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ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION
FY2024-25

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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Brimbank Veterinary Clinic
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DECLARATION	*To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this public disclosure statement is true and correct and meets the requirements of the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard.* Signature here Name of signatory: JEREMY WATSON Position of signatory: DIRECTOR Date: 30/10/2026

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1.CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	61 tCO2-e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	100% VCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	100%
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Pangolin Associates
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	12/02/25 Josh Prado Pangolin Associates Next technical assessment due: FY2027

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2. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Description of organisation certification

This organisation certification is for the business operations of Brimbank Veterinary Clinic, ABN 94610714278 – this ABN was maintained from 1st July 2023 to 27th November 2023 (i.e., for 150 days within the reporting period). As of 28th Nov 2023, The Brimbank Vet Clinic came under new ownership, i.e., CVS Vets (Australia) PL; ACN: 667 654 686. The scope of this certification covers Brimbank Veterinary Clinic only. It does not cover any other veterinary clinics owned by CVS Vets.

This Public Disclosure Statement includes information for FY2024-25.

Organisation description

The Brimbank Vet Clinic had the ABN 94 610 714 278, which was maintained from 1st July 2023 to 27th November 2023 (i.e., for 150 days within the reporting period). From 28th Nov 2023 onwards (i.e., for the remaining 217 days in the FY2023-24 reporting period), Brimbank Vet Clinic had a change of ownership to 'CVS Vets (Australia) PL' - C/o BDO, Level 10, 12 Creek St, Brisbane, Qld 4000 CAN: 667 654 686.

The Brimbank Vet Clinic provides high standard veterinary care to dogs, cats, and small pets in the northwest suburbs of Melbourne. Established in 1998, the organization has built a team of more than 18 staff.

The operational boundary has been defined based on an operational control test, in accordance with the principles of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007. This includes the following locations and facilities:

- 562 Melton Highway, Sydenham VIC 3037

The methods used for collating data, performing calculations and presenting the carbon account are in accordance with the following standards:

- Climate Active Standards
- The Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised Edition)
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008

Where possible, the calculation methodologies and emission factors used in this inventory are derived from the National Greenhouse Accounts (NGA) Factors in accordance with "Method 1" from the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008.

The greenhouse gases considered within the inventory are those that are commonly reported under the Kyoto Protocol; carbon dioxide (CO_2), methane (CH_4), nitrous oxide (N_2O) and synthetic gases - hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) sulphur hexafluoride (SF_6) and nitrogen trifluoride (NF_3). These have been expressed as carbon dioxide equivalents (CO_2-e) using relative global warming potentials (GWPs).

3.EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Inside the emissions boundary

All emission sources listed in the emissions boundary are part of the carbon neutral claim.

Quantified emissions have been assessed as relevant and are quantified in the carbon inventory. This may include emissions that are not identified as arising due to the operations of the certified entity, however are **optionally included**.

Non-quantified emissions have been assessed as relevant and are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. All material emissions are accounted for through an uplift factor. Further detail is available at Appendix C.

Outside the emissions boundary

Excluded emissions are those that have been assessed as not relevant to an organisation's and are outside of its emissions boundary or are outside of the scope of the certification. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Further detail is available at Appendix D.

Inside emissions boundary

Quantified

Accommodation and facilities

Cleaning and chemicals

Climate Active carbon neutral products and services

Electricity

Food

ICT services and equipment

Office equipment and supplies

Machinery and vehicles

Postage, courier and freight

Products

Professional services

Refrigerants

Stationery fuels (liquid fuels) – LPG used off site for cremations

Transport (air)

Transport (land and sea)

Waste

Water

Non-quantified

Natural Gas

Outside emission boundary

Excluded

N/A

4.EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction strategy

Our long-term goal is to reduce our total emissions to net zero and not have to purchase carbon offsets.

In the next 10 years we aim to reduce our emissions by more than 30% (~39 tCO_2e) compared to our base year of FY2020-21.

We will examine each emission group and identify the easiest items to change:

Scope	Activity	Base Year FY21 tCO_2e	Current Year FY25 tCO_2e	Target for FY26 tCO_2e	When and how
1	Anaesthetic gas	9.1	2.5	6	We are changing anaesthetic protocols to include total intravenous anaesthesia, more use of local anaesthesia and reviewing premedication
	Natural gas	1.0	0.0	0.0	All gas appliances replaced with electric in FY21
	Refrigerant	0.8	0.4	0.8	Ensure all A/C units are serviced annually to prevent losses.
2	Purchase only green power	0	0	0	
	Increase solar export	-8	-17	-10	• Improve energy efficiency – LED lighting • A battery has been installed Nov 24 to reduce use of grid electricity
3	Waste to landfill	11.5	1.5	3	Improved recycling and change in purchasing to reduce disposable items has resulted in achieving the FY26 target ahead of schedule.
	Paper	1.5	0.0	0.5	Move to electronic record keeping and client communications.
	Printing	1.0	0.0	0.3	Move to electronic client comms and bookkeeping
	LPG for pets' cremation	10	0.0	0	We are advocating our suppliers to move to water based or carbon neutral cremation service. This is now being captured under a different Activity
	Employee commute	13	24.1	10	• Travel has increased since covid. Greater uptake of electric vehicles. Provide free onsite vehicle charging. • Investigating the use of novated lease to support transition of employees to EVs
	Chemicals and reagents	45	10.4	35	Source carbon neutral supplier. This area will be the most challenging to reduce. Collaboration with supply chain stakeholders and the human medical profession will enable us to find solutions for animal care products.

Emissions reduction actions

- We are working with the Vets for Climate Action https://www.vfca.org.au/ to develop a sustainability program that will enable the veterinary team to achieve a more sustainable future.
- We are promoting October as Net Zero month in the veterinary profession - ZerOctober. This is the month when we encourage Vet practices to report their emissions, celebrate success with their clients and set new reduction targets.
- We have significantly reduced printing and paper use by changing to cloud-based hospital management systems.
- Emissions of anaesthetic gas will be reduced by changing premedication protocols, wider use of nerve blocks, increased use of CRIs and intravenous anaesthetic regimes.
- We are lobbying suppliers of pet cremation services to offer lower carbon options such as aquamation and bundling carbon offsets with their product.
- We are collaborating with veterinary suppliers as well as organisations within the human medical field to reduce use of disposable items that ultimately finish up in landfill or incineration

5.EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions over time

Emissions since base year			
		Total tCO_2-e (without uplift)	**Total tCO_2-e** (with uplift)
Base Year/Year 1:	2020–21	129.71	N/A
Year 2:	2021–22	118.39	N/A
Year 3:	2022–23	90.98	N/A
Year 4:	2023-24	73.25	N/A
Year 5:	2024-25	60.59	N/A

Significant changes in emissions

Significant changes in emissions			
Emission source	**Previous year emissions** (t CO_2-e)	**Current year emissions** (t CO_2-e)	**Reason for change**
Surgical and medical	13.17	10.21	Improvements in costs for equipment
Petrol: Medium Car	19.78	9.84	Changes in employee travel behaviour
Petrol: Small Car	2.38	8.93	Changes in employee travel behaviour
Cremations	0.00	10.74	Eden Hill Pet Crematorium Cremations expenses was included

Use of Climate Active carbon neutral products, services, buildings or precincts

Certified brand name	Product/Service/Building/Precinct used
Pangolin Associates	Consulting Services

Emissions summary

The electricity summary is available in Appendix B. Electricity emissions were calculated using a market-based approach.

Emission category	Scope 1 emissions (tCO_2-e)	Scope 2 emissions (tCO_2-e)	Scope 3 emissions (tCO_2-e)	Total emissions (t CO_2-e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.26
Cleaning and chemicals	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.10
Climate Active carbon neutral products and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food	0.00	0.00	2.09	2.09
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	0.51	0.51
Machinery and vehicles	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.49
Office equipment and supplies	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.15
Products	2.49	0.00	21.17	23.66
Professional services	0.00	0.00	5.63	5.63
Refrigerants	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.40
Stationary energy (liquid fuels)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport (air)	0.00	0.00	1.18	1.18
Transport (land and sea)	0.00	0.00	24.24	24.24
Waste	0.06	0.00	1.41	1.47
Water	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.37
Grand Total	**2.95**	**0.00**	**57.64**	**60.59**

Figures may not sum to total due to rounding.

Uplift factors

N/A

6. CARBON OFFSETS

Eligible offsets retirement summary

Offsets retired for Climate Active certification

Type of offset unit	Quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total units used
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	61	100.00%

Project name	Type of offset unit	Registry	Date retired	Serial number	Vintage	Total quantity retired	Quantity used in previous reporting periods	Quantity banked for future reporting periods	Quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total used this reporting period
Bundled Wind Power Project in Tamilnadu, India, co-ordinated by Tamilnadu Spinning Mills Association (TASMA-V2)	VCU	Verra Registry	6/2/2026	9064-64849924-64849984-VCS-VCU-508-VER-IN-1-1353-01012017-31122017-0	2017	61	0	0	61	100.00%
					Offset Totals:	61	0	0	61	100.00%

Stapled units summary

The below units have been ‘stapled’ to eligible Climate Active carbon offset units. Stapled units may represent a beneficial outcome, such as biodiversity protection or improved water quality. These purchases are additional to Climate Active program requirements.

Stapled units and their corresponding scheme or project have not been assessed by Climate Active against the offset integrity principles in the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standards and are not included in the list of eligible Climate Active carbon offset units (Appendix A of the Standards). Businesses have undertaken their own due diligence when purchasing these stapled units.

Stapled units via GreenFleet have been purchased by the project details are not available. This will be updated once provided.

Project name	Unit type e.g. biodiversity	Project location	Eligible offset project stapled to	Stapled quantity	Link to project or evidence
GreenFleet	Biodiversity	N/A	Bundled Wind Power Project in Tamilnadu, India, co-ordinated by Tamilnadu Spinning Mills Association (TASMA-V2)	61	Refer to Appendix A

Co-benefits

N/A

7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

N/A

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A

APPENDIX B: ELECTRICITY SUMMARY

There are two international best-practice methods for calculating electricity emissions – the location-based method and the market-based method. Reporting electricity emissions under both methods is called dual reporting.

Dual reporting of electricity emissions is useful, as it provides different perspectives of the emissions associated with a business's electricity usage.

Location-based method:

The location-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its location, and the emissions intensity of the electricity grid it relies on. It reflects the average emissions intensity of the electricity grid in the location (State) in which energy consumption occurs. The location-based method does not allow for any claims of renewable electricity from grid-imported electricity usage.

Market-based method:

The market-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its renewable energy investments. It reflects the emissions intensity of different electricity products, markets and investments. It uses a residual mix factor (RMF) to allow for unique claims on the zero emissions attribute of renewables without double-counting.

For this certification, electricity emissions have been set by using the **market-based approach**

Market-based approach summary

Market-based approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO_2-e)	Renewable percentage of total
Behind the meter consumption of renewable electricity generated	48,450	0	77%
Total non-grid renewable electricity	**48,450**	**0**	**77%**
LGC Purchased and retired (kWh) (including PPAs)	0	0	0%
GreenPower	11,644	0	19%
Climate Active precinct/building (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building (LRET)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building jurisdictional renewables (LGCS surrendered)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (LRET)	0	0	0%
Electricity products jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity)	0	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	2,590	0	4%
Residual Electricity	0	0	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	**62,684**	**0**	**100%**
Total grid electricity	**14,234**	**0**	**23%**
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	**62,684**	**0**	**100%**
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	100%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	**0**	**0**	
Scope 2	0	0	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	0	0	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	**0**	**0**	
Scope 3	0	0	

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	**100.00%**
Mandatory	**4.13%**
Voluntary	**18.58%**
Behind the meter	**77.29%**
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**0.00**
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**0.00**
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**0.00**
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**0.00**
Total emissions liability (t CO_2-e)	**0.00**

Figures may not sum to total due to rounding. Renewable percentage can be above 100%

Location-based approach summary

Location-based approach	Activity Data (kWh) total	Under operational control			Not under operational control	
Percentage of grid electricity consumption under operational control	**100%**	**(kWh)**	**Scope 2 Emissions (kg CO_2-e)**	**Scope 3 Emissions (kg CO_2-e)**	**(kWh)**	**Scope 3 Emissions (kg CO_2-e)**
VIC	14,234	14,234	10,960	1,281	0	0
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	**14,234**	**14,234**	**10,960**	**1,281**	**0**	**0**
VIC	48,450	48,450	0	0		
Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)	**48,450**	**48,450**	**0**	**0**		
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	**62,684**					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**10.96**
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**1.28**
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**10.96**
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**1.28**
Total emissions liability	**12.24**

Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts

Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts	Electricity consumed in Climate Active certified building/precinct (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO_2-e)
N/A	**0**	**0**

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their building or precinct certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location-based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the building/precinct under the market-based method is outlined as such in the market-based summary table.

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity products

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity product used	Electricity claimed from Climate Active electricity products (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO_2-e)
N/A	**0**	**0**

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their electricity product certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location-based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the electricity product under the market-based method is outlined as such in the market-based summary table.

APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Non-quantified emission sources

The following emissions sources have been assessed as relevant, are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. They have been non-quantified due to one of the following reasons:

1. **Immaterial** <1% for individual items and no more than 5% collectively
2. **Cost effective** Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.
3. **Data unavailable** Data is unavailable but uplift applied. A data management plan must be put in place to provide data within 5 years.
4. **Maintenance** Initial emissions non-quantified but repairs and replacements quantified.

Relevant non-quantified emission sources	Justification reason
Natural Gas	Immaterial

Data management plan for non-quantified sources

The non-quantified sources in the emission boundary don't require a data management plan as it is immaterial to the overall emissions.

APPENDIX D: OUTSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Excluded emission sources

The below emission sources have been assessed as not relevant to this organisation's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Emission sources considered for relevance must be included within the certification boundary if they meet two of the five relevance criteria. Those which only meet one condition of the relevance test can be excluded from the certification boundary.

Emissions tested for relevance are detailed below against each of the following criteria:

1. **Size** The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the organisation's electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions.

2. **Influence** The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.

3. **Risk** The emissions from a particular source contribute to the organisation's greenhouse gas risk exposure.

4. **Stakeholders** Key stakeholders deem the emissions from a particular source are relevant.

5. **Outsourcing** The emissions are from outsourced activities previously undertaken within the organisation's or precinct's boundary, or from outsourced activities typically undertaken within the boundary for comparable organisations.

Excluded emissions sources summary

Emission sources tested for relevance	Size	Influence	Risk	Stakeholders	Outsourcing	Justification
N/A						



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