



Animal Care Australia

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Committee Meeting 11th December 2023

		Animal Care Australia Inc Committee Meeting Monday 11 th December 2023 – via Facebook & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx, Chelsea Ko (STAT)
Apologies		Joanne Payne, Janik Habersatter (STAT), Leichelle McMahon (STAT)
Agenda topics		
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Current Inquiries/ meetings	<p>15th November 2023 – Meeting with the Australian Veterinary Association. Attended by Michael, Karri & Kylie.</p> <p>16th November 2023 – Meeting with Policy Advisors to Penny Sharpe, NSW Environment Minister. Attended by Michael.</p> <p>20th November 2023 - Clem Harris, Director Policy & Industry Insights Strategy & Engagement, NSW Department of Primary Industries advising feedback on the Prohibited Persons Amendment.</p> <p>21st November 2023 – Meeting the Office of Ros Spence MP, Victorian Agriculture Minister. Attended by Michael & Kylie.</p> <p>13th December 2023 – NSW Pounds Inquiry. To be attended by Karri & Kylie.</p> <p>14th December 2023 – Animal Welfare Victoria – update on the release of the Draft Animal Care & Protection Bill 2023. To be attended by Michael</p> <p>18th December 2023 –NSW Inquiry into the aerial culling of wild horses in Kosciusko National Park. To be attended by Karri & Rachel.</p>
4	Incoming Corro	<p>14th November 2023 - Julie Stratford, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Skills Insight – informing ACA of the review of ANZSCO codes for animal care occupations.</p> <p>15th November 2023 – announcement of Victorian Review of the Domestic Animal Regulations 2015 – Survey</p> <p>17th November 2023 – receipt of submission to Western Australian Stop Puppy Farming consultation 2023</p> <p>20th November 2023 - Clem Harris, Director Policy & Industry Insights Strategy & Engagement, NSW Department of Primary Industries advising feedback on the Prohibited Persons Amendment.</p> <p>20th November 2023 - Call for submissions to QLD Agriculture and Fisheries and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023</p> <p>21st November 2023 – Meeting the Office of Ros Spence MP, Victorian Agriculture Minister. Attended by Michael & Kylie.</p> <p>21st November 2023 – Kate Serafin, Senior Scientist, Exhibited Animals, Biosecurity Queensland, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Consultation - adoption of national standards (Exhibited Animals Regulation 2016) confirming 'restricted consultation'.</p> <p>23rd November 2023 - Response to our letter to the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair</p>

		<p>Trading, Minister for Building, NSW supporting Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2023, and thanking ACA for our input into the Bill.</p> <p>30th November 2023 - Janelle Brooks, Director, Conservation Programs Branch, NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service – providing the Updated Draft Dealing in Protected Birds Code of Practice – following Michael’s meeting with Penny Sharpe’s staff. This version is to be presented to Minster Sharpe for approval of public consultation.</p> <p>30th November 2023 – Portfolio Committee 8 – NSW Parliament - Pounds in New South Wales inquiry - Witness invitation</p> <p>3rd December 2023 – Brad Fitzmaurice, Chief of Staff, The Hon. Tara Moriarty MLC, Minister for Agriculture, NSW – acknowledging receipt of ACA’s response to Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals Amendment (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2023</p> <p>4th December 2023 - Hon Clare Scriven MLC, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, South Australia, advising of Passage of the Veterinary Services Bill 2023.</p> <p>5th December 2023 - Daniel Connor, Advisor, Office of the Hon. Rod Roberts MLC – Independent NSW - acknowledging receipt of ACA’s response to Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals Amendment (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2023 and advising he supports our position.</p> <p>7th December 2023 – Animal Welfare Committee NSW Parliament – Inquiry into the Proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park - Witness invitation</p> <p>8th December 2023 – from Petter McNamara – legal counsel – advising costs for them to investigate options on Trademark of Animal Care Australia would start at \$1500 and continue, depending amount of communication required to resolve the issue.</p> <p>11th December 2023 – response from Jeff Bourman – Shooters Farmers & Fishers Party Vic – agreeing to meet to discuss the Draft Animal Care & Protection Bill</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>14th November 2023 – thanking Julie Stratford, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Skills Insight for informing ACA of the review of ANZSCO codes for animal care occupations and advising ACA would respond independently.</p> <p>17th November 2023 – Cathy Brown, Senior Environmental Policy Advisor to Penny Sharpe, NSW Environment Minister, thanking them for the meeting and adding to the conversation the need for Penny to adopt a Native Animal Keepers Advisory Council, despite the opposition from the NPWS attendees at the meeting.</p> <p>17th November 2023 – submitted response to Western Australian Stop Puppy Farming consultation 2023.</p> <p>17th November 2023 – Chris Williams President of Australian Herpetological Society confirming details of phone chat regarding NSW Wildlife licensing and advising of how they can join ACA as a member.</p> <p>20th November 2023 – follow-up request to Dugald Saunders, Shadow Agriculture Minister, NSW for meeting to discuss animal welfare matters for 2023/2024.</p> <p>21st November 2023 – acceptance of invitation to meet with Ros Spense’s staff – Victorian Agriculture Minister.</p> <p>1st December 2023 – Portfolio Committee 8 – NSW Parliament, accepting Pounds in New South Wales inquiry - Witness invitation</p> <p>3rd December 2023 – ACA’s response to the Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals Amendment (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2023 sent to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JeremyBuckingham MLC – Legalise Cannabis Party • Wes Fang, MLC – Nationals Party • Tania Mihailuk, MLC – One Nation Party • Aileen MacDonald MLC - Liberal Party

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rod Roberts, MLC – Independent • Tara Moriarty, MLC – Agriculture Minister plus Brad Fitzmaurice – Chief of Staff • John Ruddick, MLC – Liberal Democrats • Mark Latham MLC, Independent • Robert Borsak, MLC – Shooters, Fishers & Farmers Party • Mark Banasiak, MLC – Shooters, Fishers & Farmers Party <p>5th December 2023 – response to John Ruddick's email and accepting offer to meet early in 2024</p> <p>6th December 2023 – to Trevor Pisciotta, Executive Officer and Bernadette Smith – Animal Welfare Victoria seeking clarification of absence of invitation to an Animal Welfare Victoria Information session.</p> <p>9th December 2023 – Animal Welfare Committee NSW Parliament accepting Proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park - Witness invitation</p> <p>11th December 2023 – Mark Furner, QLD, Agriculture Minister, Tony Perrett - Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Mr Robbie Katter MP - Member, State Development and Regional Industries Committee. Re: Exhibited Animals Consultation - Adoption of National Standards and the restricted method of consultation.</p>
6	Membership	Cheryl Grampe Wynnum Redlands Budgerigar Society Brisbane & Northern Suburbs Budgerigar Society Inc. Keith & Carol Gough
7	Treasurer	Current Balance: \$11,931.13
8	Species Reports	Nil
9	General Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss appearance at both NSW Inquiries 2. Discuss next steps in building ACA's omnibus response.
10	Motions	Moved by Michael that there to be no January 2024 Committee Meeting. Seconded by Karri.
11	Actions	<p>Omnibus outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michael, Sam & Karri to draft ACA's version of an Office of Animal Welfare 2. Michael, Michelle & Kylie to draft ACA's version of a Breeding of Dogs & Cats Code of Practice 3. Michael, Michelle & Kylie to develop Responsible Buyer Checklist for Dogs & Cats

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

Committee Meeting 12th February 2024

		Animal Care Australia Inc Committee Meeting Monday 12 th February 2024 – via Facebook & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx Chelsea Ko (STAT), Janik Habersatter (STAT), Leichelle McMahon (STAT)
Apologies		Joanne Payne, Kylie Gilbert
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Membership	Supporters: Habitats At Home Aaron Hudson Kirsten Fitzgerald Grass Is Greener Reptiles
4	Treasurer	Current Balance: \$11,083.68
3	Incoming Corro	12th December 2023 - Dan Barrett - Head of content for BrandX Live, "AnimalCare news website" seeking contact to discuss our request for them to stop using 'Animal Care Australia' on social media. 14th December 2023 - Portfolio Committee 4, NSW Parliament Inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 - Invitation to make a submission 14th December 2023 - NSW Fair Trading - Update on NSW strata and community land reforms 14th December 2023 - Amy Firmstone, Office of Dugald Saunders MP, Shadow Agriculture Minister, NSW and Leader of the Nationals – confirming a meeting request – to be held in February 2024 when Parliament resumes. 15th December 2023 - State Development and Regional Industries Committee - Thank you for your submission to the Inquiry into the Agriculture and Fisheries and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023

		<p>15th December 2023 - Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change - Consultation open - draft Bill for new Animal Care and Protection Act</p> <p>19th December 2023 - DPI Director General Mailbox - Merry Christmas from the NSW Department of Primary Industries, Director General</p> <p>19th December 2023 - Chris Williams, President of Australian Herpetological Society - Re: AHS joining ACA</p> <p>19th December 2023 - Nick McCann, Office of Wes Fang MLC - Re: Animal Care Australia requesting a meeting – confirmation to meet alongside Dugald Saunders meeting</p> <p>20th December 2023 - Mark Latham, NSW Independent – acknowledging receipt of ACA response to the Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals Amendment (Independent Office of Animal Welfare</p> <p>22nd December 2023 – Registry Lodgements NSW - ANIMAL CARE AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED - INC1801209 - Annual return FYE 2023</p> <p>22nd December 2023 – Registry Lodgements NSW - ANIMAL CARE AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED - INC1801209 - Annual return FYE 2022</p> <p>28th December 2023 - Correspondence from Dogs Victoria - The management committee have requested representatives of Animal Care Australia present the benefits of membership of Animal Care Australia to the Dogs Victoria Management Committee</p> <p>January:</p> <p>3rd 2024 Petcover Q4 Partnership report - ACA 03.01.24</p> <p>4th 2024 William Jennings – Office of John Ruddick MLC acknowledging receipt "Re: Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals Amendment – Independent Office of Animal Welfare response.</p> <p>9th 2024 PIAA President - Forwarding issue with reptiles enclosure sizes being enforced in Victoria</p> <p>12th 2024 Ryan Moore – VIC Agriculture Ministers Office providing update regarding staff arrangements in Ministers office</p> <p>12th 2024 Victorian Government Media Releases - Secret Life Of Pets: Results From Victoria's Pet Census</p> <p>22nd 2024 Department of Regional NSW Secretary Mailbox – announcing new leadership arrangement</p> <p>29th 2024 Animal Welfare Committee, Parliament NSW - Proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park - Submission acknowledgement</p>
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		<p>29th 2024 Legislation Reform (DEECA) invitation to attend 20 February 2024 Q&A session on the Draft Animal Care and Protection Bill</p> <p>30th 2024 Portfolio Committee 8, NSW Parliament – acknowledging ACA supplementary submission for Pounds in New South Wales Inquiry</p> <p>February 2024</p> <p>2nd 2024 Public enquiry regarding "Tic and flea prevention" for dogs</p> <p>4th 2024 Mark Cameron – Mornington Peninsula Avicultural Society seeking info about ACA's attendance 20th February 2024 Q&A session on the Draft Animal Care and Protection Bill</p> <p>5th 2024 Canary & Caged Bird Federation of Australia seeking info about ACA's attendance 20th February 2024 Q&A session on the Draft Animal Care and Protection Bill</p> <p>12th 2024 State Development and Regional Industries Committee – QLD – confirming invitation to attend the Public Hearing on Friday 16 February 2024</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>January:</p> <p>4th 2024 William Jennings , Office of John Ruddick MLC – NSW – confirming date for meeting.</p> <p>24th 2024 Animal Welfare Committee , Parliament NSW - Inquiry into the proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park – supplementary submission</p> <p>29th 2024 Portfolio Committee 8, Parliament NSW - Inquiry into Pounds in New South Wales – supplementary submission</p> <p>29th 2024 Ellen Brennan- Accepted invitation to Q&A session on draft Animal Care and Protection Act</p> <p>February:</p> <p>1st 2024 State Development and Regional Industries Committee QLD – confirming invitation to testify at Agriculture & Fisheries Amendment Bill Inquiry</p> <p>4th 2024 Mark Cameron, Mornington Peninsula Avicultural Society confirming ACA will be attending the 20 February 2024 Q&A session on the VIC Animal Care & Protection Act</p>
9	General Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fundraising Coordinator update: recycling refunds donated to ACA – Leichelle to discuss. 2. Discuss how people can become involved but without joining STAT, and what tasks or roles the current STAT can take on when the Local Councils info is completed. 3. Discussion regarding developments of the Brumby Inquiry 4. Evidence for QLD Inquiry discussion 5. Discuss content for RSPCA Inquiry submission

		<p>6. Discuss VIC Welfare Act – questions & concerns for the zoom consultation and then follow up with a meeting with Jeff Bourman, and possibly the Shadow Minister.</p> <p>7. Omnibus legislation update – outcome: all progressing</p>
10	Motions	<p>MOTION 1: Michael Donnelly moves that all new memberships received after 1st March 2024 to expire 30th June 2025, rather than expire in June 2024.</p> <p>Seconded by Tracey. Motion carried.</p>
11	Actions	<p>All to progress their respective elements of the Omnibus legislation.</p> <p>Michael to register ACA bank details with recycling donation websites</p>

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

General & Committee Meeting 11th March 2024

		<p align="center">Animal Care Australia Inc General & Committee Meeting Monday 11th March 2024 – via Facebook & Zoom</p>
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx Chelsea Ko (STAT), Janik Habersatter (STAT), Leichelle McMahon (STAT)
Apologies		Joanne Payne, Kylie Gilbert
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Membership	Supporter: Jeremy Challoner
4	Treasurer	Current Balance: \$10,677.23 – following payments for ACA banners & badges
3	Incoming Corro	<p>February:</p> <p>13th 2024 Correspondence from The Hon Sonya Kilkeny MP, VIC Planning Minister – refusing to meet to discuss Planning Law concerns</p> <p>15th 2024 Portfolio Committee8, Parliament NSW – acknowledging receipt of submission to Pounds in New South Wales</p> <p>20th 2024 Kim Filmer, DPI Animal Welfare - responding to our request for info about departmental structure</p> <p>22nd 2024 "Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee " providing Proof Transcript - for the Agriculture and Fisheries Animal Care & Protection Bill Inquiry.</p> <p>23rd 2024 Hassen Abdul seeking advice on having their lost cat returned</p> <p>23rd 2024 Steve Peters seeking Vet Assist in Brisbane Nth</p> <p>27th 2024 Department for Environment and Water< South Australia - An update on the Animal Welfare Act review</p>

		<p>27th 2024 David Littleproud,(MP) – Federal Shadow Agriculture Minister - your email has been received – requesting meeting to discuss the Aust Animal Welfare Strategy</p> <p>27th 2024 Minister Watt – Federal Agriculture Minister - Request to meet the Senator received - requesting meeting to discuss the Aust Animal Welfare Strategy</p> <p>28th 2024 Office of Janie Finlay MP – TAS Shadow Agriculture Minister Re: Request to meet the Minister – acknowledged and held over until after Tasmanian Election</p> <p>28th 2024 Black Rod Parliament NSW Re: Seeking to visit with pets for World Pet Day – confirming availability of rooftop garden.</p> <p>29th 2024 Portfolio Committee4, Parliament NSW - 2023 Inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 - Submission acknowledgement</p> <p>29th 2024 NSW Strata Review - Confidential: Consultation Paper – Recommendations from the Report of the Statutory Review of the Strata Laws</p> <p>March:</p> <p>1st 2024 Improving NSW Rental Laws – announcing the publishing of consultation</p> <p>1st 2024 Release of draft Victorian Cat Management Strategy</p> <p>1st 2024 Adrian Ahrens Subject: Rights of the pet owner to administer animal care – seeking advice.</p> <p>5th 2024 NPWS Branch Mailbox - Conservation Programs - Update on the Protected Animal Specimens Code of Practice – approved by Minister and implemented.</p> <p>7th 2024 Office of David Littleproud, MP – Federal Shadow Agriculture Minister denying request to meet</p> <p>8th 2024 Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee - Tabling of Agriculture and Fisheries and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023</p> <p>11th 2024 Black Rod NSW Parliament - Re: Seeking to visit with pets for World Pet Day</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>February:</p> <p>20th 2024 Clem Harris, DPI NSW – seeking DPI Animal Welfare departmental structure</p> <p>20th 2024 Black Rod, Parliament NSW - Seeking to visit with pets for World Pet Day</p>

		<p>20th 2024 Portfolio Committee 4, Parliament NSW - Inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 – submission submitted</p> <p>23rd 2024 Northern Rivers Joint Councils – responding for further information regarding their call for control of roaming cats</p> <p>27th 2024 Janie Finlay Shadow Agriculture Minister TAS - Re: Request to meet the Minister</p> <p>27th 2024 Jo Palmer MP Agriculture Minister TAS - Request to meet the Minister</p> <p>27th 2024 David Littleproud MP, Federal Shadow Agriculture Minister - Request to meet the Minister</p> <p>27th 2024 Senator Watt MLC, Federal; Agriculture Minister - Request to meet the Senator</p> <p>28th 2024 Rebecca Beaumont, Office of Janie Finlay – confirming ACA availability to meet the Minister</p> <p>March:</p> <p>4th 2024 DPS Catering Parliament NSW – request to provide costings for catering for ACA visit with pets for World Pet Day</p> <p>6th 2024 Black Rod, Parliament NSW – confirming bump-in and bump-out Re: visit with pets for World Pet Day</p>
9	General Business	<p>8. Containers for Cash update</p> <p>9. Dog & Cat Checklist documents feedback?</p> <p>10. Tasmanian Election – what do we post? Election is 23rd March – Outcome: Use simple memes.</p> <p>11. Pets In Parliament update Outcome: Pets in Parliament cancelled by Leaders of the Houses as no animals permitted in the Parliament.</p>
10	Motions	Nil
11	Actions	Michael to write a notification to all NSW MPs regarding the Parliaments prohibition of animals in the House.

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

Committee Meeting 8th April 2024

		Animal Care Australia Inc Committee Meeting Monday 8 th April 2024 – via Facebook & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx Chelsea Ko (STAT), Ayushi Verma (STAT), Anese Burns (SMT)
Apologies		Joanne Payne, Leichelle McMahon (STAT), Diana Samson (SMT)
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Membership	Supporter: Rebecca Fleming Member: Northern Tasmanian Budgerigar Society Inc
4	Treasurer	Current Balance: \$ 9,861.23 – following payments for website updates, new email addresses etc.
3	Incoming Corro	March: 12th 2024 Australian Animal Welfare Strategy announcing the Have Your Say on the renewed Australian Animal Welfare Strategy 13th 2024 Robyn Waldron, Northern Rivers Joint Organisation of Councils – Call for support from stakeholders for control of roaming cats 15th 2024 Felicity Brown seeking financial assistance for a sick puppy 18th 2024 Hon. Jo Palmer MLC, TAS Minister for Primary Industries and Water - Request to meet the Minister. Delayed until after Elections. 19th 2024 Petcover Group - Re: Petcover Q4 Partnership report - ACA 03.01.24 25th 2024 Engage Victoria - Submission received for Reforming Victoria's animal care and protection laws 28th 2024 Strata Review, NSW Re: Confidential: Consultation Paper – ACA submission received

		<p>April:</p> <p>3rd 2024 Rebecca Hughes Office of The Hon. Ros Spence MP declining request for a meeting.</p> <p>3rd 2024 Victoria: Cat Management Strategy – requesting ACA feedback</p> <p>5th 2024 Portfolio Committee 4 - Inquiry into the Operation of the Approved Charitable Organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 - Witness invitation.</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>March:</p> <p>25th 2024 Mark Cameron, providing Final Vic Bill response</p> <p>25th 2024 Jeff Bourman, Shooters, Fishers & Farmers VIC providing ACA submission to Draft Animal Care & Protection Bill</p> <p>25th 2024 Ros Spence, Agriculture Minister VIC providing ACA submission to Draft Animal Care & Protection Bill</p> <p>25th 2024 Emma Kealy Shadow Agriculture Minister VIC, providing ACA submission to Draft Animal Care & Protection Bill</p> <p>26th 2024 Strata Review NSW – providing response to Re: Confidential: Consultation Paper – Recommendations from the Report of the Statutory Review of the Strata Laws</p> <p>April:</p> <p>6th 2024 Portfolio Committee 4, Parliament NSW – accepting Inquiry into the Operation of the Approved Charitable Organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 - Witness invitation</p>
9	General Business	<p>12. Janik Habersatter has completed his stint with STAT.</p> <p>13. Introductions to welcome the new Team members: Anese Burns, Diana Samson, Ayushi Verma to the existing Committee</p> <p>14. STAT: Update – NSW the last Council area to be completed.</p> <p>15. FUNDRAISING: Update - nil</p> <p>16. SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM (SMT): update – general ideas chit-chat about the approach for Tik Tok & LinkedIn.</p> <p>17. Discussion RSPCA Inquiry</p> <p>18. Submissions closing –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · VIC - animal production planning regulations deadline 19th April 2024 · VIC - Cat Management Strategy - deadline 22nd April 2024

		<p>· SA - City of Mitcham Community Centres Bushfire Refuge for people and their domestic pets - deadline 26th April 2024</p> <p>19. The Omnibus legislation update – Dog & Cat Breeding COP requires additional information. Animal Welfare Commission draft Act has been discussed, minor alterations to be made.</p> <p>20. Species Assistants – discussion. Resolved not to move forward.</p>
10	Motions	Nil
11	Actions	Sam to finalise draft AWC Act.

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

General & Committee Meeting 13th May 2024

		<p style="text-align: center;">Animal Care Australia Inc General & Committee Meeting Monday 13th May 2024 – via Facebook & Zoom</p>
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Michaela Storen, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx Chelsea Ko (STAT)
Apologies		Sam Davis. Diana Samson (SMT). Anese Burns (SMT). Ayushi Verma (STAT), Yingting Zou (STAT) Leichelle McMahon (STAT)
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Membership	<p>Member: Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria</p> <p>Supporters:</p> <p>NorAus Canine Services</p> <p>Glen Forster</p> <p>Michaela Storen</p> <p>Gary & Virginia Cotchin</p> <p>White Alpine Equine</p> <p>Chelsea Ko</p> <p>Coralie Gauld</p> <p>Cheryl Smart</p> <p>Happy Paws Haven</p>
4	Treasurer	Current Balance: \$ 9,721.87
3	Incoming Corro	<p>April:</p> <p>9th 2024 Investment Industry Committee NSW - Invitation to make a submission - Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Virtual Fencing Bill</p> <p>9th 2024 Carly Werner, Office of Emma Kealy MP _ Shadow agriculture Minister Victoria, acknowledging receipt of our submission to the Draft Animal Care & Protection Bill.</p> <p>10th 2024 Carly Werner, Office of Emma Kealy MP _ Shadow agriculture Minister Victoria sending invitation for meeting with Emma Kealy.</p>

	<p>12th 2024 Rebecca Beaumont, Office of Office of Janie Finlay MP – Shadow Agriculture Minister, Tasmania – confirming invitation to introduce Animal Care Australia</p> <p>12th 2024 Trevor J Pisciotta (DEECA) Executive Director , Regulatory Policy and Programs, Animal Welfare Victoria, confirming request to meet .</p> <p>12th 2024 Anita Gottwalt – Pet Cover Group confirming date for 12 month sponsorship results catch up</p> <p>15th 2024 Lambie, Jacqui (Senator) – acknowledgement of request to meet the Senator and the Jacqui Lambie Network</p> <p>16th 2024 Trevor J Pisciotta (DEECA) Executive Director, Regulatory Policy and Programs, Animal Welfare Victoria, providing dates for meeting.</p> <p>17th 2024 Tony Wigley – Responsible Reptile Keeping – organising a meeting between Animal Care Australia and Sustainable Users' Network (Europe)</p> <p>18th 2024 Julie Michalsky, Office of Andrew Jenner, Member JLN for Lyons – TAS. Re: Request to meet the Senator and Jacqui Lambie Network. Accepting request and will advise.</p> <p>22nd 2024 Neha, Baylee (Sen J. Lambie) - Denying request to meet the Senator</p> <p>25th 2024 Nikki Alberts, White Alpine Equine – thanking ACA for our submission and good luck with testimony at Upper House Inquiry on Friday</p> <p>26th 2024 Office of Janie Finlay MP TAS – acknowledging receipt of requested info about Animal Care Australia</p> <p>26th 2024 Engage Victoria - Submission received for Victorian cat management strategy</p> <p>30th 2024 Liz Gemes, Australian Veterinary Association – seeking a copy of ACA's response to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2023</p> <p>30th 2024 Mail from Nicola Centofanti (South Australia) introducing Ben Hood as an Assistant to the Minister.</p> <p>May:</p> <p>1st 2024 Liz Gemes – Australian Veterinary Association Re: Bill Concerns – seeking a copy of ACA response to Abigail Boyd's Independent Office of Animal Welfare Bill</p> <p>1st 2024 EIC final report tabled - Inquiry into the impact on vulnerable road users in Victoria.</p> <p>2nd 2024 Cathy Brown – Environment Policy Advisor NSW Environment Minister - Re: Phone call this morning – follow up email</p> <p>6th 2024 Mount Barker City Council acknowledging receipt of submission to Review of the Draft Animal Management Plan 2023</p> <p>6th 2024 Australian Animal Welfare Strategy invitation to meet with Task Group on 8th May</p>
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		<p>6th 2024 Portfolio Committee 4 2023 Inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 – Post-hearing responses</p> <p>7th 2024 Panel Secretariat, Eminent Panel for Community Engagement (DEECA) acknowledging receipt of submission to Consultation: Central Highlands state forests</p> <p>8th 2024 Cr Karen Hockley - Mitcham City Council acknowledging Draft Animal Management Plan 2024 – 2028 submission</p> <p>9th 2024 Mitcham City Council – South Australia acknowledging receipt of Draft Animal Management Plan 2024 submission</p> <p>9th 2024 Virginia Pessanha – Hunter Primary Care – NDIS Coordinator seeking assistance on requirements to have a client's pet declared & recognised by landlord as an Emotional Support Animal</p> <p>9th 2024 Core Skills List - acknowledging receipt of submission to Draft Core Skills Occupations List.</p> <p>10th 2024 Pet Cover Group - Re: Petcover Q4 Partnership report</p> <p>12th 2024 Cr. Rick Garotti Banyule City Council confirming documents sent Re: Public Order Review - dogs and cats in public places following on from phone discussion.</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>April:</p> <p>9th 2024 Carly Werner, Office of Emma Kealy - Accepted: Meeting between Emma Kealy MP and ACA</p> <p>12th 2024 Janie Finlay TAS - Accepted: Animal Care Australia (ACA) Teams meeting invitation</p> <p>12th 2024 Trevor Pisciotta – Executive Director Animal Welfare Victoria - Request to meet</p> <p>15th 2024 Secretary, Jacqui Lambie Network - Request to meet the Senator and Jacqui Lambie Network state members</p> <p>16th 2024 Trevor Pisciotta – Executive Director Animal Welfare Victoria - Accepted: AWW/ACA meeting</p> <p>19th 2024 Confirming availability to Re: Animal Care Australia / Sustainable Users' Network meeting</p> <p>19th 2024 Mark Banasiak NSW Shooters, Fishers & Farmers – providing information relating to Native Wildlife Licensing issues</p> <p>25th 2024 Janie Finlay – TAS - providing requested info about Animal Care Australia</p> <p>25th 2024 Neha, Baylee, Office of Sen J. Lambie - providing requested info about Animal Care Australia</p>

		<p>30th 2024 Liz Gemes, Australian Veterinary Association - providing requested info about Animal Care Australia response to the Greens' proposed Office of Animal Welfare Bill</p> <p>30th 2024 Rachies Retirement Home - Request to update to website and remove references of being part of the ACA Small Mammals Advisory Group – when they are not members.</p> <p>May:</p> <p>2nd 2024 Cathy Brown – Environment Policy Advisor, NSW Environment Minister Re: Phone call this morning with ACA President – providing further information</p> <p>5th 2024 Australian Animal Welfare Strategy - Re: Renewing the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy meeting invitation acceptance</p> <p>7th 2024 Submission to VIC Consultation: Central Highlands state forests</p> <p>8th 2024 Mayor & Councillors of Mitcham City Council - Draft Animal Management Plan 2024 - 2028</p> <p>10th 2024 ACA's response to Residential Tenancies Amendment (Animals in Residential Premises) Bill 2024. Sent to NSW MLC's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Ruddick • Rod Roberts • Ailleen Macdonald • Tania Mihailuk • Mark Banasiak • Cate Faehrmann • Wes Fang • Jeremy Buckingham • Emma Hurst • Mark Latham <p>12th 2024 Mayor & Councillors – Banyule City council – response to Public Order Review - dogs and cats in public places</p>
9	General Business	<p>21. Introductions to welcome the new Team members: Michaela Storen – Insect and Arachnid Representative.</p> <p>22. STAT: Update – still progressing</p> <p>23. 11. FUNDRAISING: Update - nil</p> <p>24. 12. SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM: update - nil</p> <p>25. 13. Submissions closing –</p> <p>a) NSW - Inquiry into Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Virtual Stock Fencing) Bill 2024 - deadline 14th May 2024</p>

		<p>b) AUS - Equine Welfare Strategy - due 14th May 2024</p> <p>c) SA - Animal Welfare Draft Bill - deadline 22nd May 2024</p> <p>26. RSPCA Inquiry Supplementary questions deadline due 20th May.</p> <p>27. Discussion about the Aust Animal Welfare Strategy and our strategy to contribute.</p> <p>28. The Omnibus legislation update – progressing</p>
10	Motions	<p>Motion 1: Michael Donnelly moves that the latest version of the ACA Operations Manual be approved.</p> <p>Seconded by Tracey. Motion carried.</p>
11	Actions	<p>Michael to develop a brief outline response for the AAWS to be released and shared within the ACA Members and Species Advisory Groups. Encourage groups to subscribe and be involved.</p>

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

Committee Meeting 10th June 2024

		Animal Care Australia Inc Committee Meeting Monday 10 th June 2024 – via Facebook & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Michaela Storen, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx Anese Burns (SMT). Chelsea Ko (STAT)
Apologies		Joanne Payne. Diana Samson (SMT). Anese Burns (SMT). Ayushi Verma (STAT), Yingting Zou (STAT) Leichelle McMahon (STAT)
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Membership	Members: Victorian Avicultural Council The Avicultural Society of the Central Coast Supporters: K9 Cavaliers Sue Lewis Animals Anonymous Nikki Alberts Linda Kennedy
4	Treasurer	Current Balance: \$ 9,615.21
3	Incoming Corro	May: 16th 2024 Investment Industry Committee, Parliament NSW - Acknowledgement of receipt of submission for Inquiry into Virtual fencing 17th 2024 Maria Naranjo Mendoza, Strategic Engagement Lead Re: South Australia Animal Welfare Bill 2024 – acknowledging ACA's disappointment in not accepting written submissions. 17th 2024 Animal Welfare Mailbox, Department of Primary Industries, NSW - Consultation Invitation to discuss NSW Government animal welfare election commitments

		<p>17th 2024 Stasiak, Monika (DEW) – providing contact details to directly submit to South Australia Animal Welfare Bill 2024 as a written submission.</p> <p>20th 2024 Mark Cameron – acknowledging receipt of ACA mailout: CALL TO ACTION: Victoria’s draft Animal Care & Protection Act</p> <p>20th 2024 Samuel Bruce-Smith, Senior Policy Officer. Policy and Industry Insights, NSW DPI - providing sensitive content on updating POCTAA with amendments</p> <p>21st 2024 Rebecca Hughes, from the office of The Hon. Ros Spence MP declining request to meet the Minister.</p> <p>22nd 2024 Melissa Murphy – demanding a meeting with Animal Care Australia and inviting Cr. Rick Garotti – to discuss Banyule City Council Re: Cat confinement policy and our submission. NOTE: Melissa is a private citizen and had not invited the Councillor. ACA directly contacted the Councillor – who knew nothing of the meeting.</p> <p>24th 2024 Samuel Bruce-Smith, Senior Policy Officer. Policy and Industry Insights, NSW DPI, thanking ACA for response to the sensitive content document.</p> <p>24th 2024 Kim Filmer, Chief Animal Welfare Officer NSW acknowledging request to update contact persons for ACA</p> <p>27th 2024 Jenny Thomson Principal Policy Officer, Policy & Industry Insights, Strategy and Engagement, DPI NSW – providing further sensitive content for consultation.</p> <p>31st 2024 NPWS Branch Mailbox - Conservation Programs announcing Public Exhibition of the Draft Dealing in Protected Birds Code of Practice.</p> <p>31st 2024 Welfare, FEI Equine Welfare Strategy acknowledging ACA submission.</p> <p>31st 2024 Jenny Thomson Principal Policy Officer, Policy & Industry Insights, Strategy and Engagement, DPI NSW – acknowledging ACA submission to the further sensitive content for consultation.</p> <p>June:</p> <p>1st 2024 Dept Environment & Water Response to request to confirm closing date for Dog And Cat Reforms</p> <p>3rd 2024 NSW Investment Industry Committee Re: Invitation to appear at public hearing into Virtual Fencing Bill on 5th July 2024</p> <p>4th 2024 Miranda Fry , office of Roy Butler, NSW Independent – responding to ACA’s questions Re: Inquiry into Virtual Fencing – referred to Office of Phil Donato – NSW Independent.</p> <p>4th 2024 Portfolio Committee 4 Re: Confidential correspondence for the Chair – response from the Chair addressing ACA concerns with confidentiality of received documents.</p> <p>7th 2024 Tony Wigley acknowledging ACA now a member of IPAC - International Pet Advocacy Council</p> <p>9th 2024 Nicola Craddock ZAA Executive Office – confirming our phone conversation Re: Reptile Enclosure sizes in NSW – will contact DPI to seek clarification.</p>
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5	Outgoing Corro	<p>May:</p> <p>15th 2024 Submission to FEI Equine Welfare Strategy</p> <p>15th 2024 Ros Spence, Agriculture Minister VIC - Request again for a meeting</p> <p>17th 2024 ACA sent a Call to Action – Victoria’s Draft Animal Care & Protection Act. Sent to Victorian based and National members Associations. :</p> <p>17th 2024 Your Say Team SA Gov - South Australian Animal Welfare Bill 2024 - expressing dissatisfaction with inability to provide a written submission.</p> <p>20th 2024 Portfolio Committee 4, Parliament NSW - 2023 Inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 – Post-hearing responses – Supplementary submission</p> <p>20th 2024 Media Release: VICTORIA TO GRANT RSPCA INSPECTORS MORE POWERS THAN POLICE</p> <p>20th 2024 Jenny Thomson, DPI NSW – Accepted invitation to consultation meeting</p> <p>20th 2024 Samuel Bruce-Smith, DPI NSW – requesting further information Re: Update on the NSW Government’s Animal Welfare reforms.</p> <p>22nd 2024 Cr Rick.Garotti, Banyule City Council providing requested information relating to Cat confinement</p> <p>23rd 2024 President Finch Society of NSW requesting a copy of ACA Media Release</p> <p>24th 2024 Samuel Bruce-Smith, DPI NSW – providing response top sensitive content Re: Update on the NSW Government’s Animal Welfare reforms</p> <p>24th 2024 Kim Filmer, Chief Animal Welfare Officer NSW - Request to update contact persons for ACA</p> <p>26th 2024 animalwelfareactreview@sa.gov.au, Stasiak, Monik – ACA submission to Draft Animal Welfare Bill</p> <p>26th 2024 Nicola Centofanti, Shadow Agriculture Minister SA - ACA submission to Draft Animal</p> <p>30th 2024 Chair, Portfolio Committee 4, Parliament NSW - Confidential correspondence for the Chair</p> <p>31st 2024 Jenny Thomson, DPI NSW – ACAs response to SENSITIVE content document: Puppy farming</p> <p>June:</p> <p>1st 2024 DEW.dogandcatreform@sa.gov.au Seeking clarification on closing date for Reforms</p>
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		<p>3rd 2024 Investment Industry Committee Parliament NSW – Accepting invitation to appear at public hearing</p> <p>3rd 2024 Electorate Office Barwon - seeking information relating to exclusion of companion animals in Inquiry into Virtual Fencing</p> <p>4th 2024 Cathy Brown, Policy Advisor Environment Minister NSW – seeking Contact for the Biodiversity Conservation Act</p> <p>5th 2024 Kim Filmer, Chief Animal Welfare Officer NSW Re: possible reptile keeping regulations changed via POCTAA amendment .</p> <p>7th 2024 Tony Wigley, Responsible Reptile Keeping Re: ACA addition to IPAC - International Pet Advocacy Council</p>
9	General Business	<p>29. STAT: Update – NSW Councils completed. Chelsea to assist with AWC.</p> <p>30. FUNDRAISING: Update - nil</p> <p>31. SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM: update - nil</p> <p>32. Submissions closing:</p> <p>a) AUST - Aust Animal Welfare Strategy - deadline 26th June 2024</p> <p>b) NSW - Public Exhibition of the Draft Dealing in Protected Birds Code of Practice - deadline 26th June 2024</p> <p>c) VIC - Nillumbik Shire Council - Domestic Animal Management Plan - deadline 11th July 2024</p> <p>d) NT - Animal Welfare Act & Regulations Review - deadline 16th September 2024</p> <p>33. Aust Animal Welfare Strategy – discussion about how that template would work. Outcome: Template approved and to be distributed.</p> <p>34. Discussion surrounding remaining aspects of the omnibus legislation in NSW. Outcome: Michael to finalise presentation document for Animal Welfare Commission</p> <p>35.</p>
10	Motions	<p>MOTION 1 – Michael moves that the Committee approves expenditure for the annual renewal of our email domain and addresses. Value: \$545.16</p> <p>Seconded: Tracey & Rachel. Motion carried.</p>
11	Actions	<p>Michael to finalise presentation document for Animal Welfare Commission.</p> <p>Distribute AAWS template.</p>

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

General & Committee Meeting 8th July 2024

		<p align="center">Animal Care Australia Inc General & Committee Meeting Monday 8th July 2024 – via Facebook & Zoom</p>
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Michaela Storen, Tracey Dierikx
Apologies		Joanne Payne, Rachel Sydenham Diana Samson (SMT). Anese Burns (SMT). Ayushi Verma (STAT), Yingting Zou (STAT) Leichelle McMahon (STAT)
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Membership	Supporter: Karen Lotherington
4	Treasurer	Current Balance: \$ 9,183.11
3	Incoming Corro	<p>June:</p> <p>11th 2024 Portfolio Committee 4 NSW - Re: CM: Confidential correspondence for the Chair</p> <p>11th 2024 Nicola Centofanti MP – Shadow agriculture Minister, South Australia acknowledging receipt of Dog and Cat Management (Breeder Reforms) Amendment and confirming our request to meet & discuss.</p> <p>13th 2024 Miranda Patterson, Office of Rebekah Pentland - Jacqui Lambie Network, accepting request to meet and sending dates for a meeting.</p> <p>14th 2024 Office of Aileen MacDonald MLC _ NSW acknowledging receipt of ACA response to POCTAA Transparency and Fit and Proper Persons Bill</p> <p>14th 2024 Investment Industry Committee, Parliament NSW - Re: Invitation to appear at public hearing</p> <p>16th 2024 Hugh Possingham responding to ACA Presidents request for a comment on the Review of biodiversity legislation in NSW</p> <p>17th 2024 Wes Fang MLC NSW acknowledging receipt of ACA response to the POCTAA Transparency and Fit and Proper Persons Bill.</p> <p>18th 2024 ANZSCO Inbox announcing release of Review Progress: All Preliminary proposed report</p>

	<p>18th 2024 Secretary, CCBFA re: ACA re CCBFA ABN</p> <p>20th 2024 Anita Gottwalt, Petcover Group request for feedback on Animal Welfare/New legislation article</p> <p>20th 2024 Rhonda Glover – Macarthur Reptile Society Re: Aust Animal Welfare Strategy</p> <p>20th 2024 "Klinkert, Phoebe – Aust Animal Welfare Strategy response to ACAS question Re: Information session</p> <p>21st 2024 VIC Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change - Draft Animal Care and Protection Bill – Engagemeny Summary</p> <p>23rd 2024 Cr. Rick Garotti , Banyule City Council acknowledging ACA’s Public Order Review – follow-up letter</p> <p>23rd 2024 Cr. Mark Di Pasquale, Banyule City Council acknowledging ACA’s Public Order Review – follow-up letter</p> <p>24th 2024 TCCS_GMS Boards & Committees, ACT Animal Welfare Advisory Committee - Re: Stakeholder Engagement - Poultry Code (Non-commercial)</p> <p>25th 2024 Linda Kennedy – thanking Animal Care Australia for our responses to the Banyule City Council's Public Order review</p> <p>26th 2024 Brendan Sharpe – providing feedback to the CoP non-commercial poultry and avian flu concerns.</p> <p>27th 2024 Karina Potts – seeking veterinary assistance advice for an Injured dog</p> <p>28th 2024 Lynette Southerwood seeking financial assistance advice to cover Pet operation for a friend</p> <p>28th 2024 Exhibited Animals, Department of Agriculture & Fisheries QLD - Exhibited Animals Regulation 2016 Amendment to be implemented.</p> <p>28th 2024 Parliament VIC – acknowledging receipt of ACA submission to Inquiry into the Local Government operations</p> <p>28th 2024 Portfolio Committee 4, Parliament NSW - Report tabled - Veterinary workforce shortage in NSW</p> <p>July:</p> <p>1st 2024 Anoulack Chanthivong MP – NSW Minister for Better Regulation - Response to ACA letter supporting Emma Hurst Residential Tenancies Bill for Pets</p> <p>4th 2024 Office of NSW Environment Minister acknowledging receipt of communication regarding Draft Code of practice for dealing in protected birds</p> <p>7th 2024 Office of Kellie Sloane – NSW Shadow Agriculture Minister – acknowledging receipt Protected birds dealing draft code of practice submission</p>
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		7th 2024 CCBFA seeking information about Bird Flu
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>June:</p> <p>11th 2024 Nicola Centofanti Office – ACA's submission to Dog and Cat Management (Breeder Reforms) Amendment</p> <p>11th 2024 DEW.dogandcatreform@sa.gov.au – ACA's submission to Dog and Cat Management (Breeder Reforms) Amendment</p> <p>13th 2024 Miranda Patterson, JLN Tasmanian State Team, Electorate Officer – confirming invitation to meet Rebekah Pentland , Jacqui Lambie Network</p> <p>13th 2024 ACA sent response to NSW Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farm Bill) to following NSW Parliamentary Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dugald Saunders – Nationals Leader • Jeremy Buckingham MLC • Tania Mihailuk MLC • Robert Borsak MLC • Rod Roberts MLC • Mark Banasiak MLC • Wes Fang MLC • John Ruddick MLC • Mark Latham MLC • Brad Fitzmaurice – Chief of Staff for Tara Moriarty MLC <p>14th 2024 ACA sent our response to the POCTAA Transparency and Fit and Proper Persons Bill 2024 to the following members of parliament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Banasiak MLC • Mark Latham MLC • Rod Roberts MLC • Aileen MacDonald MLC • Dugald Saunders MP – Nationals Leader • Tania Mihailuk MLC

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy Buckingham MLC • Wes Fang MLC • Emma Hurst MLC • Abigail Boyd MLC • John Ruddick MLC <p>16th 2024 Hugh Possingham requesting assistance with "A review of Biodiversity legislation in NSW</p> <p>19th 2024 Shane Gowland acknowledging issue with ACA re CCBFA ABN transfer. ACA President <president@animalcareaustralia.org.</p> <p>19th 2024 CCBFA requesting written permission from CCBFA to transfer our domain from their ABN to ours</p> <p>20th 2024 Anita Gottwalt, Petcover Group advising ACA could only provide same advice as to our members for the Pet Cover Animal Welfare/New legislation article</p> <p>20th 2024 Rhonda Glover, Macarthur Reptiles Society providing information about Aust Animal Welfare Strategy</p> <p>20th 2024 Nicola Centofanti Office - Accepted: Meeting invitation</p> <p>23rd 2024 Mayor & Councillors of Banyule City Council - Public Order Review – follow up letter</p> <p>25th 2024 Miranda Patterson - Re: Upcoming Meet & Greet with Rebekah – outlining brief agenda for meeting.</p> <p>July:</p> <p>4th 2024 Penny Sharpe MLC – NSW Minister for the Environment – submission to Protected birds dealing draft code of practice .</p> <p>4th 2024 Mark Banasiak – Shooters, Fishers and Farmers – submission to Protected birds dealing draft code of practice</p> <p>4th 2024 Kellie Sloane MP – Shadow Environment Minister – submission to Protected birds dealing draft code of practice</p> <p>7th 2024 CCBFA Secretary responding to questions regarding Bird Flu AI</p>
9	General Business	<p>36. STAT: Update – all completed. New tasks to be scheduled.</p> <p>37. FUNDRAISING: Update – Sam highlighted a number of ongoing small deposits into our account from recycling donations</p> <p>38. SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM: update - nil</p> <p>39. Submissions closing:</p>

		<p>a) VIC - Nillumbik Shire Council - Domestic Animal Management Plan - deadline 11th July 2024</p> <p>b) ACT - Poultry (non-commercial) COP - deadline 13th July 2024</p> <p>c) NSW - Kiama Council Dog Friendly Spaces Review - deadline 18th July 2024</p> <p>d) NT - Animal Welfare Act & Regulations Review - deadline 16th September 2024</p> <p>40. Approval to create E -flyers of responsible pet ownership, pets and fireworks, Pets in natural emergencies and Pets in heat waves for a Bunnings Stores for Paws event on 1st August.</p> <p>41. Discuss supporting the recommendations from the Vet Workforce Shortage Inquiry. Govt report due by Sept 30th.</p> <p>42. Pets in Parks – discuss whether we'd support that. (National Parks). Outcome: Seek more information.</p> <p>43. Discussion surrounding remaining aspects of the omnibus legislation in NSW.</p> <p>44. Other business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACA has joined the mailing list for the International Pet Advisory Council. - Sam suggested we investigate transferring \$5000 into a term deposit account
10	Motions	<p>Motion 1: Moved by Sam that ACA investigates a Term Deposit account. Seconded by Tracey. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion 2: Moved by Sam that ACA increases Michael honorarium payment to \$1500 every 6 months. Seconded by Tracey. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion 3: Moved by Sam that Committee authorises Michael honorarium payment of \$1500 for the period Jan 24 to Jun 24. Seconded by Tracey. Motion carried.</p>
11	Actions	<p>Sam to investigate the Term Deposit account & advise</p> <p>Michael to create E -flyers of responsible pet ownership, pets and fireworks, Pets in natural emergencies and Pets in heat waves for a Bunnings Stores for Paws event on 1st August.</p>

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

Committee Meeting 12th August 2024

		Animal Care Australia Inc Committee Meeting Monday 12 th August 2024 – via Facebook & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Joanne Payne, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Michaela Storen, Tracey Dierikx and Rachel Sydenham
Apologies		Received apologies: Michelle Grayson, Diana Samson (SMT). Non-received apologies: Anese Burns (SMT). Ayushi Verma (STAT), Yingting Zou (STAT) Leichelle McMahon (STAT)
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Membership	Members: Canberra Finch Club Supporters: Tony Parfitt Gary Cotchin
4	Treasurer	Current Balance: \$3,715.29 – following the transfer of \$5000 to the Fixed Term Account
3	Incoming Corro	July: 9th: Annabel Vogel, Executive Officer, Office of the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC request to meet Policy Advisors to discuss new Puppy Farm legislation. NB: Michael & Kylie to attend. 10 th : Dogs Victoria – request to change contact person and email address 11 th : Tamy Kassab seeking financial support for her miniature dog. 11 th : Office of the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC – acknowledging ACA follow-up to the Draft Code of Practice for Trading of Native Birds. 11 th : Dan Anderson Secretariat – Boards and Committees, ACT Govt- acknowledging ACA submission to Stakeholder Engagement - Poultry Code (Non-commercial) 12 th : Cathy Brown - Office of the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC – seeking a time to chat bhy phone about our communication to the Minister re: Draft Code of Practice for Trading of Native Birds. 12 th : Nillumbik Shire Council, Victoria acknowledging receipt of submission to Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

		<p>17th: Gary Fitt – National Finch & Softbill Association – thanking Michael for attending meeting to outline ACA’s commitment to protecting bird keeping in Australia and to request an update to their contact details.</p> <p>18th: Dave Gardiner - "Pets in Parks - proposal for an online resource" – thanking for our feedback and advising the resource would not be moving forward.</p> <p>19th: NSW Government response to the reviews of the BC Act</p> <p>19th: Petcover + ACA - 12 month catch up request,</p> <p>22nd: Confirmation Payment has been made by Victorian Canine Association (Dogs VIC)</p> <p>24th: Nicola Centofanti - Office of the Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC, Shadow Minister for Primary Industries - Re: Dog and Cat Management (Breeder Reforms) Amendment – schedule meeting.</p> <p>25th: Devonport Activities Organiser , Bunnings Hardware – acknowledging receipt of Pets Information sheets for Bunnings Pet Day.</p> <p>26th: Department of Energy, Environment & Climate action Victoria – acknowledging correspondence regarding Central Highlands State Forest Review.</p> <p>August:</p> <p>1st: Request for feedback on the Draft Community Land Management Amendment - Strata Review NSW</p> <p>4th: Confirmation FOI received ACT Govt.</p> <p>4th: Acknowledgement of Request for meeting re: animal welfare concerns relating to ACT AWAC – Minister City services ACT.</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>July:</p> <p>9th: Re: Meeting with Minister Moriarty Office – confirming availability to discuss Puppy Farm reforms</p> <p>10th: Confirming Re: Dogs Victoria - change of contact details with Janet Davidson</p> <p>11th: TCCS_GMS Boards & Committees – ACT - Re: Stakeholder Engagement - Poultry Code (Non-commercial) sent submission</p> <p>12th: Tara Moriarty Office (NSW) – sent ACA proposal for an Animal Welfare Commission</p> <p>17th: Jessica Malnersic, Policy advisor, Tara Moriarty Office - Fit & Proper Persons Bill request for amendments.</p> <p>18th: Request to Dugald Saunders – Shadow Minister, Agriculture NSW to confirm National and Opposition will not be supporting AJP Puppy Farm Bill</p> <p>19th: Confirming Petcover + ACA - 12 month catch up</p>

		<p>23rd: Confirming meeting with Nicola Centofanti Office Re: Dog and Cat Management (Breeder Reforms) Amendment</p> <p>23rd Documentation sent to Rebekah Pentland – Jacquie Lambie Network TAS - Issue relating to Animal Welfare Act amendments</p> <p>23rd: Request for a meeting with QLD Shadow Minister for Agriculture to discuss post-Election</p> <p>25th: Re: Petcover _ ACA report for May, June, July Insights and statistics</p> <p>August:</p> <p>4th: NSW Strata Review: Re: Feedback on the Draft Community Land Management Am</p> <p>4th: Request for meeting re: animal welfare concerns – ACT Minister for City Services</p> <p>9th: Jessica Malnersic – Policy Advisor to Tara Moriarty - NSW Agriculture Minister copy of ACA's response to Greens Proposed Independent Office of Animal Welfare</p> <p>9th: Matthew Crane re: Reptile Enclosure sizes in NSW</p>
9	General Business	<p>Submissions closing:</p> <p>a) SA - Cat Management Strategy - deadline 1st September 2024</p> <p>b) NT - Animal Welfare Act & Regulations Review - deadline 16th September 2024</p> <p>Pets in the Park discussion continued</p> <p>Petcover Sponsorship to continue. Discuss new ideas and how we can get more onto the other social media platforms. Petcover will provide breeders cover as part of the new deal (dogs, cats & exotics)</p> <p>General government business update</p> <p>Other business: confirming the \$5000 is in a Term Deposit @ 4.55% until July 2025</p>
10	Motions	
11	Actions	Michael to draft a response to the Pets in the Parks and to commence process of amending ACA Constitution to correct error in Office-bearers section.

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

General & Committee Meeting 9th September 2024

		Animal Care Australia Inc General and Committee Meeting Monday 9 th September 2024 – via Facebook & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne, Kylie Gilbert, Tracey Dierikx and Rachel Sydenham
Apologies		Apologies: Karri Nadazdy, Michaela Storen, Chelsea Ko
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Membership	Members: Australian Herpetological Society
4	Treasurer	Current Balance: \$3,664.68
3	Incoming Corro	<p>August:</p> <p>12th: Inquiry into the impact of the phase-out of Australian live sheep exports by sea on New South Wales - Invitation to make a submission</p> <p>12th: Response from Kim Kilmer – Chief Animal Welfare Officer – seeking clarification about rumour the NSW Reptile Code of Practice would be moved into POCTAA.</p> <p>13th: Resignation as Public Officer - Sue Kowalczyk</p> <p>13th: Acknowledgement of Access Application into ACT Animal Welfare Advisory Group</p> <p>23rd: Ms Tara Cheyne MLA – Aust Capital Territory – responding to request for information relating to ACA being registered in the ACT as a Core Stakeholder.</p> <p>26th: Adoption of the Blue Mountains National Park and Kanangra-Boyd National Park Plan of Management</p> <p>27th: Consultation findings on the Draft Cat Management Strategy - Animal Welfare Victoria</p> <p>28th: Feedback from the first round of consultation on the renewal of the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy</p> <p>September:</p> <p>5th: Re: New ebook: answers to yesterday's questions from Andrea Kubin NPWS</p>

		<p>8th: Consultation Draft Strata Schemes Legislation – NSW</p> <p>9th: Invitation to comment on Residential Tenancies Bill – NSW</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>August:</p> <p>12th: Kim Filmer – Chief Animal Welfare Officer NSW - Looking for the right contact to discuss rumour about reptile keeping Codes of Practice.</p> <p>18th: Dugald Saunders – NSW Nationals and Shadow Agriculture Minister - Request to discuss ACA proposed Animal Welfare Commissioner</p> <p>September:</p> <p>2nd: Accepted:invitation for Discussion of issues around ebook changes. ACA President <president@animalcareaustralia.org.a Janelle Brooks <Janelle.Brooks@environment.nsw.gov 9/02/2024</p> <p>3rd Mark Banasiak – SFFP - Re: NPWS – eBook issues</p> <p>3rd: ACA message re: NPWS Licensing sent to Presidents of bird and reptile members associations</p> <p>3rd: Re: Request to discuss ACA proposed Animal Welfare Commissioner response from Rory Cunningham Chief of staff to Dugald Saunders confirming availability to attend meeting.</p> <p>5th: Re: New ebook: answers to yesterday's questions from Andrea Kubin NPWS</p> <p>5th: UPDATED information re: NPWS Licensing sent to Presidents of bird and reptile members associations</p>
9	General Business	<p>Welcomed Amanda Webb as ACA Media & Sponsorship Coordinator.</p> <p>Submissions closing:</p> <p>a) NT - Animal Welfare Act & Regulations Review - deadline 16th September 2024</p> <p>General government business update: AAWS workshop; Animal Welfare Commission; NSW NPWS;</p> <p>Discussion confirming who will re-stand at the upcoming AGM.:</p> <p>COMMITTEE ONLY BUSINESS:</p> <p>Discuss current probationary periods of the Teams. – Agreed to terminate all current probation periods and volunteers with exception of Chelsea Ko (STAT Team) and Amanda Webb (Media)</p> <p>Discuss draft text for Special Resolution 1 to be proposed at the upcoming AGM. Text requires approval in order to be distributed with sufficient notice. Draft text is below.</p> <p>Special Resolution 1</p> <p>Michael Donnelly (President) moves by Special Resolution that regarding the Constitution Part 3 The Committee; Section 14 Composition and Membership of Committee:</p> <p>4 (e) which currently reads;</p> <p>(e) the Public Officer (where this person does not hold one of the above mentioned positions be amended to read;</p>

		(e) the Public Officer Rationale: "With the limit of available persons who nominate to stand for office-bearers positions, the inability of standing office-bearers to hold multiple positions is too limiting."
10	Actions	Michael to send termination of volunteer to all volunteers

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

Committee Meeting 14th October 2024

		Animal Care Australia Inc Committee Meeting Monday 14 th October 2024 – via Facebook & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Kylie Gilbert, Tracey Dierikx, Rachel Sydenham, Karri Nadazdy, Michaela Storen and Chelsea Ko
Apologies		Apologies: Joanne Payne
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Membership	Supporters: Raptor Reptiles
4	Treasurer	Current Balance: \$3,946.85
3	Incoming Corro	<p>September:</p> <p>11th: An update on the South Australia Animal Welfare Act review.</p> <p>18th: Request for a meeting with Shadow Minister for DAF QLD to discuss upcoming election</p> <p>20th: Confirmation of submission to Northern Territory Animal Welfare Act review</p> <p>23rd: National Statement on Animal Welfare Strategy – request for feedback</p> <p>24th E-book follow-up Andrea Kubin NPWS</p> <p>29th: Email asking whether Animal Care Australia has been responding to South Australian issues</p> <p>30th: Release of the National Biosecurity Strategy Action Plan.</p> <p>October:</p> <p>1st: Notice of Decision - Your FOI Access Application, reference 24-114 into Minutes of the ACT Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.- decision to provide the Information requested</p> <p>1st: Release of Veterinary workforce shortage in New South Wales – Government response received</p> <p>2nd: Receipt of request for more information about establishing a Universal Equine Registry</p>

		<p>2nd: Acknowledgement of receipt of submission for Consultation Draft Strata Schemes Legislation Amendment Bill 2024</p> <p>8th: Publication of Consultation Report following Exhibition of Draft Dealing in Protected Birds Code of Practice</p> <p>8th: New Australian occupation classification – announcement from ABS and StatsNZ</p> <p>8th: Confidential draft of Bill for Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024</p> <p>9th: Private email requesting whether ACA has a Cat rehoming checklist</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>September:</p> <p>12th: Accepted: National Statement on Animal Welfare – workshop</p> <p>13th: Confirming REQUEST FOR EXTENSION on FOI request in ACT.</p> <p>18th: Providing screenshots of E-book errors in order for Andrea Kubin & NPWS to understand the issues.</p> <p>20th: Response to questions asked during the Consultation on Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024 with the Rental Commissioner.</p> <p>20th: to all Member Reptile & Bird Association Presidents with Update from Animal Care Australia for NSW Native Wildlife License holders</p> <p>October:</p> <p>1st: Response to Consultation Draft Strata Schemes Legislation Amendment Bill 2024</p> <p>4th: Termination of volunteer roles sent to all STAT, Social Media & Fundraising volunteers</p>
9	General Business	<p>Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill timeline and provide feedback: Sam</p> <p>Discussion re: ACT Animal Welfare Advisory Council and moving forward.</p> <p>Michael outlined what his role and time commitment post AGM would look like in order to allow Committee time to consider his intention to re-stand for the President position.</p>
10	Actions	

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

Annual General Meeting 11th November 2024

		<h2>Animal Care Australia Inc Annual General Meeting</h2> <p>Date: 11th November 2024 Time: 7.30pm</p>
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne, Kylie Gilbert ,Karri Nadazdy, Michaela Storen, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx and Amanda Webb.
Guests		Julian R Schüller, Secretary – The Cat Association of the Northern Territory Incorporated.
Apologies		Chelsea Ko (STAT), Sue Kowalczyk
Agenda topics		
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Appointment of Chairperson	Appointed Michael Donnelly as Chairperson
2	Endorsement of Previous Minutes	Previous AGM Minutes endorsed unanimously
3	Treasurer	Financial Statements to be lodged and approved with the Annual Report.
4	Species Updates	Provided verbally – recap to be included in Annual Report..
5	Committee Standing down	<p>The following positions ended their Term of Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horses, Insects, and Native Mammals • President & Treasurer <p>The Public Officer position was also vacated following the resignation received in October 2024.</p>
6	Election of Committee	<p>The following positions and persons were elected uncontested for a 3 year term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horses: Karri Nadazdy • Insects: Michaela storen • Native Mammals: Michael Donnelly <p>Office Bearers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Michael Donnelly • Treasurer: Sue Kowalczyk • Public Officer: Michelle Grayson
7	General Business	Motion of Special Resolution (as attached) was moved by Michael Donnelly. Seconded by Sam Davis and passed unanimously.
8	AGM Closed	8.07pm

Special Resolution

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