

## Media Release

# Construction underway in \$1.775 million upgrade of RSPCA Broken Hill Veterinary Hospital

**Monday, 14 August 2023**

Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig today visited the RSPCA Broken Hill Veterinary Hospital where construction has begun on a much-needed upgrade of the facility.

A \$1.775 million investment from the NSW Government will enable critical redevelopment work to take place at the animal hospital which has been operating since 1974.

The funding for Broken Hill Veterinary Hospital is part of a \$10.5 million grant from the NSW Government to RSPCA NSW for upgrades of animal shelters across the state.

The RSPCA cares for more than 17,000 animals in NSW every year.

The investment in the Broken Hill Veterinary Hospital will support the RSPCA in providing shelter and vet treatment services for pets and animals in the local Broken Hill community and far west.

The renovations will involve the construction of an additional consulting room and surgery, new animal wards and animal isolation units, and new surgical preparation and animal treatment areas. It will also fund new veterinary equipment.

RSPCA NSW CEO Mr Steven Coleman thanked the NSW Government for their investment in the Broken Hill Veterinary Hospital.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig:**

“Improving animal welfare standards and promoting responsible pet ownership is a priority for the NSW Government.

“Facilities like the RSPCA Veterinary Hospital in Broken Hill play an important role in supporting local councils in ensuring positive welfare outcomes for pets and other animals.

“Modern and well-equipped facilities in our communities are essential to maintaining the highest standards of animal welfare.

“Having been operating for nearly 50 years, the renovations to this facility are long overdue.

“The NSW Government’s investment will ensure animals in Broken Hill and the surrounding area continue to receive the care and treatment they deserve.”

### **Quotes attributable to RSPCA NSW Chief Executive Officer Mr Steven Coleman:**

“Since 1974, our Broken Hill Veterinary Hospital has cared for local companion animals, livestock, horses, and wildlife.

“Thanks to this investment from the NSW Government, and contributions from our incredibly generous donors and members, we will be able to continue serving the local community for decades to come.

“Our organisation has a very close connection to the Broken Hill community.

“This facility is the only RSPCA veterinary clinic within a 300-kilometre radius, and we’re very excited to see upgrade works commencing on site which will deliver increased capacity and state-of-the-art services for the region.”

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