horses enable us to provide a 'circuit-breaking' experience for those in their time of need, it is our volunteers that continue to be the backbone of the Remount organisation. Our wonderful team of volunteers contribute countless hours of their time, in addition to many personal expenses. They do so come rain, hail or shine, and we thank them all sincerely. How special it was earlier this year when our volunteers had the honour of being hosted at Government House by the Governor-General of Australia, His Excellency David Hurley, for their contribution to the Remount cause. This prestigious occasion also allowed us to engage with prominent stakeholders and highlight the significant work we do for the veteran community.

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to our many generous supporters, including the Kerridge Foundation, Doc Ross Foundation, Goodwin Monash Craft Group and Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust. Your financial contributions are essential to our mission and enable us to make a lasting impact. I also acknowledge Hugh Rainger for his incredible fundraising effort flying the Remount banner when completing the Kokoda Track. This remarkable endeavour not only raised vital funds for Remount but also inspired many within our community.

The continued generous offerings from local businesses, the community, neighbours, and friends, in more ways than you can imagine, are a great sign of the strong support we have. Thank you.

To Remount founders, Ben and Marina Maguire – a sincere thank you for yet another awesome year on your beautiful property @Gunben. How wonderful it was to see you both deservedly recognised in the 2024 Australia Day Honours List.

To our veterans, first responders, and all your families, thank you for your service and sacrifice. Remount is always here for you.

Marketing & Media

OVERVIEW

The Remount Facebook and Instagram pages continue to provide a source of inspiration and connection for attendees and people who are considering coming to Remount.

5.5K

186,000 Reach

**1.6K**

540,000 Reach

**530**

Followers



REMOUNT.ORG.AU

14.5K

Page views

**7.2K**

Sessions



Treasurer's Report



MARK BARBER

Treasurer

It is with great pleasure that I once again present the Remount Treasurers report for the financial year 2024. This year's results shows that Remount continues to grow, improving its financial capacity and resilience, to continue to provide much needed programs for the veteran and serving community of our defence forces and first responders.

This year Remounts net profit was \$118,861 down from \$174,232 in 2023. The reason for the lower profit in 2024 was a reduction in revenue of \$27,033, and an increase in expenses and depreciation of \$18,491 and \$9,849 respectively.

The reduction in revenue was a result of a one-off substantial and generous increase in sponsorship in 2023 to fund the acquisition of the Remount truck. The underlying sponsorship in 2023 was \$120,060 compared to \$203,227 in 2024.

This resulted in cash held at the end of 2024 of \$166,234, a reduction of \$46,252 from 30 June 2023. However, whilst there has been a reduction of the Remount cash balance as of 30 June 2024, it is sufficient to fund approximately two years of Remount programs if no additional sponsorship were to be received.

The increase in expenses and depreciation was largely the result of the acquisition of a second-hand truck for \$164,285. The purchase was largely funded by a contribution from a major benefactor. The truck has been a valuable addition to the capacity of Remount to run programs at Gunben and now further afield. This year a team was able to travel to Illabo NSW to participate in a horse-cutting clinic which is a wonderful extension of the Remount experience enabled by the acquisition of the truck. We look forward to more of these off-site opportunities.

Maintaining a strong and resilient financial position is only part of Remount's ability to run our programs. It would not be possible to deliver the Remount programs without the dedicated team of volunteers and the support of the wider community.

Thank you

Community Support & Donations



Contributing over 2,000 hours of volunteer time each year, the Remount family also provide horses, deliver quality hospitality, donate produce, and make ongoing cash donations to underpin operations.

- Bill & Marg Mackay from "Brookfield" donated meat, and exceptional cooked country breakfasts
- Scott & Desnee Schlunke from "Hillgrove" donate their land and cattle for mustering experiences
- Ryan and Natasha Walsh from "Springfield Park" provide cattle for mustering experiences
- Jim & Sally Hutton from Yass provide quality hand-made signage and ongoing mentoring support
- Maree Livermore, Karen Williams and Emma Ritchard provide Friday night welcome meals
- Hugh Rainger trekked Kokoda and raised over \$50,000 for Remount
- The Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation provided \$45,000 through the Eldon and Anne Foote Grant program
- Kerridge Foundation donated \$30,000
- Doc Ross Foundation donated \$20,000
- The Goodwin Homes Craft Group donated \$10,146

Numerous personal donations were also kindly received from many people connected to Remount.

Thank you to you all.

This incredible team support is vital to the sustainability of Remount and shows the level of commitment and care from the team.

Corporate Sponsors



- Yass Valley Veterinary continues to provide discounted services to all Remount owned horses. This value is immeasurable.
- Navantia Australia donated \$5,000
- Stephen Williams donated \$5,000
- Keane Consulting donated \$2,500
- RB Sellars continues to supply quality embroidered work wear at less than cost price



Remount would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters for your generosity. If you would like your organisation to become a support of Remount please get in touch.

RB SELLARS



Remount is absolutely amazing. The experience was a highlight to my life. The Remount team were fantastic, very supportive. The horses were a delight to be around.



Testimonials

A sample of our Drover feedback is listed below. These excerpts are intended to give the reader a sense of the impact Remount has had on visitors and their families. Names have been removed to remain confidential.

We thank all Drovers for showing the courage to come to Remount and appreciate them taking the time to share their thoughts with us

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Thank you for a tremendous, fantastic and relaxing weekend. I learned so much about horses, my friends and myself. Such gratitude to all the remount tea. Too bloody good.

”

To the Remount team – thank you. You are making a difference where it matters in peoples hearts and lives.

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My experience on Scorpio has caused me to rethink how I live my life. Who knew a horse could do that.

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Thank you for creating a space that allowed me to trust and tap into my bravery once again. I absolutely loved my time with your team.

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There is no such meaning to the word as can't. I can get on a horse. So appreciate your time and patience.

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To say thank you does not seem enough. “and the bush has friends to meet them, and their kindly voices greet them” Thank you Remount.

“Horsemanship is the art of mastering our own movements, thoughts, emotions, and behaviour. Not the horses”

Mark Rashid



Testimonials

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The veteran community does give a lot and most of it happens in the shadows without acknowledgement of the country you serve, thank you for noticing that gap and making a positive impact on myself, my family and my friends who create my community!

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Some spoke about the exhilaration of working with the horses and the Remount family, and others credited it with helping them with some mental health issues they were living with. For me, it was all this and more. It was a weekend without stress, both from work and home, working with and being accepted by such a large, powerful animal.

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Still can't believe how much effort you all put it just to make us smile. You are all such genuine humans. You have made a difference in my life and enabled my dad and I to make some awesome memories that I'll cherish forever, Thankyou.

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It was being outside my normal comfort zone and interacting with strangers in an intimate environment and actually being able to open up and feel comfortable about it, there was no judgement, just shared experiences.

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Seeing his face light up in the debrief this afternoon with his joy of pushing the cattle up is a most sacred gift that I'll never be able to thank yourself and your amazing team enough for.

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