Minutes Register 2026

Animal Care Australia Inc.

Period: 1st November 2025 – 31st October 2026

Animal Care Australia

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Animal Care Australia (ACA) is a national incorporated association and registered charity representing the interests of animal keepers, carers, and breeders across a broad range of species.

Animal Care Australia 's purpose is to prevent and relieve animal suffering through education and advocacy, promoting responsible animal care and improved welfare outcomes. Established by experienced animal advocates, Animal Care Australia provides a trusted, evidence-based voice to government and the community.

Animal Care Australia brings together practical experience, species-specific knowledge and contemporary animal welfare principles. We advocate for evidence-based proportionate policies that focus on achieving genuine welfare outcomes for animals. We seek to ensure that the voices and experiences of responsible animal carers are considered in the development of effective animal welfare policy.

Animal Care Australia unites hobbyists, pet owners, and major animal groups to promote high standards of husbandry and safeguard the human-animal bond.

True animal welfare is best driven by education and practical expertise rather than restrictive regulation.

Our guiding principle is simple: ***animal welfare is animal care***

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Declaration:
I declare the attached copies of the Minutes from Animal Care Australia's General Meetings and Committee Meetings are a true and accurate record. Minutes have been Accepted and approved:

Michael Donnelly – Chair

Executive/Office-bearers:

Michael Donnelly:	**President** **Treasurer**
Sam Davis:	**Vice President**
Michelle Grayson:	**Secretary** **Public Officer**

Annual General Meeting – 10th November 2025

Animal Care Australia		**Animal Care Australia Inc** **Annual General Meeting** Monday 10th November 2025 – via Facebook & Zoom .
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx, Amanda Webb. Tanya Phillips, Emily Kempe and Samantha Rosella
Guests:		Nil
Apologies		**Apologies:** Michaela Storen, Farynaz Basiri and Maya David
ITEM NO.	**Agenda Item**	**Agenda topics**
1	**Appointment of Chair**	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. Reptile Species Report attached. Generic recap within the Annual Report.
5	**Committee Standing down**	The following positions and persons were elected uncontested for a 3 year term: • Cat: Michelle Grayson • Dog: Kylie Gilbert • Reptiles & Amphibians: Joanne Payne Office Bearers: • Secretary: Michelle Grayson
6	**Election of Committee**	The following positions and persons were elected uncontested for a 3 year term: • Cat: Michelle Grayson • Dog: Kylie Gilbert • Reptiles & Amphibians: Joanne Payne Office Bearers: • Secretary: Michelle Grayson
7	**General Business**	Nil
8	**AGM Closed**	8.20pm

Committee Meeting – 10th November 2025

Animal Care Australia		**Animal Care Australia Inc** **Committee Meeting** Monday 10th November 2025 – via Facebook & Zoom .
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx, Amanda Webb. Tanya Phillips, Emily Kempe and Samantha Rosella
Guests:		Nil
Apologies		**Apologies:** Michaela Storen, Farynaz Basiri and Maya David
ITEM NO.	**Agenda Item**	**Agenda topics**
1	**Meeting Chair**	Michael Donnelly
2	**Prev Minutes/Action**	Nil
3	**Membership**	**Members:** Nil **Supporters:** • Adam Gloury • Tanya Phillips
4	**Treasurer**	Current Balance: $3,147.50
5	**Submissions & Important Correspondence:**	**16th October:** To: NSW Office of Local Government Re: Request for a review of Council powers in restricting keeping of pets **20th October:** To: Wyndham City Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan To: Swan Hill City Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan **24th October:** To: Moonee Valley City Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan To: Wangarratta City Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan **24th October:** To: The Hon. Steve Dimopoulos - Minister for Environment – Victoria Re: ACA request for meeting following Victorian Government response to the Wildlife Act Review **2nd November:** To: South Gippsland Shire Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan **9th November:** To: Melton City Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan To: Hume City Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan

		9th November: To: NDIS Evidence Advisory Committee – Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Re: NDIS Evidence Advisory Committee Consultation September 2025 for Assistance Animals
6	**General Business**	**Sponsorship:** Amanda highlighted the need for Committee to assist in providing details for potential sponsors. Amanda requested future meeting with Tanya and Michelle to discuss cat containment strategies and how that could include having promotion materials sponsored by cat product providers. **Current affairs or issues discussion:** a) Tasmania's Greyhound Racing Ban b) Flurry of recent dog attacks reported in the media c) Research project commenced **Submissions closing:** a) NSW: Central Coast Council - Keeping of Animals Policy - deadline 14th November 2025 b) VIC: Glenelg Shire Council - DAMP - deadline 15th November 2025 c) VIC: Hindmarsh Shire Council - DAMP - deadline 24th November 2025 d) NSW: Inquiry into Charitable Organisations - deadline 19th December 2025Other business: **Newsletter articles** – deadline 30th November 2025. Expand invitation to Member Associations to send articles for newsletter including any special events they may be holding. Aim: to expand the variety of content. **ACNC – discussion** – to get ACA listed as an approved charity with the ACNC
7	**Motions**	**Motion 1:** Sam Davis moved for a Special Resolution to be drafted to amend the Constitution in order to update the Objects and add the organisations charitable purpose. **Seconded by** Tracey Dierikx. **Third:** Karri Nadazdy **Carried:** unanimously following discussion. **Discussion**: centred around timing of when the Special Resolution wording could be finalised, sent to Members and Special General Meeting scheduled. Discussion resolved to try and have it all completed in December 2025 with any delays moving the SGM to early January 2026.
8	**Actions**	**Michael** to reach out to consultants to assist with ACNC application. **Michael** to organise a meeting for the cat containment discussion **Michael** to negotiate with Professional Dog Trainers Australia to meet and discuss strategies and tactics to respond to the recent dog attacks across Australia. **Michael** to circulate proposed text for the Special Resolution for Committee approval and then to announce a Special General Meeting to all members to vote on the Resolution.

Committee Meeting – 8th December 2025

Animal Care Australia		**Animal Care Australia Inc** **Committee Meeting** Monday 8th December 2025 – via Facebook & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michaela Storen, Tracey Dierikx, Tanya Phillips, and Emily Kempe.
Guests:		Nil
Apologies		**Apologies:** Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Amanda Webb, Farynaz Basiri, Maya David and Samantha Rosella.
ITEM NO.	**Agenda Item**	**Agenda topics**
1	**Meeting Chair**	Michael Donnelly
2	**Prev Minutes/Action**	**NOTE:** Having just reached a quorum the attending members determined to continue with the meeting and not postpone.
3	**Membership**	**Members:** Nil **Supporters:** Nil
4	**Treasurer**	Current Balance: $ 3308.88 with the $1500.00 to be paid for Honorarium as approved in Motion 2 below.
5	**Submissions & Important Correspondence:**	**Submitted:** **11th November:** To: Prohibited and Restricted matter list consultation – Biosecurity Queensland Department of Primary Industries Re: Biosecurity in Queensland: a review of the prohibited and restricted matter lists **25th November:** To: Mooney Valley City Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan To: Glenelg Shire Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan To: Central Coast City Council Re: response to Keeping of Animals Policy To: Hindmarsh Shire Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan **7th December:** To: Mildura City Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan **Received:** **2nd December 2025:** From: Hon. Jackie Jarvis MLC, Minister for Agriculture and Food, Western Australia Re: our correspondence to Animal Welfare Amendment (Chief Animal Protection Officer) Bill 2025
6	**General Business**	**Sponsorship:**

		Amanda provided an update : **Petcover:** current sponsorship agreement due to expire at end of this month. A new Marketing Manager has been appointed, Michael and Amanda due to meet with her after 17 December. Aim of meeting will be not just to renew the sponsorship, but aim for a larger amount of funding. Additional promotional initiatives could be offered to Petcover in return if necessary eg: ○ jointly branded community pet education flyers focusing on different exotic pets, as Petcover's exotic insurance differentiates them from other insurers. Could be shared in online forums for these species. ○ promoting Petcover's free pet insurance for breeders' litters to our Members and Supporters. https://www.petcovergroup.com/au/partners/breeders/ ○ joint responsible pet ownership online blogs on various topics, to help improve Petcover's SEO • **New sponsorship approaches** - revised sponsorship letter will be sent to companies late Jan/early Feb, once the Christmas and holiday period are over and small businesses are back at work. Need to emphasise how our promotional activities can support their Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) results. • **Cat specific sponsorship approaches** - need to determine a date for a meeting with Michelle and Michael (and Tanya?) either in December or January in order to discuss some flyers assisting cat owners who need to transition their cat to an indoor environment (either part-time or full-time) due to new cat containment laws. Companies to be approached include those manufacturing and selling cat enrichment products, as well as catios and outdoor cat runs. Opportunities for companies' logos on the flyers. We may be able to approach interested local councils with whom we have a good relationship on this as well (as it will help them support residents in their area adapt to the new regulations). Council logos could be placed together with a corporate logo and ACA logo on individual flyers. If the ACNC registered charity application gets approved, we can also look at ACA being included in a number of online non-profit grant directories and general charity directories, which will help us raise awareness of ACA among the community and potential funders. **Current affairs or issues discussion:** a) Flurry of recent dog attacks reported in the media – matter still ongoing awaiting meeting date with Professional Dog Trainers Australia. **Submissions closing:** a) NT: Keeping Crocodiles as pets - Guideline Review - deadline 9th December 2025. (Mainly Joanne Payne) b) VIC: Loddon Shire council - DAMP - deadline: 18th December 2025 c) NSW: Inquiry into Charitable Organisations - deadline 19th December 2025 d) VIC: Darebin Council - DAMP - deadline 20th December **Special resolution – discussion** – Sam and Amanda have provided minor changes to the wording. New wording to be shared with all of Committee to approve sending to Members.
7	**Motions**	**Motion 1:** Michael Donnelly moves that the Committee approves there be no Committee Meeting held in January 2026. The exception being in the event the RSPCA Inquiry is scheduled for a date prior to our February 2026 meeting.. **Seconded by** Tracey Dierikx. **Third:** Tanya Philips **Carried:** unanimously. **Motion 2:** Michael Donnelly moves that the Committee approves the Honorarium payment of $1500 to be paid covering the period 1st July 2025 to 31st December 2025. **Seconded by** Tracey Dierikx. **Third:** Sam Davis **Carried:** unanimously.

8	**Actions**	**Michael** to send edited/updated Special Resolution to Committee for final approval and notification to be sent to Members. **Michael** to organise a meeting for the cat containment discussion **Michael** to negotiate with Professional Dog Trainers Australia to meet and discuss strategies and tactics to respond to the recent dog attacks across Australia. **Michael** to circulate proposed text for the Special Resolution for Committee approval and then to announce a Special General Meeting to all members to vote on the Resolution.

Special General Meeting – 7th January 2026

Animal Care Australia		**Animal Care Australia Inc** **Special General Meeting** **7.30pm** Wednesday 7th January 2026 – via Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx, Amanda Webb. Michaela Storen.
Guests:		Julian R Schüller - Chair – Aust Cat Federation (Inc.) Legislation Watchdog Committee
Apologies		**Apologies:** , Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham. Tanya Phillips
ITEM NO.	**Agenda Item**	**Agenda topics**
1	**Meeting Chair**	Michael Donnelly
2	**Business**	1. Take note of attendees for the Minutes. 2. Acknowledge of the voting process 3. Read through of Special Resolution (*if the members require it) 4. Vote on Proposed Clauses 5. Vote on Amendment 2 6. Vote on Amendment 3 7. Vote on Amendment 4 8. Summation of passed/failed amendments ACNC – discussion – to get ACA listed as an approved charity with the ACNC
3	**Motions**	**Motion 1: Vote on Amendment 1 - Proposed Clauses.** **Moved by:** Michael Donnelly **Seconded:** Sam Davis. **Third:** Kylie Gilbert **Carried:** unanimously. **Discussion**: No discussion requested. **Motion 2: Vote on Amendment 2.** **Moved by:** Michael Donnelly **Seconded:** Sam Davis. **Third:** Tracey Dierikx **Carried:** unanimously. **Discussion**: No discussion requested. **Motion 3: Vote on Amendment 3.** **Moved by:** Michael Donnelly **Seconded:** Kylie Gilbert **Third:** Michaela Storen **Carried:** unanimously. **Discussion**: No discussion requested.

		Motion 4: Vote on Amendment 4. **Moved by:** Michael Donnelly **Seconded:** Tracey Dierikx **Third:** Kylie Gilbert **Carried:** unanimously. **Discussion**: No discussion requested.
4	**Actions**	Full Special Resolution (as below) passed unanimously with no proposed changes.

Special Resolution:

Motion 1: To adopt the proposed draft Constitution v5 – 2025.

The draft is to incorporate new Clauses that update the Purpose, Objects and Mission of the organisation in addition to other required amendments as outlined below:

Proposed Clauses:

Part 2 Purpose, Objects and Mission

1. Purpose

Animal Care Australia's primary purpose is preventing and relieving the suffering of animals through education and advocacy, for the public benefit.

2. Objects:

1) The Association is established to be a charity with the purpose of preventing the suffering of animals by:
   a. educating pet owners and society about the importance of treating animals with kindness and respect for their needs, and
   b. supporting and representing the interests of animals in rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming situations by advocating for welfare-improving policies and practices affecting animals whose owners are unable to care for them.
2) The Association will promote public awareness and informed debate regarding animal welfare legislation and policy at all levels of government to maximise positive welfare outcomes for all pets. This is achieved by:
   a. undertaking and researching the most effective models for improvements to animal welfare outcomes and their delivery;
   b. promoting public discussion on proposed or existing legislative or policy changes affecting animal welfare; and
   c. developing and recommending improved approaches that enhance the welfare of pets and companion animals.
3) The Association will advocate for change in how Australia's national animal welfare laws are structured and delivered by:
   a. undertaking wide consultation on the most effective models of animal welfare legislative and policy regimes; and
   b. promoting responsible pet ownership as a foundation for improved animal welfare; and
   c. advocating for government funding to be directed towards programs that prevent or relieve the suffering of animals, including through education on responsible pet ownership.
4) Sub-purposes:

The Association is established to be a charity with a sub-purpose of enhancing the natural environment by promoting through education and advocacy the conservation benefits of maintaining sustainable, genetically diverse populations of endangered and vulnerable species in captivity, whether to support potential future recovery in the wild or to prevent the complete extinction of species whose natural habitats are no longer viable.

5) and any such other activities, as from time to time, may be agreed upon by the Association and which are in keeping with the primary charitable purpose of these objects.

3. Mission

As a national animal welfare body for pet and companion animals, Animal Care Australia unites and represents the Australian pet and companion animal keeping community to prevent and relieve the suffering of animals with the vision of securing and maintaining society's need for a human-animal bond.

To achieve our mission Animal Care Australia strives to:

a. Engage with and advise government and legislators on animal welfare issues relating to pets and companion animals

b. Promote welfare education over regulation

c. Educate to create, uphold and encourage the highest standards of care, health and welfare for pets in our community

d. Promote and encourage responsible pet ownership through national campaigns, partnerships and initiatives

e. Support member organisations to promote and operate at high welfare standards to ensure that ethical animal keeping and breeding practices contribute positively to animal welfare outcomes.

f. Collaborate with our members and other stakeholders to identify and communicate best welfare practice

g. Distinguish evidence-based animal welfare from ideological positions, ensuring that policies and practices supported by the Association lead to genuine improvements in animal welfare

Amendment 2: The Constitution includes an additional Sub-clause within Part 5: Membership Generally:

4. Membership has TWO main purposes:

(a) To provide advice to the committee member representing the Animal Species Group.

(b) To provide a regular stream of funding to enable the ongoing operation of the Association.

Amendment 3: The Constitution includes an additional (new) **Clause 22: Conflict of interest for** committee member.
A committee member who has a material personal interest in any matter being considered at a committee meeting must not be present while the matter is being considered and must not vote on the matter.

(1) Exception to Rule

Regardless of clause 19 (1) if:

(a) the member has disclosed the interest and the other members not having a material personal interest in the matter pass a resolution that:

(i) identifies the member, the nature and extent of the member's interest in the matter and its relation to the affairs of the Association; and

(ii) states that those members are satisfied that the interest should not disqualify the member from voting on the matter or being present;

then the committee member may be present at the meeting considering the matter and may vote in relation to it

Rationale:

This Clause is in order to meet the requirements set out by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission ensuring the organisation and Committee (Board) have the ability to ensure all responsible persons on the Committee are able to meet their responsibilities fairly and without conflict of interest and where a conflict may occur the Committee has the appropriate mechanisms to neutralise that conflict.

Amendment 4: Following the approval of any and/or all of the above Amendments the remainder of the Constitution is updated and edited to ensure the definitions and Clause numbers accurately reflect any approved amendments.

Committee Meeting – 9th February 2026

Animal Care Australia		**Animal Care Australia Inc** **Committee Meeting** Monday 9th February 2026 – via Facebook & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx, Amanda Webb. Tanya Phillips,Maya David, Emily Kempe and Samantha Rosella
Guests:		Nil
Apologies		**Apologies:** Michaela Storen, Farynaz Basiri and Joanne Payne.
ITEM NO.	**Agenda Item**	**Agenda topics**
1	**Meeting Chair**	Michael Donnelly
2	**Prev Minutes/Action**	Nil
3	**Membership**	**Members:** Nil **Supporters:** • Mitchell Fielding
4	**Treasurer**	Current Balance: $2069.32
5	**Submissions & Important Correspondence:**	**2025:** **9th December:** To: The Hon. Steve Dimopoulos, Minister for Environment Re: Victorian Government response to the Wildlife Act Review – Second request for a meeting To: Conservation Regulator, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action Re: Victorian Government response to the Wildlife Act Review – Second request for a meeting From: DPIRD – NSW Re: Invitation to Breeding Code Update Information Session **12th December:** To: Department of Tourism and Hospitality Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory - Wildlife Operations Unit Re: Draft Dangerous Animal Guideline – Crocodiles as Pets **15th December:** From: DPIRD – NSW Re: Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulation 2025 (the regulation) has been amended to legalise virtual fencing for cattle in NSW. **16th December:** From: The Office of the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government NSW. Re: Addressing request for changes to Local Government Act that would address the powers of local councils in restricting animal numbers. Effectively dismissing our request.

		18th December: To: Loddon Shire Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan **19th December:** To: Portfolio Committee 4 Re: Submission to NSW Inquiry into Charitable Organisations **20th December:** To: Darebin City Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan **9th November:** To: Melton City Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan To: Hume City Council Re: response to Domestic Animal Management Plan **2026:** **19th January:** To: Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Re: Application to become a Registered Charity **20th January:** To: Brendan Moylan MP – NSW Shadow Minister for Agriculture Re: Introduction and request to meet To: Jacqui Munro MP – NSW Shadow Minister for Environment Re: Introduction and request to meet **21st January:** From: The Office of the Minister for Environment, Victoria Re: Acknowledging receipt of previous correspondence(s) and advising requested meeting is being considered. To: Brad Fitzmaurice, Chief of Staff to NSW Minister for Agriculture Re: Request to meet Minister Moriarty in relation to media announcement of more POCTAA amendments. From: Brad Fitzmaurice Re: Acknowledgement and note request forwarded to Minister. **30th January:** To: The Hon. David Crisafulli MP, Premier of Queensland and To: Hon Andrew Powell MP, Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation Re: Opposition to the Euthanising of Dingoes on K'gari
6	**General Business**	**Current affairs or issues discussion:** a) Hawkesbury Herp Society Expo – 22nd March 2026. Invitation received to register. Discussion to determine attendance?

		b) Illawarra Reptile Society Expo – 3rd May 2026. Discuss attendance and relevant 'giveaways' for attracting attention. Discussion arrived at Animal Care Australia to attend the IRS Expo in May and to skip the HHS Expo in March. **9. Submissions closing:** a) SA: Breeder Reforms: Standards and Guidelines, Limits and Regulations for dog and cat breeders - deadline: 10th February 2026 b) VIC: Yarra City Council - Local Law update - REDUCING the number of certain pets AND removing the land size variations. Now all land has same maximums without permit. Deadline 27th February 2026.
7	**Motions**	**Nil**
8	**Actions**	**Nil.**

General & Committee Meeting – 9th March 2026

Animal Care Australia		**Animal Care Australia Inc** **General & Committee Meeting** Monday 9th March 2026 – via Facebook & Zoom.
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Michaela Storen, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx, Amanda Webb. Tanya Phillips, and Maya David.
Guests:		Nil
Apologies		**Apologies:** Kylie Gilbert, Joanne Payne, and Farynaz Basiri.
ITEM NO.	**Agenda Item**	**Agenda topics**
1	**Meeting Chair**	Michael Donnelly
2	**Prev Minutes/Action**	Nil
3	**Membership**	**Members:** Nil **Supporters:** • Pawsible Solutions Pet Services • David Fowler
4	**Treasurer**	Current Balance: $2138.78
5	**Submissions & Important Correspondence:**	**13th February:** To: Dog and Cat Management, Department for Environment and Water South Australia Re: Breeder Reforms: Standards and Guidelines, Limits and Regulations for dog and cat breeders **26th February:** To: Portfolio Committee 8 (NSW) Re: Inquiry into the Residential Tenancies Amendment (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2025 (NSW) **23rd February:** From: DPIRD – NSW Re: Update on the review of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 - briefing invitation - Animal Care Australia. **4h March:** To The Office of the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government NSW. Re: Issue relating to Pet Registry and rescue dog registrations **8th March:** To: Knox City Council Re: Local Law Review **9th March:** To: Yarra City Council Re: Local Law Review NB: Both ACA and Bird Representative responded – separating species response. From: Mayor Stephen Jolly, Yarra City Council

		Re: Acknowledging receipt of both correspondences and confirming request to meet. Michael to attend when scheduled.
6	**General Business**	**Team changes**: Samantha Rosella resigned from the Social Media Team, citing family reasons. Emily Kempe is moving back to Canada. Emily will remain on the Social Media Team but due to the time difference will no longer attend the Committee or Social Media Team meetings. Communications with the SMT will occur via email and Messenger Chat. **Sponsorship:** Petcover Insurance is moving forward. Agreement to be signed in the near future. Discussion around accepting offer from CoverMyPet Insurance – associated with Petcover to also sponsor Animal Care Australia with the same arrangements. Both agreements would also require 6 pet care articles each over their respective annual agreement periods. Articles to be written by the Species Representatives, at request of Petcover and CoverMyPet. Tanya raised concern as to whether CMP aligned with ACA's values. **Other business:** a) Membership Fees discussion. Reviewing our current set-up we can: i) Offer a discounted price for a set period ie if you join in the first 30 days or ii) Offer a new 'membership' category for our loyal members. Discussion agreed to raise the Membership fees as below: • **Members Small Association: $30** • **Members Large Association: $120** • **Supporters (individual) $15** • **Supporters (Small Business): $30** • **Supporters (large Business): $120** Discussion agreed a loyalty category could be worked on – but in the future. **Submissions closing:** Nil
7	**Motions**	**Motion 1:** Michael Donnelly moves that new membership received on after 1st April 2026 is granted full membership through to 30th June 2027. **Seconded**: Tracey. **Third:** Michelle. Carried unanimously.
8	**Actions**	**Tanya** to provide further feedback on CoverMyPet. **Committee** to provide ideas or feedback for ACO Inquiry - including from Tracey who highlighted she has a number of points to be considered. An email chain is to be used for further chat on this matter

General & Committee Meeting – 11th May 2026

Animal Care Australia		**Animal Care Australia Inc** **General & Committee Meeting** Monday 11th May 2026 – via Facebook & Zoom.
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Rachel Sydenham, and Tracey Dierikx
Guests:		Nil
Apologies		**Apologies:** Sam Davis, Joanne Payne,Michaela Storen, Amanda Webb. Tanya Phillips, and Maya David.
ITEM NO.	**Agenda Item**	**Agenda topics**
1	**Meeting Chair**	Michael Donnelly – declared a chorum just reached. Decided to still hold the meeting.
2	**Prev Minutes/Action**	Note: There was no April Meeting held.
3	**Membership**	**Members:** Nil **Supporters:** • Janarlee Lodge • Gum Leaf Grove Farm Sanctuary Inc • Lindsay Nutley • Paul Henry • Paws and Claws Academy • Turtles R Us
4	**Treasurer**	Current Balance: $ 4,406.68
5	**Submissions & Important Correspondence:**	**10th March:** To: Hon Tara Moriarity MLC – NSW Minister for Agriculture Re: 2026 Proposed amendments to the NSW Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act **16th March:** From: NSW Portfolio Committee 4 Re: Re: 2025 inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 - Witness Invitation **18th March:** From: Tess Vickery – NSW Animal Justice Party Re: Response to ACA Vice President's email - Why did the Premier not agree to a presumption pets can be kept **23rd March:** From: ACNC Re: Acknowledgement of your application for charity registration CRM:001260954062 now being assessed by Angus Stirling, APS Law Interpretation Analyst **25th March:** To: Jo Green, Program Officer, Education and Engagement, Biodiversity and Heritage Regulator – NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Re: Request to Share Survey for NSW Bird Keeper Licence Holders

		30h March: To: NSW-based bird associations Re: Request to Share Survey for NSW Bird Keeper Licence Holders **3rd April:** To: VIC-based bird associations Re: Invitation to attend ACA update on Native Licencing. NB: Victorian Herpetological Society President, Adam Sapiano was updated by telephone. **8th April:** To: Yarra City Council - Mayor, Cr Stephen Jolly Re: Re: Follow-up to Teams meeting re: pet restrictions in Local Laws. **10th April:** From: Mark Cameron – Mornington Peninsula Avicultural Society Re: E: Online - Petition: Protect Bird Keeping in Victoria – Stop New Wildlife Act Restrictions – request for ACA to share. **13th April:** From: Biosecurity Queensland, Department of Primary Industries Re: Biosecurity in Queensland: A review of the prohibited and restricted matter lists consultation report – released. **15th April:** From: NSW Portfolio Committee 4 Re: The 2025 Inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 – Post-hearing responses – Questions On Notice and Supplementary Questions **17th April:** To: Andrea Kubin, Director, NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Re: Request to be updated following the introduction of new Biodiversity and Heritage Regulator **22nd April:** From: Farynaz Basiri Re: Resignation from Research Assistant position. **30th April:** To: Mr Angus Stirling – ACNC Re: Response to - Further information required: ACNC charity registration application for Animal Care Australia Incorporated (ABN 36 438 686 995) **1st May:** From: NSW DPIRD Re: NSW Government's intended changes to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (POCTAA) is ready to be presented to Parliament. NB: No copy of final Bill provided. **1st May:** From: The Office of the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, NSW Minister for Local Government Re: Response to ACA correspondence relating to registration fees and exemptions for dogs adopted from rescue organisations **5th May:** To: NSW Portfolio Committee 4 Re: Re: The 2025 Inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 – Post-hearing responses – 2 April 2026

		6th May: To: NSW DPIRD Animal Welfare Consultation Team Re: Re: feedback on first stage of amendments to the Breeding Code of Practice for Dogs and Cats in NSW
6	**General Business**	**Sponsorship:** **Petcover** 1st 50% instalment received ($1,000), this will be followed by a further $1,000 instalment in September 2026. First ACA educational article on the topic of winter dog health was provided to Petcover in April. Input from Petcover required to determine the topic of the 2nd educational article, which is scheduled to be complete by 30 June. Production of co-branded ACA and PC pull-up banner is scheduled for May, to be used by ACA at events, shows and festivals. **CoverMy Pet** Sponsorship agreement has been forwarded to our contacts at Petcover for signing and we are awaiting their response. **NSW Independent Trial Exams Pty Ltd** $1,000 sponsorship arranged through Sam Davis **Cat containment campaign sponsorship** Once the ACA cat ownership policy and position paper is finalised, approaches will be made to prospective cat containment and general cat product and services companies for sponsorship. **VentraIP -** Negotiations are commencing with our Axigen email provider, VentraIP to continue the current sponsorship with ACA (VIP currently provide 50% discount on ACA's 17 email inboxes in return for promotional opportunities. We will also provide an option for increased sponsorship benefits in return for 100% discount (no cost) for our email inboxes. **Social Media Update:** See attached notes from SMT emails. **Current affairs and issues discussion:** a) NSW Dog Breeding Code update. b) Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Enforcement and Operational Powers) Bill 2026 **Submissions closing** Bass Coast Shire Council – Dogs in public spaces – due 11th May. **Other business:** a) Newsletter Articles Deadline: 31st May 2026. Start your articles now and beat the deadline. b) Payment for website hosting and maintenance: $145 – approved.
7	**Motions**	Nil
8	**Actions**	**Committee** to provide video clips of animals & pets. **Karri & Tracey** to interview attendees at Riverwood Pet Fair. Basic (proposed) questions: • What pets do you have? • Why that pet? • What is a favourite moment you had with your pet? • Where did you get your pet? • Will you have more pets? (kind of a can you stop at one?) • Do you know there are laws protecting the welfare of your pet?

Social Media Team Update:

29th April 2026:

Following on from the recent chats on messenger - I thought I'd share with you some stats etc and also ideas to get your feedback.

- **Staggering the posts across the different platforms:**

Firstly **LinkedIn**. These posts do not appear to be getting any real interaction. I think its best to limit that to just organisation posts ie: posts about our policies, advertisements for vacant positions, posts outlining any business we are conducting (submissions, new volunteers, and alike). What are your thoughts on that?

Bluesky: We have only 10 followers - 2 regular responders. (Limited to 300 characters for any text) Blusky does not accept any links to Meta platforms - so News At Noon is not viable as its mostly links to Facebook posts.

X - had 12 followers. Nothing posted since March 2023.

TikTok: We have 38 followers - with viewership in high 100's per post - but real interactions limited to just a few. Requires a pic or vid - no plain text.

Instagram: We have 150 followers. Again, low real interactions to just a few regulars.

Threads: 19 followers - no interactions. (Limited to 500 characters)

Facebook Stories: zero interactions

Facebook: 3.3k followers. Viewership varies. Feel Good Friday has lowest viewership. Multislide/reel posts have been viewed far higher than others - but averaging around 500-600 views. Of course controversial posts rate really well. Interactions still remain very low with the same regulars liking and even less sharing.

I know both Tiktok and Insta are needing video rather than picture posts. Facebook of course will benefit from that too. Threads appears to be mostly posts with discussion and an accompanying clip or sometimes pic. My questions are:

1. Do we continue with Bluesky, Threads and FB Stories? Trialling Videos.

2. How should we stagger the posts? Do they simply rotate on different schedules, or do some platforms only get posts every second day?

- **Consistency issues:**

Here is where I am confused the most. The previous Social Media volunteers (prior to both of you joining us) told us that our posts all looked the same and needed to be varied and switched up. So, we started with set designs for the different posts. ie: Council Reviews had a design. The Feel Good Friday had a different design and so on, but each category maintained the same design. Clearly if we move to more vids then the only real design elements will be the inclusion of our logo somewhere.
The Council Review posts are what they are - there's not a lot of scope to switch them up as all the info is necessary. That said, I will give the design a face-lift.
So what else do we do here?

For consistency - the News At Noon will stay. The Fun Day Sunday comic will stay. Perhaps the Feel Good Friday posts as vids could be added here to make it all a fun/feel good day.

- **New themes for posts:**

I think we are going to be on the right track with the new themes of posts. That said, time will tell. The Myths vs Facts are looking good, but so far we have too few to gauge their popularity - I can see there are more scheduled for the next few weeks so lets keep those up.
The International '....' Day posts I believe need to move to vid posts for standard days or multi-slide where a decent amount of messaging is required. Less real text in the post - more info scattered through multi-slides. Thoughts?
As you have seen in the Social Media Approval group I have re-created the Policy posts to be more graphically appropriate and less stagnant template. I did those as I would not expect you to know our policies verbatim.
New themes: Survey posts - posted at the beginning of the week - one per week. (Possibly a summation post at the end of the week?); Weekly themed posts - ie one post per day but with ongoing theme for a week. NB: These would be posted at a different time to other posts. I'm still thinking we can work with two posts per day?

- **Posting Times and scheduling:**

So, according to AI: The best times to post on **Facebook** are Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 12 p.m. and 8 p.m.. Mid-week mornings (9 a.m. to 11 a.m.) are also highly effective, with Thursday at 9 a.m. often considered the highest-engagement, "golden" window. Weekdays are better than weekends, which generally have lower engagement. Best Days: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
Top Times: Early mornings (8 a.m. – 10 a.m.) and mid-day lunch breaks (12 p.m. – 1 p.m.) see high activity.

Instagram are generally midweek, specifically Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.. Overall, weekdays outperform weekends, with peak activity occurring during lunch breaks (11 a.m.–1 p.m.) and early evening (6 p.m.–9 p.m.). Best Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday consistently show the highest engagement. Best Times: Midday (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.) and early evening (6 p.m. – 9 p.m.) are generally the best, as they align with breaks and after-work hours.

Bluesky early weekdays, specifically Mondays through Wednesdays, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM and evenings from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, largely due to the platform's chronological-leaning feed. Peak engagement hours often occur at 8 a.m. for mornings and between 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM for high-engagement, conversational content. Best Days: Mon-Wed (highest activity) and early Friday mornings.
Peak Daily Times: 8:00 AM–10:00 AM (industry news) and 4:00 PM–9:00 PM (conversational/deep engagement).

LinkedIn: are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.. Mid-morning to early afternoon on weekdays ensures high engagement from professionals at their desks, with Tuesday and Wednesday consistently yielding the highest engagement. Avoid weekends and early Monday mornings for maximum reach. Best Days: Tuesday through Thursday are the top days. Best Times: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (local time) is the safest, most effective window.

Threads posts with Instagram and FB Stories posts with Facebook.

If we decide to stagger our posts over the different platforms then we will need to create a schedule for that so it is easy for each of us to follow now and into the future. I am open to all thoughts, ideas etc.

4th May 2026:

I agree. I also think setting posting times on each platform will give more consistency too. People will know when to look for our posts.

Regarding the fonts and colours - we did have the set colours to be used outlined in our Social Media Policy document (page 3). That said, it's fair to say we've moved away from strictly adhering to them. Using AI produced posts and realistic imagery etc makes it difficult to do so. I think the template you created for World ... Day posts still keeps the general 'gold' colour and works really well. It is simple. It has our logo. I think Maya's template for the Myth v Fact does the same so both of those should stay. Re: the Council/govt related consultation announcements will have the attached updated template used. All posts must include the logo, and policy, organisation and pet education posts are to also include the tagline: 'Animal welfare is animal care' and I place it right on the bottom. AI created posts must at least include the logo.

From Emily's reply and the popular posting days/times according to AI, I'm leaning towards the following:

Facebook: Keep News At Noon - running Mon-Sat. Keep Comics at midday on Sundays. Move other daily post from 7pm back to 10am -the so-called Top posting time. Any required additional posts for the date/day to be posted at 6pm. Move the 'Feel Good Friday' posts to Saturdays at 6pm. Creating a fun weekend vibe and keeping the business stuff to weekdays. Note: I had changed our regular posting time from 10am to 7pm because Business Suite said 7pm was the most active time - yet that doesn't align with the Insights for our posts when I compare the two different posting periods/times.

Instagram: I checked the Insights for Insta and our followers increased over the last 3 months - but with stark differences in the viewership to Facebook. The World ...Day posts received the highest viewership every time they appeared. The Sunday comics was the least viewed every week and our education posts on Tuesday-Thursdays were regularly viewed with the Feel Good Friday not being viewed either. Proving the AI times are right - not the Business Suite recommendations. So I agree that Insta moves to more video posts - posted Tuesday to Thursdays only - the exception being if there is day/date specific post (such as the ANZAC Day post, World .. Day post etc). I will also try and swap all other FB and Insta posts around so the same posts don't appear on each platform in the same week. To your point re: Insta Stories - yes they can't be scheduled and do need to have someone close-by. That said - Business Suite allows for polls to be created on standard Insta video posts - that can be scheduled and don't require 'supervision'. So you're on to something there and we can play with some of that moving forward. When we create the video post, we need to create the poll questions as well so that both are approved at the same time.

LinkedIn: moves to only organisation and political posts. Posted at 10am. NB: You will both need to keep that in mind when using Buffer to simply click off the LinkedIn avatar when creating the new post.

Bluesky: I agree with it taking a back step. The Insights on that show the most interaction coming from non-Aust viewers. I also scrolled the feeds and note most are either news or lifestyle posts anyway. I am thinking that we trial the odd video post to see if that helps and I'll trial the 'Survey' posts on there to see if that increases the interaction with Aust views. Posting time for anything to be shared 10am.

Threads, FB Stories: Business Suite has literally just changed and updated to include these two by default unless turning that off. I am going to leave it on for a little while to see if swapping from pictures to videos increases the hits. I must say on FB I do like seeing the ACA post appearing in the Stories ticker at the top of the Feed.

When it comes to all platforms we don't repeat any of the same themes within the same week. That is only one Myth or one Survey post per week etc. The obvious two exceptions being posts required for a specific date/day, and where necessary any govt-based posts where they all have similar deadlines etc.

How does that sound to everyone? I can create a quick posting guide if we all agree on this and think we need it.

Agreed to.

Committee Meeting – 8th June 2026

Animal Care Australia		**Animal Care Australia Inc** **Committee Meeting** Monday 8th June 2026 – via Facebook & Zoom.
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx and Amanda Webb
Guests:		Nil
Apologies		**Apologies:** Joanne Payne,Michaela Storen, Tanya Phillips, and Maya David.
ITEM NO.	**Agenda Item**	**Agenda topics**
1	**Meeting Chair**	
2	**Prev Minutes/Action**	Nil to report.
3	**Membership**	**Members:** Nil **Supporters:** • Vanessa Wallis • Kirsten Gowen
4	**Treasurer**	Current Balance: $ 4,495.90. No expenses during the last month.
5	**Submissions & Important Correspondence:**	**15th May:** From: NSW Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development Re: feedback on first stage of amendments to the Breeding Code of Practice for Dogs & Cats in NSW **18th May:** To: Relevant Members of Parliament (both Houses) Re: POCTAA Amendment (Enforcement and Operational Powers) Bill 2026 **19th May:** From: Nicola Taylor, Director Licensing and Approvals, Biodiversity and Heritage Regulator NSW Re: follow-up confirmation of previous meeting outcomes **21st May:** From: Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia Re: Biosecurity Act 2025 New biosecurity insights for South Australia **30th May:** From: Responsible Reptile Keepers Re: Worldwide Reptile Super Survey Report **31st May:** From: Pet Industry Association Re: Dubia Roaches - Response to raids and DCCEEW compliance actions **31st May:** To: Pet Industry Association Re: Dubia Roaches - Response to raids and DCCEEW compliance actions – confirming ACA support for their application to DCCEEW.

		1st June: To: Senator the Hon Murray Watt - Minister for the Environment and Water Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Exotic Species – Live Import List Re: Recent enforcement by DCCEEW Officers relating to the trade of Dubia Roaches **1st June:** To: Angus Stirling, Law Interpretation Analyst | Registration | Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Re: Response to questions re ACA application to be a registered charity **2nd June:** From: Mornington Peninsula Avicultural Society Re: Protect Birds in Victoria Petition – update of new documentation **5th June:** To: Member Reptile Associations Re: Advising of the situation re; dubia roach and ACA's position and submission to the Federal; Minister. NB: Victorian Herpetological Society President, Adam Sapiano was updated by telephone.
6	**General Business**	**Sponsorship:** Everything progressing. **Social Media Update:** Nil. **Current affairs and issues discussion:** a) The concern that ACA is perhaps not responding to rhetoric or ideological promotions. See response below. b) The ACNC application has prompted Michael to question whether he is the right person to move ACA forward. Following discussion about how that came about – Committee determined the correct decisions had been made and yes, he should continue. c) ACA Cat Ownership Policy & Position Statement. Approval is now sought. Images to be approved by Michelle before publishing on ACA website, and announcing on socials, in the media, etc. Approval granted. d) Points a) & c) will spark controversy and likely push-back. Discuss how this will be handled. Committee will make themselves available to respond on socials, and it was also approved to block those responses that are clearly trolls. Michelle will also provide some quick dot point responses to the usual questions about cat containment. Responses are attached. e) SGAR progress now looks like they will be completely banned – having already been removed from shelves. Does ACA need to produce anything on this topic? Sam will look into it further. Michael will produce an article for ACE related to the APVMA consultation and outcome. f) In light of the ACNC application, should the Dubai Roach correspondence be held back from our website until after a decision has been made? (Given it is pro-keepers, pro-trade, etc) Outcome and agreed position re: a), c) and f): If ACNC is approved or not ACA is to continue to function as we always have and not stop representing pet owners. Correspondences that support pet ownership (ie Dubai Roach etc) are to be published on the website.

		Submissions closing a) Deadline: 10th June 2026: VIC - Knox City Council - Amenity local Law review. **Other business:** a) One month membership expires reminders were auto sent on 31st May.
7	**Motions**	**Motion 1:** Michael Donnelly moves that his Honorarium payment of $1500 (or less) be paid at the end of this month. **Seconded:** Tracey. **Third:** Rachel. **Passed unanimously** **Motion 2:** During the approval of Motion 1, Motion 2 moved by Sam to increase the honorarium to $2000. **Seconded:** Amanda. **Third:** Tracey. **Passed unanimously**
8	**Actions**	**Committee** to provide oversight of ACA Socials when cat ownership is published. **Michael** to produce article re: SGARs for the next ACE while **Sam** will consider any education posts etc

Cat Containment Responses:

"I understand why some people feel cats should be free to roam, but containment helps keep cats safer from cars, dogs, disease, poisoning, and getting lost. It also protects wildlife and reduces conflict with neighbours."

If they say containment is cruel

"Containment doesn't mean a cat has to have a poor quality of life. Indoor or contained cats can still have a very enriched life with climbing areas, toys, scratching posts, window views, catios, and supervised outdoor time."

If they say cats need freedom

"Cats do enjoy exploring, but freedom also comes with serious risks. Mandatory containment is about balancing a cat's wellbeing with their safety and the impact roaming cats can have on wildlife and the community."

If they say 'my cat has always roamed and is fine'

"I'm glad your cat has been okay, but many roaming cats are injured, go missing, or cause unintended harm to native animals. Containment laws are there to reduce those risks overall, not because every roaming cat has already had a problem."

If they are worried about government overreach

"I can understand that concern. Supporters of mandatory containment usually see it as similar to leash laws for dogs—rules designed to protect pets, wildlife, and the wider community."

General & Committee Meeting – 13th July 2026

Animal Care Australia		**Animal Care Australia Inc** **General & Committee Meeting** Monday 13th July 2026 – via Facebook & Zoom.
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx, Maya David and Amanda Webb
Guests:		Nil
Apologies		**Apologies:** Kylie Gilbert, Michaela Storen and Tanya Phillips.
ITEM NO.	**Agenda Item**	**Agenda topics**
1	**Meeting Chair**	
2	**Prev Minutes/Action**	Nil to report.
3	**Membership**	**Members:** Nil **Supporters:** • Mel Robinson • Wildlife Dalby Animal Welfare & Education Assoc • Critter Cave Rescue Inc
4	**Treasurer**	Current Balance: $2,897.28 Following payment of honorarium.
5	**Submissions & Important Correspondence:**	**9th June:** To: Environment Compliance and also EPBS Monitoring Units - Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Re: Recent enforcement by DCCEEW Officers relating to the trade of Dubai Roaches **12th June:** To: NSW Member Reptile Associations Re: Requesting a catch-up meeting to discuss a range of reptile matters. **14th June:** To: Knox City Council, Mayor & Councillors Re: Providing Local Law Review submission **17th June:** From: Australian Animal Welfare Strategy Team Re: Invitation to Australian Animal Welfare Strategy – Companion Animals draft chapter meeting **18th June:** To: Australian Animal Welfare Strategy Team Re: Confirming ACA attendance to Australian Animal Welfare Strategy – Companion Animals draft chapter meeting. **Michael and Karri to attend.** **18th June:** From: Exotic Species Team Re: Response to correspondence - Recent enforcement by DCCEEW officers relating to the trade of Dubai roaches **18th June:** To: Exotic Species Team and Senator Murray Watt

		Re: ACA response condemning the unprofessional reply from the Representative from the Exotic species Team. **19th June:** To: Andrew Biggs, Pet industry College Re: Confirming our interest in a Pet Industry College ACA collaboration **2nd July:** To: NSW Department of primary Industries & Regional Development Re: ACA submission to the Strengthening the Veterinary Workforce and Safeguarding Animal Health and Welfare Consultation Paper (June 2026) **3rd July:** From: Australian Animal Welfare Strategy Team Re: Providing the Consultation & Review documents for review **7th July:** To: Birdlife Australia Re: Seeking explanation why Jack Gough - Invasive Species is presenting at their H5N1 webinar? H5N1 virus is a biosecurity issue. It has nothing to do with invasive species. **10th July:** To: Pet Industry College Re: Signed MOU's exchanged re: Pet Industry College ACA collaboration **10th July:** From: Emily Kempe Re: Resignation from volunteer role with Social Media Team. **10th July:** From: Birdlife Australia Re: Response to our question re: Jack Goughs H% webinar attendance. Response ignored our question and thanked us for supporting Birdlife Australia.
6	**General Business**	**Sponsorship:** Amanda seeking out potential sponsors for the brochure and website page **Social Media Update:** Emily has resigned. Will complete unfinished tasks prior to departing. **Current affairs and issues discussion:** a) ACA Cat Ownership Policy & Position Statement is now Approved. The Cat Containment brochure requires approval. **Submissions closing**: a) Deadline: 15th July 2026. AUS - Aust. Animal Welfare Strategy consultation. Copies emailed to you 6th July. b) Deadline 27th August 2026. WA - Cat Management Act review. **Other business:** a) a) ACE Newsletter – requires Pet Stories from everyone. Either written as an entry into your diary or an entry in the pets' diary.
7	**Motions**	Nil
8	**Actions**	**Michelle** to review Cat Containment Brochure **Michael** to send response to the AAWS to committee before midnight on Wednesday. **Committee** to check & reply during Thursday. Both AAWS and Dingo submissions due by COB Friday.

Committee Meeting – 10th August 2026

Animal Care Australia		**Animal Care Australia Inc** **Committee Meeting** Monday 10th August 2026 – via Facebook & Zoom.
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Joanne Payne, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx, Maya David, Tanya Phillips, and Amanda Webb
Guests:		Nil
Apologies		**Apologies:** Kylie Gilbert, Michaela Storen and Michelle Grayson.
ITEM NO.	**Agenda Item**	**Agenda topics**
1	**Meeting Chair**	
2	**Prev Minutes/Action**	Nil to report.
3	**Membership**	**Members:** Nil **Supporters:** • Shareen Chouffot • Clare Partington
4	**Treasurer**	Current Balance: $ 2,798.38 Following payment of Buffer account
5	**Submissions & Important Correspondence:**	**15th July:** From: Australian Animal Welfare Strategy Team Re: Australian Animal Welfare Strategy - notification of upcoming draft overarching strategy consultation **16th July:** To: Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for the Environment, Heritage, Climate Change and Energy and to Nicola Taylor, Director Licensing and Approvals Biodiversity and Heritage Regulator. Re: PIAA Policy Submission – Reform of Native Reptile Keeping and Licensing Arrangements in New South Wales **17th July:** To: Emily Orchard-Mills, A/g Director, Australian Animal Welfare Strategy Re: Australian Animal Welfare Strategy - Draft Companion Animals Chapter review **17th July:** To: Hon Michaela Settle, Minister for Agriculture Re: Keeping Puppy Protection Laws Up To Date **17th July:** To: NSW Animal Welfare Committee Re: Submission to Dingoes in National Parks Inquiry **19th July:** To: Mayor, Councillors, CEO - Orange City Council Re: Submission to Orange City Council - Future of the Cook Park Aviary

		20th July: From: Tony Mileto, Mayor – Orange City Council Re: Future of the Cook Park Aviary **22nd July:** From: Animal Welfare Strategy Team Re: Draft AAWS Overarching Strategy - For Review **23rd July:** To: Chloe Hardman, A/Assistant Project Officer, Wildlife Licensing, Biodiversity and Heritage Regulator, NSW. Re: Attendance of Interstate Breeders at NSW Reptile Expos and application requirements **23rd July:** From: Jake Webb, Team Leader Wildlife Licensing, Biodiversity and Heritage Regulator, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Re: Attendance of Interstate Breeders at NSW Reptile Expos and application requirements **27th July:** To: Emma Keally – Shadow Agriculture Minister, Victoria Re: Proposed review of dog breeding legislation **30th July:** From: Emily Orchard-Mills BVSc, PhD, A/g Director| Australian Animal Welfare Strategy Re: Response to Companion Animal Chapte **5th August:** To: Emily Orchard-Mills, A/g Director, Australian Animal Welfare Strategy Re: Australian Animal Welfare Strategy - Overarching Strategy review **6th August:** From: Nicola Taylor, Director Licensing and Approvals, Biodiversity and Heritage Regulator. NSW. Re: reply to your correspondence to the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage
6	**General Business**	**Sponsorship:** **Petcover** - as part of our sponsorship activities, we need to provide an educational article to Petcover this month - if anyone in the meeting has any ideas for a topical or interesting article, please let us know. The last article we provided was on the topic of 'Bones', covering both cats and dogs. **Pet Industry College** - broad promotion of the 10% discount offer for individual financial ACA supporters on socials and eDM in the past week. A brief interview with their CEO, Andrew Biggs, will also run in the Sept ACE newsletter. We will touch base with PIC soon to determine if they have received any queries or registrations as a result ($100 donation to ACA for each certified course registration). **ACNC registration approval** - AW to check the process for applying to Facebook in regard to receiving donations as a charitable entity through our Facebook page (and via the PayPal Giving Fund). Once this is set up, we can run fundraising appeals through our Facebook page. **Cat containment sponsor** - sponsorship proposals to be sent in the next month, to secure a sponsor for our Cat Containment campaign. **Social Media Update:** Nil

		Current affairs and issues discussion: a) a) ACNC approval – questions, answers and suggestions **Submissions closing**: a) Deadline 11th August 2026. NSW - Moree Plains Shire Council - Draft Keeping of Animals Policy. Includes, dogs, cats, poultry and all livestock. b) Deadline 27th August 2026. WA - Cat Management Act review. **Other business:** a) ACE Newsletter – articles deadline: 30th August. Don't forget we also need your Pet Stories either written as an entry into your diary or an entry in the pets' diary.
7	**Motions**	Nil
8	**Actions**	**Committee** to check the list of grants & funding an animal welfare charity can apply for and see if any are suitable. If species specific, ensure you can (or we already do) have the ability to meet the criteria **Tanya** will supply an article to Amanda for the Petcover education article. To forward recent articles relating to bird flu to Michael and Sam. To investigate the local (if any) requirements to starting a microchipping program and seeking sponsors of said program. To contact Amanda to discuss being one of the sponsors for the cat containment brochure and also to coordinate any sponsorship agreements for the microchipping program (once we know it can move forward **Karri** will seek sponsorship for a horses on roads project (over the next year) and ACA will be listed as a supporting partner for that project. **Michael** to pursue AWL to discuss if there are any projects that can jointly partner with, including info on selecting the right breed before buying or adopting.

General & Committee Meeting – 14th September 2026

Animal Care Australia		**Animal Care Australia Inc** **General & Committee Meeting** Monday 14th September 2026 – via Facebook & Zoom.
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Michelle Grayson, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx, Tanya Phillips, and Amanda Webb
Guests:		Nil
Apologies		**Apologies:** Sam Davis, Kylie Gilbert, Michaela Storen, Joanne Payne and Karri Nadazdy,.
ITEM NO.	**Agenda Item**	**Agenda topics**
1	**Meeting Chair**	Chorum was met and despite absentees, attending members voted to continue with the meeting.
2	**Prev Minutes/Action**	Nil to report.
3	**Membership**	**Members:** Nil **Supporters:** • Amy Calligaro • Anissa-Lee Davids
4	**Treasurer**	Current Balance: $ 2,883.03
5	**Submissions & Important Correspondence:**	**12th August:** To: Moree Plains Shire Council – Mayor & Councillors Re: Draft Animal Keeping Policy **12th August:** To: Hon Mark Banasiak MLC – Chair of NSW PC4 Agricultue & Regional Committee Re: Concern with failure to properly consult on the proposed POCTA Amendment Enforcement and Operational Powers Bill 2026. **19th August:** From: 'Shire Bosses' (A Facebook satire page) Re: Questions regarding CCWS dolphin proposal **19th August:** To: 'Shire Bosses' (A Facebook satire page) Re: Questions regarding CCWS dolphin proposal **21st August:** From: Biosecurity Tasmania Re: New Tasmanian Animal Welfare (Dogs) Regulations 2026 now in effect **26th August:** To: Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for the Environment and Water and The Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Re: H5N1 awareness/education programs for aviculturists and pet owners **27th August:** To: Mayor, CEO, Councillors, Orange City Council Re: Cook Park Aviary Proposal and Management

		30th August: To: Cat Act Review Team 2026, Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety, Western Australia Re: WA Cat Act Review 2026 **1st September:** From: Carolyn Pradun, Secretary, Mornington Peninsula Avicultural Society Inc Re: Copied onto communications with Member of Victorian Parliament regarding Wildlife Act Review and Wildlife Regulations 2024 **2nd September:** From: Hon Mark Banasiak MLC – Chair of NSW PC4 Agricultue & Regional Committee Re: Acknowledging receipt of correspondence: Concern with failure to properly consult on the proposed POCTA Amendment Enforcement and Operational Powers Bill 2026. **4th September:** To: The Hon Mark Banasiak MLC, Chair, Portfolio Committee 4 Re: Right of reply to testimony provided at Budget Estimates 1st September 2026 **7th September:** To: Veterinary Surgeons Act Review Team – Department of Primary Industries, Queensland Re: Veterinary Surgeons Act Review **7th September:** From: Shepparton Shire Council Re: Seeking ACA feedback on proposed Domestic Animal Management Plan **8th September:** From: Maya David Re: Resignation from Social Media Team **11th September:** To: Member Reptile Associations Re: Notification that Consultation for Dubia Roach is open
6	**General Business**	**Sponsorship:** Petcover and Pet Industry College will continue to roll on with P/C due to pay their next 6 month sponsorship of $1000 this month. Cover My Pet is not looking likely to proceed in the foreseeable future. **Social Media Update:** Maya David resigned her position. This leaves the Team vacant at this point in time. **Current affairs and issues discussion:** Nil **Submissions closing**: a) Deadline 23rd September 2026. VIC - Greater Shepparton City Council DAMP 2026-2029 **Other business:** Nil **Committee business:** Committee to discuss and approve (?) the Wild Horse Ownership Policy document.
7	**Motions**	Nil

8	**Actions**	**Committee** approved the Wild Horse Ownership Policy & Position Statement **Committee** gave approval for ACA to obtain a pro-version of an AI app to the value of no greater than $250py. Shutterstock subscription to end and be used to fund this. **Michael** to sign ACA up to the Canva Pro, Zoom, and other apps discounted under a program that Amanda has had approved - following our Registered Charity status.

Committee Meeting – 13th October 2025

Animal Care Australia		**Animal Care Australia Inc** **Committee Meeting** Monday 12th October 2026 – via Facebook & Zoom.
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert and Tracey Dierikx,
Guests:		Nil
Apologies		**Apologies:** Michaela Storen, Joanne Payne, Rachel Sydenham Tanya Phillips, and Amanda Webb.
ITEM NO.	**Agenda Item**	**Agenda topics**
1	**Meeting Chair**	Chorum was met and despite absentees, attending members voted to continue with the meeting.
2	**Prev Minutes/Action**	Nil to report.
3	**Membership**	**Members:** Nil **Supporters:** • Peter Spring • Cooraka Native Wildlife Rescue & Rehab Centre
4	**Treasurer**	Current Balance: $ 4,054.59. Following receipt of sponsorship funding.
5	**Submissions & Important Correspondence:**	**15th September:** From: Australian Animal Welfare Strategy Team Re: Australian Animal Welfare Strategy – companion animals feedback at a glance report and Australian Animal Welfare Strategy – Overarching Strategy feedback at a glance report **24th September:** From: Portfolio Committee 4 – NSW Re: 2025 Inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 – Government response received **25th September:** To: Portfolio Committee 4 – NSW Re: Question relating to Recommendation 7 from the 2025 Inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 – Government Report – Question seeking the obligation of Govt to hold the WIRES Inquiry. **29th September:** From: Portfolio Committee 4 – NSW Re: Response to our Question relating to Recommendation 7 from the 2025 Inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 – Government Report – Question seeking the obligation of Govt to hold the WIRES Inquiry. **2nd October:** From: Carolyn Pradun, Secretary, Mornington Peninsula Avicultural Society Inc Re: Copied onto communications with Member of Victorian Parliament regarding Wildlife Act Review and Wildlife Regulations 2024

		25th September: To: Mayor & Councillors, Greater Shepparton City Council Re: Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-2029 **30th September:** To: NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Re: Proposed changes to Biosecurity (NLIS) Regulation
6	**General Business**	**Sponsorship:** Sponsorship discussions with Catnets for the Cat Containment Brochure are continuing. **Social Media Update:** Michael advised his intentions to hold off recruitment for the Team until early 2027. **Current affairs and issues discussion:** Sam advised he is in early development stage of creating an international aviculture team to attend CITIES meeting/reviews. Discussed whether ACA should participate. Committee agreed we should. Further discussions once things are formalised. **Submissions closing**: **a)** Deadline 13th October 2026. AUST - Review into the import of Dubia Roach for commercial purposes. (Is drafted and with Jo for initial edits) **Other business:** a) Discuss the media releases sent to Committee for approval Karri stated it was unnecessary for Wild Horse Policy to be announced via media release. A soft launch on social media is sufficient. Cat Ownership Policy & Cat Containment brochure to be announced via the media release, once brochure sponsorship is finalised. b) Discuss the Victoria Govt Grants (this can be held over until after the meeting for brainstorming with only those who need to discuss) Further investigation at options to be completed
7	**Motions**	Nil
8	**Actions**	**Michael** and Amanda to discuss options for the Vic Govt Grants.

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