

# Plenty of pets get homes

THE Shoalhaven RSPCA is thrilled to announce that for the first time they have adopted over 700 animals within a year.

This is due to the amazing support of the Shoalhaven community who, when wanting to add a pet to their family, continue to choose to adopt from the shelter.

The shelter would also like to thank those who regularly donate bedding, toys, food, treats and newspaper throughout the year, it's greatly appreciated.

Finally, to our wonderful volunteers we could not do what we do without you giv-

ing up your time to come and help at the shelter.

The shelter's staff hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and that 2016 is bigger and better for the animals at the shelter.

Meanwhile, Nowra Library was recently recognised for their unique and innovative new literacy program 'Paws 'n' Tales'.

The library received a Highly Commended Award in the Program Category at the NSW Public Libraries Marketing Awards held in Sydney.

'Paws 'n' Tales' aims to improve participants reading

and communication skills by having children between the ages of four to eight regularly read to an animal.

Mayor, Joanna Gash said she was extremely pleased to see Nowra Library staff being recognised for their innovative approach to learning.

"Paws 'n' Tales is an extremely unique and exciting program designed to assist young children with their reading and communication skills," said Cr Gash.

For more information on Paws Pet Therapy please watch this short video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LN4thtHsCXM>.