

REGISTER OF MINUTES

September 2019- December 2020



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COMMITTEE MEETING - 12TH AUGUST 2019

Minutes of a Meeting of Animal Care Australia held 12/08/2019 at the Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs Luddenham Road Orchard Hills commencing at 7.35 pm.

In attendance: Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Hugh Gent, Lyn Brown, Rebecca Coventry, Karri Nadazdy, Helen Toovey, Rachel Sydenham, Sue Kowalczyk. Anthony Stimson. Noelene Cassettari.

In the absence of the President, Michael Donnelly Chaired the meeting.

Minutes of Meeting held on 13th May (Matters arising)

There were no matters arising from this meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on 8th July 2019 (Matters arising)

Regarding the Georges River Council proposed restrictive legislation, Rachel Sydenham advised the committee that she had made a submission to Council which had been acknowledged. Lyn Brown advised that Dogs NSW had also made a submission to the Council. Lyn Brown asked for details of the events surrounding the resignation of Rob Zammit, an in-depth discussion ensued, subsequently Lyn advised the Committee that Dogs NSW was not happy with the deviation from the Objectives of ACA and the conduct of some members and that they were considering leaving the organisation.

Correspondence:

Inwards: A letter was tabled from the Mammal Society of NSW requesting additional Committee representation for Native Mammals.

Outwards: Nil.

Matters arising from correspondence.

After some discussion it was resolved on the motion of Hugh Gent/Rebecca Coventry that the request from the Mammal Society of NSW be approved.

Suspension of Standing Orders

It was agreed on the motion of Hugh Gent, that, following the comments made by Lyn Brown, that standing orders be suspended to allow for a presentation by Rebecca Coventry which it was anticipated could address the current unease being experienced by some members of ACA.

The presentation and discussions focussed on the Mission Statement and Objectives with changes being made that better reflect the ACA Role.

It was agreed that Rebecca would summarise and circulate the decisions and that at the next Committee Meeting the focus would be on Communications.

General Business

The committee discussed arrangements for the AGM to be held on 9th September. Michael Donnelly presented changes to the Constitution that he intends to move at the AGM.

The meeting closed at 10.17pm

Minutes Accepted and approved:

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Michael Donnelly – Chair 09/09/19

AGM – HELD 9TH SEPTEMBER 2019

AGM for Animal Care Australia held 9/09/2019 at the Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs Luddenham Road Orchard Hills.

In attendance: Rachel Sydneham, Sam Davis, Michael Donnelly, Helen Toovey, Karri Nadazdy, Noeline Cassettari, Sue Kowalczyk, Anthony Stimson, Lyn Brown, Hugh Gent, and Rececca Coventry.

Guest Members: Michelle Grayson, Sandra McLean, Grant Holman, Merrilee Forbes and Dr Michelle Dalli

Business:

1. Appointment of Meeting Chairman: Hugh Gent nominated and appointed
2. Apologies: no apologies received
3. Receive from the Committee reports on the activities of ACA during the last preceding financial year
 - i. Reports were delivered by:
 - i. Small Mammals – Rachel Sydenham
 - ii. Cats – Helen Toovey
 - iii. Horses – Karri Nadazdy
 - iv. Dogs – Lyn Brown
 - v. Birds – Sam Davis
 - vi. Reptiles – Michael Donnelly
 - vii. Education – Rebecca Coventry & Anthony Stimson
 - viii. Membership status & social media – Michael Donnelly
 - ix. NOTE: Noeline Cassettari – nil report back to be provided.
 - ii. All reports were noted and seconded by Committee.

Special Resolution 7: Hugh Gent OAM(ANKC) moves by Special Resolution that regarding the Constitution Part 14 **Composition and membership of Committee** which currently reads

- (a) at least 5 ordinary committee members, each of whom is the nominated delegate of an Animal Care Group who is a member of the Association

be amended to read

- (a) at least 5 ordinary committee members, each of whom is the nominated delegate of an Animal Care Group who is a member of the Association or alternatively a member of the Association representing a group or profession who have a capability that adds value to the Association and its Objects, the initial groups under this provision will be Educators and

Veterinarians.

Amendment to this resolution was proposed to read:

- (a) at least 5 ordinary committee members, each of whom is the nominated delegate of an Animal Care Group who is a member of the Association. The Committee may appoint extra committee members who have capability to add value to the Association and it's Objectives, such as education, veterinary, etc.

Moved: Hugh Gent

Seconded: Michael Donnelly

Amended resolution passed unanimously

4. **Appointment of Returning Officer:** Grant Holman nominated and appointed

5. **Election of Committee** (appointments in brackets)

- (a) Birds (Sam Davis)
- (b) Cats Helen Toovey)
- (c) Dogs (Lynette Brown)
- (d) Farm Animals (Noeline Cassettari)
- (e) Fish (Vacant)
- (f) Horses (Karri Nadazy)
- (g) Native Mammals (Michael Donnelly)
- (h) Reptiles (Anthony Stimson)
- (i) Small Mammals (Rachel Sydenham)
- (j) Education (Rebecca Coventry)
- (k) Veterinary (Dr Michelle Dalli)

6. **Election of Office Bearers** (Appointments in brackets)

- (a) Election of President (Michael Donnelly)
- (b) Election of Vice President (Sam Davis)
- (c) Election of Secretary (Rebecca Coventry)
- (d) Election of Treasurer (Michelle Grayson)
- (e) Election of Public Officer (Sue Kowalczyk)

Note: Michael Donnelly was voted as Secretary but declined to accept the position due to accepting the President position. As Rebecca was the alternate nominee, the position was offered to her & she accepted.

7. **Special Resolutions to Constitution**

Special Resolution 1

Sam Davis (Canary & Cage Bird Federation of Australia) moves by Special Resolution that regarding the Constitution Part 1 Preliminary Section 1 Definitions:

Member which currently reads; means an Animal Care Group with a “Code of Ethics” that has been accepted by the Association

be amended to read;

means an Animal Care Group that agrees and declares they will strive to abide by the ACA Mission Statement and promote the ACA Objectives that has been accepted by the Association

Resolution was passed with the amendment to read:

means an Animal Care Group that agrees and declares they will strive to abide by the ACA Mission Statement, Code of Ethics and promote the ACA Objectives that has been accepted by the Association.

Moved: Sam Davis

Approved by a majority vote (8 for, 2 abstain, 1 against)

Special Resolution 2

Michael Donnelly (Herpetocultural Co-operative of NSW) moves by Special Resolution that regarding the Constitution Part 1 Preliminary Section 1 Definitions: **Associate Member** which currently reads;

is an Animal Care person who is not a member of an Animal Care Group and does not have any voting rights

be amended to read;

Supporting member/Supporter

is an Animal Care person who is not a member of an Animal Care Group and does not have any voting rights

Moved: Michael Donnelly
Resolution passed unanimously

Seconded: Michelle Grayson

Special Resolution 3

Michael Donnelly (Herpetocultural Co-operative of NSW) moves by Special Resolution that regarding the Constitution Part 3 Application for membership which currently reads;

An application by an Animal Care Group for membership of the association:

(a) must be made in writing and (including by email or other electronic means, if the committee so determines) in the form determined by the committee together with a copy of their “Code of Ethics”,

be amended to read:

An application by an Animal Care Group for membership of the association: (a) must be made in writing and (including by email or other electronic means, if the committee so determines) in the form determined by the committee

Moved: Michael Donnelly Seconded: Michelle Grayson

Approved by a majority vote (8 for, 2 abstain, 1 against)

Special Resolution 4

Michael Donnelly (Herpetocultural Co-operative of NSW) moves by Special Resolution that regarding the Constitution Part 8 Fees and subscriptions (2) which currently reads \$10 for Associate Membership be amended to read \$10 for Supporter

Moved: Michael Donnelly Seconded: Michelle Grayson

Resolution passed unanimously

Special Resolution 5

Rebecca Coventry (ACA Education Group) moves by Special Resolution that regarding the Constitution Annexure A Objects which currently reads:

- To represent Animal Care Groups as the peak animal welfare body
- To engage Government on all levels of Animal welfare issues
- To provide expert animal welfare advice to legislators
- To clarify the difference between animal rights and animal welfare
- To promote higher Animal welfare outcomes
- To support grass roots hobbyists/ animal keepers
- To develop strategies and educate the general public in the best care for all animals

be amended to read

- To represent Animal Care Groups as the peak animal welfare body
- To engage and advise Government and legislators on welfare issues relating to pets and companion animals.
- To protect the rights of ethical hobbyists & animal keepers to breed and keep pets and companion animals.
- To clarify the difference between animal rights and animal welfare
- To promote higher Animal welfare outcomes

Moved: Rebecca Coventry Seconded: Sam Davis

Resolution passed unanimously

Special Resolution 6

Rebecca Coventry (ACA Education Group) moves by Special Resolution that regarding the Constitution Annexure B Mission Statement which currently reads

- Animal Care Australia is the Peak Body advocating higher welfare standards for keeping animals in Australia as pets and companions.
- ACA provides continued development of animal welfare standards and Codes of Ethics for animal husbandry, breeding, training, sale and sporting exhibitions for a wide range of animal species. This is to promote and encourage high standards in all interactions with the animals in our care.
- ACA also provides education to our members, the general public and government to encourage responsible pet ownership, and the respectful treatment of all animals in our community.

be amended to read

Animal Care Australia (ACA) is the Peak Animal Welfare Body representing the keepers and breeders of animals in Australia as pets and companions.

Moved: Rebecca Coventry Seconded: Michelle Grayson

Resolution passed unanimously

Special Resolution 8

Hugh Gent OAM(ANKC) moves by Special Resolution that regarding the Constitution Definitions the following be added:

Standing Orders means The Rules which govern the conduct of meetings of the Association, the Association will run by the Rules of N.E. Renton's Guide for Meetings and Organisations Volume 2 Guide for Meetings.

Moved: Hugh Gent – no seconder

Michelle Grayson moved that the matter be deferred due to no agreement being reached & it was agreed that the matter would be discussed at a future meeting.

Deferment Seconded: Michael Donnelly

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Rationale notes regarding Special Resolution

Special Resolution 1:

Many smaller animal groups will not have an existing Code of Ethics/Practice – ACA can help them with this, but it should not be a membership requirement. In addition, this amendment provides more suitable grounds for expelling members should their behaviour contradict our mission statement or objectives.

Special Resolution 2

Amendment to reflect resolution resolved at ACA Committee meeting held on 8th April 2019 whereby during discussion of membership applications concerns were raised about applicants whose websites indicated that they were commercial breeders, would utilise Membership of ACA and use of our Logo as credibility and perceived endorsement. Applicants who fell into this category would be called Supporters, with no voting rights or ability to use the ACA Logo.

Special Resolution 3

Many smaller animal groups will not have an existing Code of Practice and will need assistance and encouragement to develop or adopt one. Current membership application already has the requirement that the Animal Care Group 'agrees and declares they will strive to abide by the ACA Mission Statement and promote the ACA Objectives that have been accepted by the Association.

Special Resolution 7:

This part of the Constitution in its present format precludes the appointment to the Committee of professionals who can bring added value to the Association in the pursuit of its Objectives

Special Resolution 8

At a recent meeting of ACA it was agreed that meetings over the last 12 months have not been run in an orderly fashion.



ANIMAL CARE AUSTRALIA INC

ABN 36 438 686 995 Incorporation No INC1801209
25 Bowman Avenue Camden South NSW 2570

AGM ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - 2017-2018

INCOME

Memberships

| | |
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| Direct debit | \$1,200.00 |
| Credit Card | \$ 81.38 |
| Cheques | \$ 890.00 |
| Cash | \$ 155.00 |
| Donations | \$ 760.00 |

TOTAL \$3,086.38

EXPENSES

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| Domaine Names Registration | \$ 117.68 |
| EnviroPrint Logos | \$ 568.70 |
| Dogs NSW Reimbursement incorporation Expenses | \$ 203.20 |
| Website design and set up Shane Gowland | \$1,075.40 |
| Office Works Ink | \$ 120.00 |

TOTAL \$2,084.98

CLOSING BALANCE \$1,001.40 CR

Prepared By Treasurer

Sue Kowalczyk

In attendance: Rachel Sydneham, Sam Davis, Michael Donnelly, Helen Toovey, Karri Nadazdy, Noeline Cassettari, Sue Kowalczyk, and Michelle Grayson.

Chair, Michael Donnelly thanked everyone for participating in the AGM held on 9th September 2019, and is looking forward to achieving our goals in the coming year.

Business:

Correspondence – Incoming: Received resignation from Rebecca Coventry as Secretary and Education Representative. Resignation received from Anthony Stimson as Reptile Representative. (copies on file)

Appointment of Secretary and Treasurer:

- Michael moves that Michelle Grayson be appointed as Secretary. Seconded: Sam Davis. Motion carried unanimously.
- Michael moves that Sue Kowalczyk remain as Treasurer from previous year. Seconded: Michelle Grayson. Motion carried unanimously
- Michael moves that Hugh Gent be removed as signatory on the bank account and that Michelle Grayson be added. Seconded: Sue Kowalczyk. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of other vacant positions:

- Michael moves the Education representative position remain vacant for an indefinite period until the organisation is in a better position to seek out a suitable replacement. Seconded: Sam Davis. Motion moved unanimously.
- Michael moves that Anthony Stimson be advised that ACA does not require him to appoint a replacement and ACA will seek out a replacement. Seconded: Michelle Grayson. Motion moved unanimously.

Communications:

- Michael moves that a concise 'Communications Policy' be developed - to be completed by Dec 31 2019. Seconded: Helen Toovey. Motion moved unanimously.

In the interim the following are proposed:

- Michael moves that all regular communications are to continue via the Facebook Group with final outcomes & decisions announced to the Committee via email - for permanent record. Seconded: Karri Nadazdy. Motion moved unanimously.
- Michael moves that all ACA email correspondence be carried out via the allocated ACA email addresses and not by personal email address so as to remove confusion and duplication. Seconded: Noeline Cassettari. Motion moved unanimously.
- Michael moves that any and all decisions required are allocated a time frame of 48 hours for non-urgent matters and 24 hours for urgent matters - after which if no objections are received

the matter is deemed to be approved and actioned. This policy to be applied to both email & FB communications. Seconded: Rachel Sydneham. Motion moved unanimously.

Policy & Direction:

- Michael moves that ACA immediately commences a review of the ACA Constitution. The procedure for that is to appoint the Executive (office-bearers) to examine and make recommendations that will be presented to the Committee at a Committee for further discussion. Seconded: Michelle Grayson. Motion moved unanimously.
- Michael moves that ACA immediately commences a draft 'Organisational Code of Ethics' as recommended in the amended Special Resolution 1. The procedure for this will be commenced by Karri on the FB Group inviting everyone to comment or send your suggestions of what that might include. Karri will collate and present a first draft COE to the Committee for review and discussion. Seconded: Karri Nadazdy. Motion moved unanimously.
- Michael moves that ACA adopts the attached (see Annexure 1) Anti-discrimination and Harassment Policy. An approved copy to be posted on our website and included in the Membership & Supporter Packs. Seconded: Rachel Sydneham. Motion moved unanimously.
- Michael moves that Sam and himself commence contacting all stakeholders to advise of the new appointments and to follow up on outstanding actions Noting he has gone through the previous minutes searching for 'broken promises' and may contact Committee members to find out if the issue is still current & requires a response. It might be late - but better late than never. Seconded: Sam Davis. Motion moved unanimously.

Meetings & Meeting Spaces:

Michael noted we have secured two potential meeting spaces. The first for Committee Meetings is the Commercial Hotel in Parramatta - it is a free space with a bistro, bar, tea & coffee. He will post address, map & parking facilities etc into the FB Group.

The second venue is a hall in Blacktown - will cost \$30 per night for indefinite time-frame. This could be for General Public Meetings.

We can utilise both of these for remaining meetings for this year - and if necessary commence searches for better venues for the new year.

Michael proposed our next Committee meeting NOT be a committee meeting - rather it just be a get together for dinner, drinks and some team building. If we find we can achieve all of the above via online and email communications then no reason why we cannot just enjoy each other's company with some well-deserved and long needed laughs. Should we need to we can schedule an extra Committee. Michelle & Helen stated they would still like us to have a meeting on that night.

In regards to the November General Meeting Michael requested committee to advise if they want it to go ahead so that he can secure the venue. Helen believes it should still occur, and this was supported by Karri.

In regards to Committee Meetings in general if our online approach is successful we can hold meetings via the FB Group and that way we only need to be traveling every second month for the General Meetings. Helen added, the festive season is approaching and there are not many months left until the end of the year for meetings. With this in mind I think we need face to face meetings just to sort ourselves out and get comfortable with the new way 'of thinking' so to speak without the strong personalities we have had in the past. Next year when we are comfortable we can rely on FB etc to cut down the travel. There was agreement with this.

Meeting closed.

Minutes Accepted and approved:

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Michael Donnelly – Chair 12/10/19

COMMITTEE MEETING - HELD 14TH OCTOBER 2019

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| Attendees | Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Sue Kowalczyk (SK), Noeline Cassettari (NC), Karri Nadzady (KN), Helen Toovey (HT), Michelle Grayson (MG) | |
| Apologies | Rachel Sydenham, Joanne Payne | |
| Agenda topics | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | Minutes from previous meeting accepted as being correct. |
| 3 | Matters Arising | - NIL |
| 4 | Treasurer | Current balance \$1,238.74 |
| 5 | Species Updates | - Horse: (1) \$80 donation (2) Karri to write to horse groups regarding carriages being banned from National Parks - Farm Animals: NIL - Cats: NIL - Birds: Sam attended several meetings held in Canberra regarding the Import/Export of birds. Native Mammals: Licencing review not yet completed. Reptile: NIL |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | - Stimson/Coventry/Dogs NSW/ANKC – Acknowledgements of Resignation - ACA letter of introduction to Adam Marshall - ACA letter of introduction to Mark Banasiak - ACA response to VIC Prevention of Cruelty to Animals 2019 Inquiry - ACA online submission for the Right to Farm 2019 Inquiry |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | - Resignation of Membership from A Stimson, R Coventry, Dogs NSW & ANKC - DPI: Email from Kim Filmer for ACA to meet with DPI on 24/10/19 as a key stakeholder for POCTA |
| 8 | Membership | - General discussion about increasing member base & “What’s In It For Me” from a member/supporter perspective |
| 9 | General Business | - RSPCA: General discussion between Michael & Steve Coleman covering a number of items including RSPCA wanting to work with ACA where possible. Lines of communication re-opened |
| 10 | Website & Social Media | NIL |
| 11 | Actions | ACA visit to Stardust Circus - Noeline & Michael to discuss with Stardust Circus the potential visit before the response to Exhibited Animals is due. Dates of Shows to go on Facebook for comment. Master Dog Breeders Assoc (MDBA) - Michael to speak with MDBA re their practices in light of previous decline of membership |

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

M Donnelly

Minutes Accepted and approved: Michael Donnelly – Chair 12/11/19

GENERAL MEETING - HELD 11TH NOVEMBER 2019

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| Attendees | Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Karri Nadzady (KN), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Helen Toovey (HT) and via Messenger: Joanne Payne (JP) & Noeline Cassettari (NC) Guest Members: Arthur Weeding (Macarthur Herp Soc.) & Merrilee Forbes (Blue Mountains Rabbit Club) | |
| Apologies | Michelle Grayson (MG), Sue Kowlazyck (SK) | |
| Agenda topics | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7pm |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | Minutes accepted as correct. (Feedback received: Congratulations to MG for professional and complete minutes) |
| 3 | Matters Arising | Nil matters |
| 4 | Treasurer | SK apologies – so nil report |
| 5 | Species Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Horse: Update on the horse register, meeting with Senator Mereen Farouqi secured once report is handed down. KN & MD to attend. - Farm Animals: Daniel's case adjourned until April 2020. NC contacted by a person who had rabbits seized by RSPCA, and the warrant was dated the day after the animals were seized. NC visited the lady's home and saw she had clutter but was house clean, and a healthy garden. NC asked what our goal should be to collect these case studies. Discussion about how much to support RSPCA in this particular Inquiry, and how our submission could affect our future ability to affect RSPCA policy and hold them accountable. - Cats: HT reviewed 2 council licencing documents. 2 cats is probably too low a number, should be 4 or 5. - Birds: NSW licencing contractors are expiring. Trying to get meeting with NPWS to expedite process. All stakeholders have agreed to the reform package, but individuals within NPWS are blocking the process. - Native Mammals: MD trying to secure a meeting with Atticus Fleming and Matt Kean to by-pass bureaucrats. Otherwise native mammal licensing in NSW on hold until after the remainder of the Native Wildlife Licensing recommendations are implemented. - Reptile: NSW are on hold awaiting Ministerial approval of Native Wildlife Licensing recommendations. - Small Mammals: RS collecting info to respond to Gippsland submission. Vaccine being tested on rabbits currently - discovered via an animal rights group media release wanting to rehome the rabbits. Need to go back to APVMA and DPI for an update. - General: POCTA & Local Council reviews are in progress. |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | ACA response to Draft Research Animal Rehoming submission – sent to to DPI |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dogs Victoria advice of Membership removal - Meeting request from Emma Hurst (AJP) to discuss AJP Companion Animal Policy |
| 8 | Membership | Three new supporters have signed & been approved. |
| 9 | Website & Social Media | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Membership has been updated. Process made clearer by swapping category of membership to the top. Once selected only required fields are revealed for completion. - Native mammals section added. - Policy tab added – all ACA Policy documents to be listed and available for download |
| 10 | General Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emma Hurst meeting: request to discuss AJP Companion Animal Policy. Discussion of what our purpose is in meeting with AJP, and what should be discussed and what shouldn't. Decided to not provide AJP with any exact wording of their Policy. MD expressed concern that AJP will promote the meeting as 'Policy Reviewed and Consulted with ACA' – which is unavoidable. MD suggested a meeting synopsis be completed after the meeting to ensure outcomes are clear. - Arthur Weeding asked if Local Councils each limit animal keeping, does POCTA become irrelevant. MD explained POCTA provides standards that cannot be easily |

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| | | <p>changed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Animal Cruelty Inquiry: Steve Coleman was told that the Inquiry will be supporting the creation of an independent animal welfare office that potentially removes RSPCA from the equation as a charitable organisation, OR could see the removal of POCTA from DPI and move it into the Justice department. - Discussion of whether ACA should support RSPCA or suggest changes to their structure. Whether the Inspectorate should be moved out of RSPCA, and does a simpler solution to current issues exist that ACA could be recommending in our submission. It was decided, more information is needed. Further discussion is needed before we decide what we submit. - MD noted under current review proposal POCTA (the Act) is being re-drafted prior to any further review of Standards & Guidelines/Codes of Practice. This process to be completed by 2021. - Policy documents all approved: Statement of Responsibility, Communications Policy, Responsible Breeders Policy, Code Of Ethics. - Species Advisory Groups: MD proposed a Members benefit of the option to join a Species Advisory Group. Groups would be established on Facebook for each species. Animal Group Delegate to administer each group (along with assistance from others) These groups will allow both individuals & member organisation to opt-in and participate in ongoing discussions etc – in essence provide members with a voice. Option to join would be provided within their Membership Acceptance email – once a membership is approved by Committee. Members would be asked for a FB profile link along with the Species Groups they wish to join. This was approved by Committee. |
| <p>11</p> | <p>Actions</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MD to implement the Species Advisory Groups - MD to make Policy documents public & update Membership Packs to include the documents. - MD & SD to meet with Steve Coleman before ACA completes our submission - RS to draft correspondence to DPI requesting information about the whereabouts & welfare of rabbits highlighted in the media release. Also to include an update on the vaccine. <p>Everyone to review the Northern Beaches & Gippsland Council Policies and advise if ACA needs to respond.</p> |

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 09/12/19

ONLINE COMMITTEE MEETING - HELD 9TH DECEMBER 2019

| Attendees | | Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Karri Nadzady (KN), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Helen Toovey (HT) Joanne Payne (JP) & Noeline Cassettari (NC), Michelle Grayson (MG), Sue Kowlazyck (SK) |
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| Apologies | | |
| Agenda Topics | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7.30pm |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | Minutes accepted as correct. |
| 3 | Matters Arising | <p>Nil matters from November Minutes, Action List or Inquires List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refer to MD Facebook Group updates on meetings with RSPCA & Emma Hurst - Steve Coleman to advise his 2020 available dates - Senators Meeting re Horses is still TBC - No confirmation yet as to attendance at Animal Cruelty or Circus Enquiries |
| 4 | Treasurer | <p>\$1,168.38 closing balance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$147 website maintenance invoice has been paid |
| 5 | Species Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Horse: National Horse Register report has been released with arecommendation to establish a National Horse Register Working Committee & ACA should attempt to be included in this working group. Attempts to secure a meeting with Mehreen Farouqui are continuing but nothing confirmed yet. Continuing to follow the outcomes of the ABC expose on horses in slaughter houses. Concerns raised that the National Horse Register will be used to shut down the horse industry by using information gathered through the register to influence moves to ban racing, but critically, what impacts will be seen on recreational/hobbyist sector - Farm Animals (NC): It would seem AJP have mobile animal farms next on their list. At the same time, demand for people wanting to have farm animals visit their event, increases in popularity every year. Sydney Zoo opened this weekend. - Cats: No update - Birds: No update - Native Mammals: No update - Reptile: No update - Small Mammals (RS): Meeting with Louise Kerr (Northern Beaches Council) arranged & date to be confirmed. Still working on request to DPI about rabbit welfare/vaccines. |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | <p>Responses to 2 x Inquiries completed & submitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exhibition of Exotic Animals (24/11/19) - Animal Cruelty Laws (29/11/19) |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | - Northern Beaches Council: Confirmation of meeting with RS & date to be confirmed |
| 8 | Membership | Two new supporter applications received & been approved. |
| 9 | Website & Social Media | - Relevant updates/policies/submissions etc have been updated |
| 10 | General Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10.1: ACA Introduction Pack has been completed and circulated to all Committee/Species Reps. - 10.3: Creation of ACA posters/meme's etc for each species – SD to create these but Species Reps will need to provide the content. Confirmed that this could relate to any aspect of the care of individual species. - 10.2: RSPCA Experts/RSPCA Reporting Issues deferred to January 2020 meeting. - 10.4: ACA Animal Welfare Policy – deferred to January 2020 meeting. - Motion by MD to make General Meeting face to face (held bi-monthly). Committee Meetings would be online via Facebook Group: <p>Motion agreed & this will commence from January 2020.</p> |
| 11 | Actions | - Joanne & Kylie to provide 'blurbs' for their species MD to implement the Species Advisory Groups |

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| | | - Policy documents public & update Membership Packs to include the documents – completed (MD) |
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Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 13/01/20

GENERAL MEETING - HELD 13TH JANUARY 2020

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| Date: 13 January 2020 | | |
| Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm | | |
| Attendees: | Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Karri Nadzady (KN), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Helen Toovey (HT), Joanne Payne (JP), Noeline Cassettari (NC), Michelle Grayson (MG), Kylie Gilbert (KG) | |
| Guests: | Cam - IRS, Kai Gould – IRS (IRS) Sandra McLean (SM) | |
| Apologies | Sue Kowlazyck (SK) | |
| Agenda Topics | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7.30pm |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | Minutes from 9/12/2019 accepted as correct. |
| 3 | Matters Arising | Nil matters from 9/12/2019 Minutes, Action List or Inquires List - Animal Cruelty Hearings: 12 February 2020 - Exotic Animal Hearings: Scheduled for April 2020 |
| 4 | Treasurer | Report not available - \$150 for website update paid since last meeting |
| 5 | Species Updates | Horse: Efforts being made to ensure representation on the Working Committee that was recommended from the National Horse Register inquiry. - WA: Changes to Transportation submission completed - Brumby Cull has quietened down, as has Abattoirs focus Farm Animals: NIL Cats: No update Birds: Discussion relating to birds under Native Animals Licencing reviews and further meeting is being sought. - VIC: POCTA review commencing & CCBFA will have a representative on the committee - WA: Avicultural & Herpetological groups are pushing for reforms with Government - Import/Export issues ongoing & discussions still occurring Native Mammals: Native mammals are not in the current scope under the Licencing reviews until all other Native Animals have been completed. Reptile: Native Animal Licencing Reviews are still ongoing but submissions have been completed Small Mammals: Meeting with Louise Kerr (Northern Beaches Council) was productive. 12,000+ submissions and council has realised that significant work is required. - Rabbit Vaccine: DPI & CSIRO approached but no substantial details released or timeframe given. Dogs: Change to zoning definition in VIC will impact all breeders as DAB (Domestic Animal Business) permit will be required for all locations. Will impact rescue groups (and anyone else) who take in pregnant animals. No positive responses from ministers or governments approached to discuss the concerns. |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | NIL |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | NIL |
| 8 | Membership | NIL but ACA need to consider how to increase membership numbers |
| 9 | Website & Social Media | NIL |
| 10 | General Business | - 20.01.1: RSCPA Experts & Reporting: Suggestion from MD/SD meeting with RSPCA about having a 'species expert' in attendance with Inspectorate. * Need to discuss and consider implications to individual 'experts' and ACA & how it would work (is it a physical attendance or a phone call, checklist, manual) |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20.01.2: ACA Welfare Policy: Before finalising the ACA Welfare Policy, decisions need to be made on where ACA sits on specific issues (ie Circus, greyhound racing, rodeo etc) as well as environmental impacts (baiting, hunting, feral animals). MD to coordinate responses via Advisory Groups and feedback - 20.01.3: AWAC Representation: RSPCA have indicated that they believe ACA should sit on the Animal Welfare Advisory Council) if/when it is re-established. - 20.01.4: Strategic Planning for 2020: Deferred for another meeting - 20.01.5: Expansion to include Exhibited & Farm Animals: General agreement that ACA should include zoo's, circus, wildlife parks but not commercial farming enterprises (livestock). MD to approach some of these organisations for feedback. - 20.01.6: Registering ACA as a Charity Organisation: All agreed & MD to continue to work on this. - 20.01.7: ACA helping to 'Re-Green" after bushfires: All agreed & ACA to assist with co-ordinating volunteers with planting, transport, etc. Suggestions for names & further discussions to be held via ACA Facebook Committee Group. |
| <p>11</p> | <p>Actions</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rachel to post synopsis of meeting with Northern Beaches Council in ACA Committee Facebook group - 20.01.1: RSCPA Experts & Reporting: Update to be provided on current progress - 20.01.2: ACA Welfare Policy: MD to coordinate responses via Advisory Groups and feedback - 20.01.5: Expansion to include Exhibited & Farm Animals: MD to provide update on any discussions - 20.01.6: Registering ACA as a Charity: MD to provide an update on status - 20.01.7: ACA helping to 'Re-Green": MD to provide an update - Joanne & Kylie to provide 'blurbs' for their species MD to implement the Species Advisory Groups - Creation of ACA posters/meme's etc for each species – SD to create these but Species Reps will need to provide the content. Confirmed that this could relate to any aspect of the care of individual species – <i>To be prepared as necessary</i> |

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 10/02/20

ONLINE COMMITTEE MEETING - HELD 10TH FEBRUARY 2020

| Animal Care Australia Inc Date: 10 February 2020 Time: 7.30pm Online meeting via Facebook | | |
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| Attendees | | Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Karri Nadzady (KN), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Helen Toovey (HT) Joanne Payne (JP), Noeline Cassettari (NC), Michelle Grayson (MG), Kylie Gilbert (KG), Sue Kowlazyck (SK) |
| Apologies | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7.30pm |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | Minutes from 13/01/2020 accepted as correct. |
| 3 | Matters Arising | Matters from 13/01/2020 Minutes, Action List or Inquires List - ACA Constitution Review: Draft to be completed by 19/04/2020 |
| 4 | Treasurer | - \$1,168.38 as at 13/01/2020 |
| 5 | Species Updates | Horse: Nothing to report Farm Animals: Nothing to report Cats: Birds: Refer to attached update Native Mammals: - Environment minister has been contacted requesting urgent review of recently announced 1080 bait drop. - Letter sent to Central Coast Council opposing the approval of logging in a known koala population. - No response from either. Reptile: Nothing to report Small Mammals: Nothing to report Dogs: |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | - MD: Letter to Minister Adam Marshall (DPI) to request meeting to discuss AWAC & lack of key stakeholders - MD: Letter to Atticus Fleming (Environment) to request meeting about delays in native animal licensing review - SD: Awaiting call from Kim Filmer (DPI) regarding AWAC |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | - MD: Follow up call with Senator Faruqi's office regarding National Horse Register committee & she is not available until March 2020 - JP: Attempting to secure a meeting with Matt Kean via local member Anna Watson - Qantas: ACA are confirmed as a stakeholder & more information will be known after 19 February 2020 |
| 8 | Membership | No new applications but ACA need to consider how to increase membership numbers. Suggestions for recruitment SD: Advertising JP: Offered table at Illawarra Reptile Show on 19 April 2020 KN: Talking to local horse clubs, riding schools, etc in local area |
| 9 | Website & Social Media | Nothing to update other than profile introductions for JP & KG |
| 10 | General Business & Updates | - 20.01.2: ACA Welfare Policy: MD to coordinate responses via Advisory Groups and feedback - 20.01.6: Registering ACA as a Charity: MD to provide an update on status - 20.01.7: ACA helping to 'Re-Green': Habitat Care has been launched & is slowly growing. |
| 11 | Actions | - 20.01.1: RSCPA Experts & Reporting: Update to be provided on current progress - 20.01.5: Expansion to include Exhibited & Farm Animals: MD to provide update on any discuss |

Bird Species Delegates Report:

1. Victorian Animal Welfare legislation review

In December I spoke with the Manager of the review process. She is currently interviewing staff to build her team who will manage the review process. CCBFA will lead this process on behalf of our Victorian affiliate clubs. We already have a commitment from the head of animal welfare Victoria that we are major stakeholders who will be included in preliminary meetings to set the general direction of the review process. I will contact the VAC to ensure aviculture throughout Victoria is united.

2. NSW Native Animal Licensing Update.

The contract for the manager of the NSW licensing reforms process Robert Oliver, and his team concluded at the end of December 2019. I spoke with Rob before his work concluded and he made it clear everything was in place to implement the new system very rapidly once the Minister approves. Speaking with Richard Kingswood, the Director Conservation, who is close to the top of the tree, indicates the reform package will be implemented. When this happens continues to remain unclear,

however it will occur under the management of the new wildlife licensing leader Brendan Neilly. Richard is aware implementation could occur rapidly once approval is obtained. Brendan Neilly has recently been appointed as the team leader of the wildlife licensing team within NPWS. Brendan most recently worked for RSPCA NSW and prior had worked in various capacities at NPWS and NSW DPI. He has often expressed opinions that wildlife licensing should be more tightly regulated which conflicts with the general nature of the current reforms package. I'm currently awaiting a return call from Brendan.

We are currently waiting for meetings with Minister Matt Kean and Atticus Fleming who is now at the top of the chain as Executive Director. Everything remains ready for implementation.

3. Qld Native Animal Licensing Update.

We continue to be advised the new Qld licensing reforms, which largely mirror NSW proposed reforms, will be implemented in April this year.

4. WA Avicultural Consultative Committee Update. Minister Dawson most recently in a letter to me dated September 2019 renewed his commitment to forming the committee. I recently (4/2/20) had a productive conversation with the manager of WA licensing, Ryan Parker. He indicated a new online licensing system is due to be implemented around July this year. After this system is operational, we can expect the Avicultural Consultative Committee to form and commence meetings. Some other areas discussed included improving efficiency of identifying imports at the border, streamlining the addition of new species to species lists, trialing the new online system via clubs, etc


Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 9/03/20

ONLINE COMMITTEE MEETING - HELD 9TH MARCH 2020

|  | | <h3>Animal Care Australia Inc</h3> <p>Date: 9 March 2020 Time: 7.30pm to 9.42pm Held at Commercial Hotel - Parramatta</p> |
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| Attendees | | Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Karri Nadzady (KN), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Noeline Cassettari (NC), Michelle Grayson (MG), Kylie Gilbert (KG), Sue Kowlazyck (SK) |
| Apologies | | Helen Toovey (HT) Joanne Payne (JP), |
| Agenda topics | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7.30pm |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | Minutes from 10/02/2020 accepted as correct. |
| 3 | Matters Arising | Matters from Minutes, Action List or Inquires List - NIL |
| 4 | Treasurer | - \$1,245.46 as at 09/03/2020 |
| 5 | Species Updates | <p>Horse: Refer to report Farm Animals: Nothing to report Cats: Birds: Refer to report Native Mammals: Nothing to report Reptile: Nothing to report Small Mammals: Refer to report Dogs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greyhound issues appear under control - MAV: rewording of planning laws regarding the number of animal's people can keep. 3 meetings had been agreed but cancelled by Govt/Council. Appears Govt/Council are meeting with Animal Rights groups but not Animal Welfare (Dogs VIC also had their agreed meeting cancelled) - WA: new legislation in planning stage but looks similar to VIC |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RS: Georges River Council response issued 08/03/2020 - KN/MD: Weekly Times article - HT: Letter to RSPCA QLD re "Marshmallow" |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MD: Follow up call with Senator Faruqi's office regarding National Horse Register committee & she is not available until March 2020 - JP: Attempting to secure a meeting with Matt Kean via local member Anna Watson - Qantas: ACA are confirmed as a stakeholder & more information will be known after 19 February 2020 |
| 8 | Membership | SD: to review Conure membership application |
| 9 | Website & Social Media | NIL |

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| <p>10</p> | <p>General Business & Updates</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>RSPCA: Where does ACA go from here</u>: Discussion surround how ACA could assist with 'expert advice' that RSPCA could use when attending cases. No final decision on what that may look like - <u>Animal Welfare Policy & Position Statement</u>: Held over to April meeting. - <u>Public Liability Insurance</u>: Method to increase income was to charge members to use an insurance policy established by ACA. MD to provide policy/cost information for further discussions - <u>Australian Charity Application</u>: All in attendance agreed ACA should withdraw the application at this time (it had been declined). |
| <p>11</p> | <p>Actions</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20.01.5: Expansion to include Exhibited & Farm Animals: MD to provide update on any discussions |


Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 11/05/20

ONLINE COMMITTEE MEETING - HELD 13TH APRIL 2020

|  | | <h3>Animal Care Australia Inc</h3> <p>Date: 10 April 2020 Online & Via Zoom Committee Meeting due to Covid-19 Restrictions</p> |
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| Attendees | | Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Joanne Payne (JP), Noeline Cassettari (NC), Michelle Grayson (MG), Kylie Gilbert (KG) Sue Kowlazyck (SK) |
| Apologies | | Helen Toovey (HT), Karri Nadzady (KN), |
| Agenda topics | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7.30pm |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | |
| 3 | Matters Arising | NIL |
| 4 | Treasurer | |
| 5 | Species Updates | <p><u>Horse</u>: Uncertainty around Covid19 transport/travel/essential services & trying to seek clarity from DPI/Govt Agencies</p> <p>Exhibited Animals:</p> <p><u>Cats</u>: No update</p> <p><u>Birds</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCBFA have recommended all bird events nationally are cancelled until June 14th & this has occurred - CCBFA are managing a review of the NSW Bird Code of Practice - Meeting with Office of NSW Environment Minister re implementing the native animal licencing reforms & no further progress has been made <p><u>Native Mammals</u>: Nothing to report</p> <p><u>Reptile</u>: Nothing to report</p> <p><u>Small Mammals</u>: Nothing to report other than</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACA Introduction email sent (re increase memberships) - DPI Covid19 information shared to a few groups <p><u>Dogs</u>: Nothing to report but ACA have sent letters to Govt about the need for animal welfare to be considered an essential service.</p> |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | - Letters sent to all State Premiers/Territory Chief Ministers, Agricultural/Primary Industry Ministers, Shadow Ministers, Federal Agricultural Minister, Deputy Prime Minister & Prime Minister requesting the inclusion of care/traveling to care/vet services etc as essential services |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | - Kim Filmer re Covid19 - Richard Kingswood re 1080 |
| 8 | Membership | 2 new members: Tom de Graaf & Michelle Harris Renewals delayed to work committments |
| 9 | Website & Social Media | NIL |

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| 10 | General Business | - ACA Animal Welfare Policy Discussed via Zoom and all in attendance agreed with changes. Final draft to be issued for May meeting for approval. |
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Meeting closed: 9.30pm


Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 11/05/20

ONLINE COMMITTEE MEETING - HELD 11TH MAY 2020

General Meeting cancelled - Online & Via Zoom Committee Meeting due to Covid-19 Restrictions

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|  | | <h3>Animal Care Australia Inc</h3> <p>Date: 11 May 2020 Online & Via Zoom</p> |
| Attendees | | Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Joanne Payne (JP), Noeline Cassettari (NC), Michelle Grayson (MG), Kylie Gilbert (KG) Sue Kowlazyck (SK) Helen Toovey (HT), Karri Nadzady (KN), |
| Apologies | | Nil |
| | | Agenda topics |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7.30pm |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | NIL |
| 3 | Matters Arising/Action List | Requesting information on welfare of rabbits after recent media release & update on vaccine progress - RS to follow-up |
| 3b | Inquiries/Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Coleman had to postpone meeting - new date to be announced Meeting with Atticus Fleming - NSW Dept of Environment held on Friday 8th - Sam to complete a synopsis of meeting Meeting held with Senator Faruqi on Tuesday 5th May - Karri's report in FB Group |
| 4 | Treasurer | NIL update |
| 5 | Species Updates | See Appendix 1. |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | Letters sent to Agriculture/Primary Industries Ministers for ALL States & Territories , incl Shadow Ministers, and Federal Minister for Agriculture requesting funding for Exhibited Animals. |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response from Minister Barnett TAS Primary Industries Minister to call for Welfare Essential letter Response from Minister for Environment & Great Barrier Reef - QLD to questions and clarifications for native wildlife licensing in particular reptile and native mammal recommendations not being included in new licensing reforms. Response from Minister MacTeirnan - Minister for Agriculture WA - to funding for exhibited animals. Email response from Kira Goodall Manager, Animal Welfare Legislative Reform - VIC to our reply to VIC POCTAA Review questions and to confirm ACA will be a key stakeholder for all future reviews. Email response from Mia Cobb - Research Supervisor - Graduate Diploma of Psychology Advanced to our email questioning legitimacy of Monash University Survey into horses. Response received from NSW Dept Fair Trading issuing our Charitable Fundraising Authority for the next 5 years. Response from Monash Uni regarding their Animal Rights Law course, |

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| | | telling us they will respond. No response received. |
| 8 | Membership | Leanne Owens Eroni's Circus Wildlife Exhibitors Network Dragon Training Mobile Zoo Kuppers Critters Cam Oppio ASW Reptiles |
| 9 | Website & Social Media | NIL |
| 10 | General Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Welfare Policy & Position Statement - finalise & approve – minor changes to be made then made available to Advisory Groups for comment • Liability Insurance for our members – not at this time. Keep for future consideration • Constitutional review update – still progressing • Future General Meetings to be made available to members via zoom. MD to organise the procedure & implement for July meeting. |
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Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 10/8/20

Appendix 1: - Species Reports

Native Mammal report: receipt of correspondence from QLD Environment and from SA Minister responding to my email seeking clarification on review of new policy to introduce mandatory baiting of wild dogs on both sides of the 'dingo fence' by ALL Produce landowners & farmers. Hard copy letter received. Michelle will scan and add to Dropbox when her scanner is working. In essence as per announcement yesterday Government has approved the baiting and baiting will commence immediately and will continue in stages into mid-2021.

Horse Report: Most horse clubs and events have been closed the last couple of months, except for online activities. Training is still going on with instructors, and trail riding in pairs while some people have time on their hands.

We contacted DPI for clearer information on transport rules specifically regarding horses. They released their own statement in response, which was an improvement, but not clear enough.

Zoom meeting with Senator Mehreen Faruqi regarding the National Horse Register, was already reported in the group. She has not been following the issue in recent months, and is now out of date and out of the loop. She extended an invitation for us to put a question on notice when parliament resumes, which we did, but did not guarantee that she would actually ask it. Contacting state ag ministers is the next step.

Brumbies are in the news again after a failed attempt to gain heritage protections in the courts, but the outcome doesn't breach any of ACA's agreed positions on brumbies, so there's no need for us to get involved.

Exhibited Report: Zoos have been given additional government funding, which is great for zoo animals. Despite the best efforts of WEM, smaller exhibitors and Circuses remain in the same situation as lots of small businesses, with ongoing costs but zero revenue. Despite notifying license holders they weren't doing audits, DPI have been doing animal welfare audits to ensure businesses are managing without income. DPI has not yet advised of any discount to our annual license fees.

Bird Report:

1. COVID-19 Update

To our knowledge all in-person club events and meetings have been cancelled. Our recommendation to do so up until 14/6/2020 remains in place -

<https://www.ccbfa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ccbfa-corona-recommendation.pdf>

At this time, it is unclear whether government advice will require restrictions to be extended. We will notify clubs immediately should the situation change. Thanks to all clubs for their prompt response to this situation.

Our club network is vital to the social well-being of many of our members, so continuing communication via newsletters and internet technologies is encouraged. It is terrific to see a range of clubs now running or intending to run meetings and other events over the internet using video conferencing and other technologies.

Our May 6th 2020 meeting has been cancelled. We will run our July 1st CCBFA meeting online using Zoom. Meeting details including a link to the meeting will be emailed to all clubs for use by their CCBFA delegate. An internet enabled computer with camera/microphone is best, however a smart phone works almost as well.

2. Victorian Animal Welfare legislation review

On 20/4/2020 I met via video conference with senior policy staff to discuss general directions for the Victorian review of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 (POCTAA). Representatives from the Budgerigar Council of Victoria (BCV) also attended. I did not receive a response to my 26/2/2020 email to the VAC and ASA, therefore prior to the 20/4/2020 meeting I rang VAC President Mark Godwill. The VAC was unaware of the meeting but through their President, expressed a desire to remain informed of any outcomes.

My synopsis of the 20/4/2020 meeting approved by government policy staff is on the CCBFA website - <https://www.ccbfa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Vic-Animal-Welfare-200420-Meeting-Synopsis.pdf>

3. NSW Native Animal Licensing Update.

On March 17th 2020 ACA President Michael Donnelly and I met with Minister Matt Kean's office. The delay implementing the reforms was vigorously discussed followed by further discussion afterwards with NPWS Director of Conservation Richard Kingswood.

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After somewhat heated negotiations, we now have a video conference scheduled for May 8th 2020 with the head of NPWS Atticus Fleming. We aim to progress the licencing reform implementation directly through the Minister's office as internal licensing staff appear uncooperative at best.

4. Review of NSW Bird Sale Code of Practice

We will postpone review of the NSW bird sale code until our July 1st 2020 meeting, which will likely be a video conference. Given interest in the matter from many affiliates in rural areas, regardless of COVID-19 restrictions, a video conference is likely the best way to progress the consultation.

In the interim, thoughts and input welcomed from all clubs. Thanks to those who have already commented.

A few points on this matter...

- There is NO way the ABA should submit anything to the NSW DPI whatsoever. I have made this clear to the ABA and I believe they agree.
- The ABA commenced reviewing the code some years ago and have completed some preliminary work. I spoke with ABA president Craig Jeffrey at the Orange Bird Sale who offered to send CCBFA the ABA draft. This has not been received; it is CCBFA intention for this draft to inform the process.
- The current code was formulated by the ABA with CCBFA input and final ratification. The only recent 2019 change was the clause regarding insurance which CCBFA altered in its version dated 2019 and recently distributed to all clubs as part of this review process. The current version is on our website -


<https://www.ccbfa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/NSW-Bird-Sale-CODE-OFPRACTICE-CCBFA-2019.pdf>

- CCBFA will most certainly be continuing to consult all clubs as the bird sale code is reviewed including the ABA. There will likely be a number of drafts and redrafts required to reach consensus with a final version unlikely until towards the end of 2020 hoping for implementation in 2021

NIL REPORTS:

Cats, Dogs, Small Mammals & Reptiles

ONLINE COMMITTEE MEETING - HELD 8TH JUNE 2020

|  | | <h3>Animal Care Australia Inc</h3> <p>Date: 8 June 2020 Online & Via Zoom</p> |
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| Attendees | | Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Joanne Payne (JP), Noeline Cassettari (NC), Michelle Grayson (MG), Kylie Gilbert (KG) Sue Kowlazyck (SK) Helen Toovey (HT), Karri Nadzady (KN), |
| Apologies | | Nil |
| Agenda topics | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7.00pm |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | NIL |
| 3 | Matters Arising/Action List | Final Draft of our Welfare Policy & Position Statement – approval given for draft to be provided to Advisory Groups |
| 3b | Inquiries/Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report for the Animal Cruelty Inquiry - ACA have done really well throughout the report - congratulations to everyone MD & SD met with Atticus Fleming to discuss the NSW Native Wildlife Licensing - as per my report back in the group Sam was going to supply a synopsis from that meeting. Atticus has refused to sign-off on the draft - Sam is sending a reply today - and we are going to run with a slightly amended Synopsis. SD will make that available once finalised. Meeting with Dogs Victoria 9th June at 11.30am – KG, SD & MD will be in attendance. |
| 4 | Treasurer | Outgoing: \$255.47 - for Zoom Membership 1yr, \$120 for web hosting 1 yr \$75 for Domain renewals. Transactions all approved by the Executive. Balance: \$1442.43 |
| 5 | Species Updates | See Appendix 1. |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up to NSW Attorney General's Office - which prompted the above Incoming letter. ACA Horse Representative wrote to every Ag Minister and Shadow Minister - Federally and for each State and Territory requesting support for ACA to have a seat on the National Horse Register Working Group. |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSW Attorney General's Office - recognising ACA as a key stakeholder in the Prevention of Domestic Violence Review Qld Ag Ministers Office - acknowledging the need for funding for Exhibitors - as we know that funding is now happening. Federal Ag Minister's Office - acknowledging the need for animal welfare to be recognised as essential. NSW DPI Communication for relief of License Fees for 3 months. Two responses to requests for ACA to be added to the National Horse Register Working Group. From QLD & NT Governments |

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| 8 | Important Phone Communications | Attorney Generals Office, Ag Ministers Offices Qld, Victoria & WA. NSW DPI Officers - Compliance & Licencing and Director International Engagement Office. WA DPI Office - Director of Vet Practices Bill Review - confirming regulations will include medical treatments that can be performed by the owner as well as confirming ACA to be listed as key stakeholder. |
| 9 | Membership | Rattikins Small Animal Boarding Julie Wills National Finch & Softbill Association Petrea Rowan Budgerigar Society of NSW Inc Adrian Bell Jayson Sullivan Animals All Around Kevin Gibson Sam Davis NSW Fancy Rodent Society Inc Noeline Cassettari Joanne Birch Peter Birch Luke Statford Trent Humphreys Peter Reidy Chloe Forster Michael Donnelly Michelle Grayson Petrina Tuhoro Debbie Larcombe Wayne Larcombe Chris Weinholt James Gilmour Jake Hansen |
| 10 | General Business | 10.1 - Next Meeting for Public access – Meeting will be open to all members via an RSVP list. Members to be notified and invited to SVP by 5pm the night of the meeting. 10.2 - Constitutional review update – still progressing. |
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Meeting closed: 8.45pm

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 10/8/20

Appendix 1: - Species Reports

Exhibited Animals: thanks to Michael's communication NSW exhibitors have a 3 month extension before license payments are due. Queensland exhibitors have received funding. South Australia has less restrictions than other states, so exhibitors there are trying their best to operate. Nice to have Zeli Bullen's company join ACA. She is a very passionate and confident speaker on animal rights Vs animal welfare. Michael has done a great job rallying the circus people to join ACA. Thank you. I am concerned the RSPCA inquiry has recommended that RSPCA regulate exhibitors, instead of DPI, who are currently doing so. I cant see why that was recommended or why that would benefit anyone.

Horse Report:

This month I emailed and wrote letters to every state and territory ag minister, including federal and shadow ministers seeking support for ACA to have a seat on the National Horse Register Working Group. So far only 2 have replied, but fortunately, one of those is QLD, who is one of the dept responsible for creating the working group. They have clarified thaht the working has not yet been created (despite the big official announcement in Feb that it had been!) but it will be finalised at the end of this month. they have also stated that AN animal welfare representative will be included, so that is most likely to be RSPCA.

We are still awaiting a response from the Questions on notice that Mehreen Faruqi asked for us, but we already have the answer now. We're the first in the industry to know this, so I will be milking that for all its worth this coming week ;-)

Most clubs are resuming some activities this month, so my next job is to get back onto the recruitment drive. Some clubs have been forced to permanently close due to becoming unviable in recent months, so that may impact possible memberships, but we shall see.

Cat report - as mentioned previously the fee for entire animals is coming into effect 1st July. Some councils have already been charging this but it was supposed to have a 12 month grace period to get desexing done. My council has always had a differing cost to entire animals but you were able to access the pet fee if you could provide a copy of membership to an approved cat association and the pedigree of the animal. I am assuming this criteria will be the same for the incoming fee.


As distancing rules become less stringent I dont know that it will make much of a difference to the current state of affairs. Many clubs have cancelled their shows for the rest or a large part there of the year. Both 'Nationals' have been cancelled until next year. I am not sure where the monthly meetings are at - if the clubs are doing what we are with online or video media. Michelle Grayson will know what NSWCFCA is doing

Bird Report: We continue to negotiate with NSW NPWS to progress the native animal licensing reform package. In Queensland the DES have confirmed their reform package (much the same as NSW in terms of birds) is ready to go and must be implemented by September this year.

NIL REPORTS:

Dogs, Small Mammals, Native Mammals & Reptiles

ONLINE GENERAL & COMMITTEE MEETING - HELD 13TH JULY 2020

|  | | <h2>Animal Care Australia Inc</h2> <p>Date: 13 July 2020 Online & Via Zoom</p> |
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| Attendees | | Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Noeline Cassettari (NC), Kylie Gilbert (KG) Karri Nadzady (KN), |
| Guests: | | Tom De Graaf |
| Apologies | | Michelle Grayson (MG), Sue Kowlazyck (SK) Helen Toovey (HT), Joanne Payne (JP), |
| Agenda topics | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7.00pm |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | NIL |
| 3 | Matters Arising/Action List | NIL |
| 3b | Inquiries/Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSPCA NSW Meeting with Steve Coleman - Monday 13th July 3pm. • MD had a meeting with Hanrob last week - they wanted to join ACA. • Meeting with Dogs Victoria - they have contacted ANKC to request a reason as to why they cannot join ACA. No further response as yet • Meeting with DPI Friday 24th July - Animal Welfare Reforms to discuss a proposed restructure of a single animal welfare Act and the outcomes from the previous consultation. |
| 4 | Treasurer | No expenses in the past month. Current balance: \$1,937.07 |
| 5 | Species Updates | See Appendix 1. |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter sent to Office of Local Government (NSW) requesting inclusion as a key stakeholder • Letter sent to Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission - again requesting our inclusion as a key stakeholder. • NSW DPI Animal Welfare Reforms - submission - copy on our website. |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reply from Office of Local Government (NSW) - accepting ACA as a key stakeholder • Reply from Greyhound Welfare - accepting ACA as a key stakeholder • Reply from Greyhound Racing NSW - responding to our letter having been forwarded to them by the GWIC - acknowledging ACA and requesting a meeting. yet TBA • Reply from Minister Symes - Vic Agriculture - acknowledging animal welfare concerns during Covid Lockdown • Reply from Federal Minister David Littleproud - acknowledging animal welfare concerns during Covid Lockdown and referring to Stats for further assistance. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reply from Minister Whetstone - Primary Industries SA - acknowledging animal welfare concerns during Covid Lockdown • Reply from Minister Dawson - Minister for Environment WA - acknowledging Exhibited Animal welfare concerns during Covid Lockdown - advising of funding options in WA • Reply from Minister Barnett - Primary Industries TAS - acknowledging Exhibited Animal welfare concerns during Covid Lockdown - advising of funding options in TAS • Request for ACA to submit to the Animal Abuse during Domestic Violence - Prevention of Domestic Violence Review - submission due 10th August |
| 8 | Membership | <p>Tim Williams Colin Kranz Queensland Fauna Lobbyists Rochelle Witt Australian Dingo Foundation Morningson Peninsula Avicultural Society Envirokey Jo Payne Leeanne Wroe Steve Carvill Sue Kowalczyk Pauline Grutzner Angela Cheddar Macarthur Aviary Bird Club Inc Lucy Lou Rodentry Circus Federation of Australia Illawarra Reptile Society Dogs Country Club & Kennels Queenslander Aviaries</p> |
| 9 | General Business & Meeting | <p>9.1 – Species Delegates provided their Reports – see Appendoix 1. 9.2 – Tom de Graaf was invited to ask questions. Brief discussion regarding ACA and the need to continue to lobby government etc</p> |
| 10 | Committee Only Meeting: | <p>10.1 Hanrob Meeting – dog & cat boarding facilities who are members of Pet Care Advocates requested to join ACA. Committee approves the request. Membership as Supporters. Hanrob will be assisting with train the trainer at Greyhound Racing NSW – ACA to link in with Hanrob. ACTION: MD to discuss with Hanrob how that can be achieved</p> <p>10.2 Supporters membership structure (ie Supporters Scheme) - allowing a clear distinction between supporters & members and finalising that on our website& and membership application. Committee approved a 3 tier structure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individual Supporter (\$10) 2. Small Business Supporter (\$25) 3. Large Business Supporter (\$100) <p>10.3 Domestic Violence Review – ACTION: MD requested ALL Committee to review our draft submission to ensure we cover off all ARE aspects</p> <p>10.4 SD suggested contacting all animal clubs/groups across the country ACTION: SD to provide list to next meeting for dog & cat groups – other species to be followed up in coming months. ACTION: MD to commence writing to all state government departments for their companion animals as well as welfare Acts etc to ensure we are acknowledged as stakeholders.</p> <p>10.5 What to do about chasing up members who have not renewed? ACTION: MD to send lists of members to all delegates. Delegates to chase up where they feel it appropriate.</p> <p>10.5 Following meeting with Steve Coleman RSCA NSW - Committee to attend a meeting at RSPCA (Yagoona) once Covid-19 restrictions permit to be shown the</p> |

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| | | role of the Inspectorate, its policies & procedures. 10.6 ACTION: RS to create a Rabbit Survey for data for vaccine & pharmaceutical companies. |
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General Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Committee Only Meeting Commenced at 8.30pm Closed at 9.45pm

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 10/8/20

Appendix 1: - Species Reports

Small mammals report:

I tried to contact a pharmaceutical rep and left a message for him to contact me for a chat in regards to the RHDV Vaccine sitting at the APVMA awaiting registration.

It may be worthwhile conducting a survey on the potential use of the vaccine, to present to Pharma, so they can establish if it is a worthwhile investment to pursue.

Update: Great news!!!

He is still perusing and has applied for permit of registration of the RHDV Vaccine. Bad news is that there is a tonne of back and forth between government departments and APVMA, the DPI being one of them.

There is no time line on the registration approval of the vaccine, but the vac is specifically for RHDV2, the wild type that is running rampant.

He also asked me how many rabbits there are in Australia, to which I replied a hell of a lot, I also stressed the outcry of pet owners and breeders for the vaccine, and I also said that I would not mind conducting a survey to establish domesticated numbers and to gauge the potential demand of the vaccine.

Bird Report:

NSW Native Animal Licensing Update.

At last we were granted a video conference on May 8th 2020 with the head of NPWS, Atticus Fleming with help and thanks to ACA. A synopsis of this meeting is on the CCBFA website - . <https://www.ccbfa.org.au/.../ccbfa-atticus-synopsis...>

Essentially, we seek the following 3 step process.

1. Step 1 is to immediately move all common avian species to the exempt list. That is, add them to Reg 2.22 asap - <http://classic.austlii.edu.au/.../bcr2017400/s2.22.html>

2. Step 2 is to provide the final reform package to, and convene a meeting of, the old Native Animal Keepers Consultative Committee (NAKCC) within the next 6 weeks to set a timeline for the implementation of the reform package.

3. Step 3 is to present the Expert group's proposed species licence recommendations to the above NAKCC meeting for discussion and finalisation. The promised follow up to this meeting has not been forthcoming despite numerous requests – phone calls and emails to Atticus.

Unfortunately, Atticus has been less than prompt with his replies since the meeting. After waiting for his promised update for more than 2 months (including my weekly prompts) Michael Donnelly has last week contacted Minister Kean's office who committed to speak with Atticus and get things moving.

Qld Native Animal Licensing Update.

The Qld package has now been approved. It is now at the industry information stage and will be fully implemented in a few weeks' time.

Congratulations to all involved who worked on these reforms, in particular Danny Brown and Gary Fitt.

The two major successes...

1. As CCBFA President I met with Qld DES some years ago with Gary Fitt when we recommended and justified removing all common aviculture species from licence. Gary has been following up ever since. All approved and DONE.

2. Danny has been working to have many softbills added to the Qld licence lists for decades. I worked with DES and Danny to provide NSW lists and justify inclusion of many species. All now DONE.

It is interesting to note that some/much of the justification for the above changes was due to NSW intention to do the same. ACT has also approved similar (in principle at least). And now the NSW approval has stalled.

Horse Report:

Still awaiting the announcement of the national horse register working group, which was promised to happen 3

weeks ago.


I'm also sending out mail to clubs introducing ACA and the relevant horse issues we are addressing.

Reptile report: as above with meeting but opposite to Sam with nothing much moving. QLD reforms to go ahead but with tighter restrictions for hobbyists and some very questionable animal welfare issues. Michael and I will be collaborating a response.

NIL REPORTS:

Cats, Dogs, Exhibited & Native Mammals

ONLINE COMMITTEE MEETING - HELD 10TH AUGUST 2020

|  | | <h3>Animal Care Australia Inc</h3> <p>Date: 10th August 2020 Time: 7pm ONLINE via Zoom</p> |
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| Attendees | | Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Michelle Grayson (MG), Karri Nadzady (KN), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Joanne Payne (JP), Kylie Gilbert (KG) |
| Apologies | | Helen Toovey (HT), Noeline Cassettari (NC) & Sue Kowlazyck (SK) |
| <h3>Agenda topics</h3> | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7pm |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | Minutes accepted as correct. |
| 3 | Matters Arising | Nil arising |
| 3b. | Inquiries & Meetings | * Exotic animals in circus & cetaceans in marine parks Inquiry - Thursday 13th August 1.45-2.45pm * MD had a meeting with Jasmine Straga (Circus) to outline our presentation at the Inquiry and to strategise. |
| 4 | Treasurer | Nil report |
| 5 | Species Updates | - Horse: Nil - Farm Animals: Nil - Cats: Nil -- Reptile: Nil - All others see Appendix 1 |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Emma Hurst - outlining current DPI stance on all animal welfare services are essential unless stated otherwise. ACA Response to Summary of POCTAA Review Submission to Domestic & Family Violence Review Telephone correspondence out: Contacting State Ministers' Offices on behalf of Circus to try & gain financial support for their animals given no circus is able to re-open. Communications are ongoing. Submission to WA Govt re: WA Stop Puppy Farming Legislation. |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emma Hurst - asking for clarification on whether Boarding Facilities are considered an 'essential service' during a Covid lock down Summary of the POCTAA Review update inviting comment Apology from Zelig Bullen - Animals All Around for being unable to attend the General Meeting Adam Marshall - NSW Minister for Agriculture - acknowledging acknowledging previous communications and advising Exhibited License fees to waived for financial year 20/21. Resignation as Committee member from Noeline |

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| 8 | Membership | <p>Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Dog Breeders & Associates of Australia • Finch Society of Australia • South Western Budgerigar Society Inc • Gloster Fancy Canary Club NSW Inc • Gulgong & District Aviculturalk Society • West Australian Herpetological Society Inc <p>Supporters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Holmes • Claude Borg • Kel Biddle • The Pets Hotel • The Pets Hotel Country Club • Pet Care Advoaates • Angela Sutherland • Bayan Boarding Kennels & Cattery • North Shore Pet Resort • Colin Mackay • Association of Pet Boarding & Grooming • Samford Pet Resort • Blake De Bruin • Rachel Greenfield • Dawn Leanard • Aylesham Cattery • Pups 4 Fun Daycare& Grooming • WeCare Boarding • Alpha Doggy Play Care • Park Ridge Cat Resort • Green Meadow Pet Resort |
| 9 | Website & Social Media | Website to have new Supporters structure & Paypal function to be added |
| 10 | General Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft changes for Constitution have been emailed in the last 10 minutes to your ACA emails. Obviously these will be formally issued to our voting members for the AGM if agreed to propose changes • Motion by Noeline to re-instate Get Wild's membership. Seconded: RS |
| 11 | Actions & Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noeline's motion to renew Get Wild passed. NB: Get Wild have been advised and an application form sent to them. • Committee to review draft Constitution and return edits to Michelle before Sept 14th. • AGM to be held before the end of year - if possible - if not we will be using the Fair Trading Covid-19 exception. • Nomination process to be carried out by email, along with any voting. • Rabbit survey results. New South Wales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 19 votes |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 4.1%○ Victoria○ 8 votes○ 1.7%○ South Australia○ 5 votes○ 1.1%○ Tasmania○ 1 vote○ 0.2%○ Western Australia○ 5 votes○ 1.1%○ Australian Capitol Territory○ 1 vote○ 0.2%○ Queensland○ 0 votes○ 0%○ Northern Territory○ 0 votes○ 0% <ul style="list-style-type: none">● ACA Welfare & Position Statement approved for public access.● Exhibited Animal Delegates role to be elected via a process that we ensure is covered & protected within the Constitution. |
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Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

Appendix 1:

Species Reports

- Native Mammals:

Zambi Wildlife & the Kangaroo Protection Cooperative have formed a partnership to launch a native wildlife sanctuary in Sydney's north-western suburbs. They have a plan to expand from kangaroo rescue into all native wildlife providing care, rehab & sanctuary for those deemed un-releasable, including an endangered species conservation project - likely a dasyurids species or the Numbat. I have spoken briefly to KPC and they would love to see if ACA can work with them in some way. The Mammal Society of NSW will also be considering how they can work with them.

- Small Mammals:

13th July was when I was finally able to touch base with [REDACTED], in regards to his pursuit of the application of registration for the stand alone RHDV2 Rabbit Vaccine. This vaccine has allegedly passed clinical studies and is awaiting approval for registration by the APVMA, which is a tedious and lengthy process in itself. [REDACTED] was able to confirm with me that he has in fact applied for the registration process of the vaccine to be put in motion for his company to manufacture and distribute.

There is currently no vaccine available for the protection of domesticated rabbits against RHDV2, and it is a ruthless disease currently affecting thousands of pet owners, breeders, keepers and their rabbits with detrimental effects.

With the new RHDV2 Vaccine information, ACA was able to put out into social media onto our ACA Facebook public page and various rabbit group pages an RHDV2 Vaccine Update alongside the ACA National Rabbit Survey. So far both have been well received and people have been doing the survey and sharing it forward. I will be sending both the update and the survey out to rabbit clubs around Australia along with the ACA info package and links for joining ACA.

ACA was also approached by a scientist and rabbit keeper who was interested in our survey. The gentleman works closely in the field of vaccines with MSD Animal Health and was willing to divulge some sensitive information with me in regards to other more proven vaccines for rabbits that are also sitting in wait for use in Australia, and that The ACA Rabbit Survey may help give MSD the nudge it needs to follow through. Currently they are deeming it as non-priority. I am unable to divulge much more than that as the finer details are confidential. I was also given a heads up as to why the multivalent version of RHDV vaccine that the DPI is working on has been somewhat delayed. There are a lot of interesting things going on in the background of rabbits and RHDV and I still have much information to go through and get my head around. If our National Rabbit Survey can help, then I am willing to share the survey information with the scientist, so that we can get safe proven vaccines available for these animals.

Meanwhile:

I have emailed the following for membership renewals:

- -South Australian Rabbit Fanciers Society- 14/07/20 the email bounced back, so I plan to write to their postal address.
- -Australian Show Rabbit Council- 14/07/20 No response, so I will also write to their postal address which is the same address as the above rabbit group.
- -Rabbit Breeders Association of NSW- 08/08/20, awaiting.
- -Queensland Rodent Fanciers- 14/07/20 I received a response 07/08/20 they were having issues with the online form, I have given instruction to remedy the problem. Awaiting.

08/08/20 I have removed one non-financial supporter from the ACA Small Mammals Advisory Facebook Group. All participants were given notices prior that their continued involvement in the group was dependant on renewal of memberships.

Animal Care Australia Invitations sent out to the following on 09/08/2020

- West Australia- National Rabbit Council Inc.
- Orana Rabbit Fanciers
- South Australian Rabbit association Inc.
- Rabbit Breeders Association of Victoria
- Peel Region Rabbit Club
- Victorian Lop Society
- Northern Country Rabbit Club
- Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania

I also responded to a member of the public that contacted ACA via our Facebook public page contact form. She has lost all of her pet rabbits to the RHDV2 and wanted to know how to get the death by virus confirmed. The relevant contact information was passed on to her and that her vet should be able to assist with the CSIRO test kit. The vet apparently refused and told her that they did not want to risk potentially spreading the RHDV2 by doing the test. So yet another RHDV2 case that goes unconfirmed and unreported to Rabbit-scan, because the vets are unwilling to co-operate. Needless to say I was very annoyed at this information.

I still have much work to do and many groups to stalk!

A number of emails have bounced back.

- Birds:

1. COVID-19

Currently events in WA, SA and Qld are beginning to take place once more. Obviously no event, even smaller meetings are taking place in Victoria. We had a false start in NSW with one major show and the odd meeting going ahead prior to the COVID-19 situation sadly worsening once more. The good news is that a number of clubs are running online meetings, some online conference style events and even online auctions are under consideration.

2. NSW Native Animals licencing

Via ACA, we have been in direct contact with the Minister's office and are awaiting a formal response. Atticus Fleming (head of NSW NPWS) has still not responded to our meeting as he promised. This is very disappointing and further reinforces our suspicions that internal NPWS staff are the road block.


3. NSW Bird Sale Code

CCBFA is in the process of reviewing our existing NSW bird sale code. A team is currently working on a draft to be put to the September CCBFA meeting. They are considering codes from all over the country and also a number of codes from specific clubs. Perhaps a national bird sale code may be possible in the future.

4. Online Meetings

CCBFA held its July meeting via Zoom. There was one concern from some delegates which has proved unfounded. Delegates from across the country were able to contribute which was fantastic. We intend continuing Zoom even once face-to-face meetings recommence.

ONLINE COMMITTEE MEETING - HELD 14TH SEPTEMBER 2020

|  | | <h3>Animal Care Australia Inc</h3> <p>General Meeting - Date: 14th September 2020 Time: 7pm ONLINE via Zoom</p> |
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| Attendees | | <p>COMMITTEE: Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Michelle Grayson (MG), Karri Nadzady (KN), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Joanne Payne (JP), Kylie Gilbert (KG) Noeline Cassettari (NC) & Sue Kowlazyck (SK)</p> <p>GUESTS: Tom deGraaf (TG) & Zelie Bullen (ZB)</p> |
| Apologies | | Helen Toovey (HT), GUEST: Gill Shephard (GS) |
| Agenda topics | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7pm |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | Minutes accepted as correct. |
| 3 | Matters Arising | Nil arising |
| 3b. | Inquiries & Meetings | * Inquiry - we have been asked to provide answers to Supplementary Questions, response to be sent following approval received tonight. |
| 4 | Treasurer | Balance is: \$2944.54 Invoice for website updates \$110 - approved by Committee. |
| 5 | Species Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Native Mammals: Nil - Farm Animals: Nil - Cats: Nil - Reptile: Nil - Dogs: Nil - All others see Appendix 1 |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email to Chief of Staff - NSW Minister for Environment - follow up to native licensing. • Dog Representative sent letter to VIC Premier & Ministers to have Groomers listed as essential service. • Email to Emma Hurst to provide copy of NSW Minister for Primary Industries' assurance boarding kennels in NSW will remain as essential service. • Letter to James Joyce, Executive Editor - Australian Community Media - responding to Emma's article about Circus. • Letter to GRNSW outlining concerns with behaviour assessments for greyhounds |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response received from Chief of Staff - NSW Minister for Environment advising Atticus Fleming would commence communicating with ACA to get native licenses moving. • Email from Atticus Fleming - advising native licensing brief to be sent to Minister within the next few weeks • DPI Stakeholder Survey - due 30th September • Response from Judy Lind, CEO Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission |

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| | | <p>to advise she will be recommending ACA Consult with the GRNSW Animal Welfare Committee on behavioural assessment policy & procedure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response received from Senior Welfare Officer - Dept Agriculture Victoria - to provide lists and information ensuring feeding animals during Covid restrictions in Victoria is still permitted. • Letter received from Licensed Animal Trainers Association in South Africa, also the Animal Interest Alliance, inviting their support of ACA and assistance in fighting animal rights in Australia. This was prompted following our opening Statement at the NSW Inquiry was sent to them. • Correspondence from NSW Minister for Primary Industries providing assurances boarding kennels would remain as essential during future Covid lockdowns. |
| 8 | Membership | <p>Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zebra Finch Society of Australia - RENEWED <p>Supporters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King Park Kennels • David Wishart • Katie Beltrami (Johnstone) • Yvonne Thorne |
| 9 | Website & Social Media | Invoice received & approved for payment |
| 10 | General Business | Guest – Zelig Bullen thanked ACA & Committee for our commitment and testimony to the Inquiry into Exotic Animals |
| 11 | Actions & Outcomes | Nil |

Meeting Closed.

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

Appendix 1:

Species Reports

- Horses:

Gov response to the National Horse register was announced this week, and was underwhelming. Positives, are that the government wants welfare and rider safety included (not just biosecurity) by the tracing systems. Negatives, are the agreement to comply with european horse meat standrds, which is not what horse owners support. the working groups have still not been announced, and I will contact QLD this week, to ensure WELFARE and not animal rights groups are the members of the horse welfare working group sub committee. We have not yet recieved any invitation.

New Travelling Stock statements for horses have been released without any community consultation by DPI in NSW, with new requirements that are unreasonable. the laws have not changed, but the examples DPI give have, and it changes the whole system for horse owners. I'm drafting a letter to DPI to contact them regarding these changes.

- Small Mammals:

Rabbit Survey results as requested:

New South Wales 19 votes 48.7%

Victoria 8 votes 20.5%

South Australia 5 votes 12.8%

Tasmania 1 vote 2.6%

Western Australia 5 votes 12.8%

Australian Capital Territory 1 vote 2.6%

Queensland 0 votes 0%

Northern Territory 0 votes 0%

- Birds:

1. NSW Native Animal Licensing Update.

Unfortunately, Atticus Fleming did not respond as promised despite many prompts and reminders from CCBFA President. CCBFA therefore asked ACA President Michael Donnelly to intervene on our behalf via Minister Kean's office. The Minister's Chief of Staff subsequently spoke to Atticus Fleming about the matter. Atticus has contacted ACA indicating a brief on the matter will be put to the Minister's office. This has not yet occurred and is overdue.

We are currently considering progressing the matter via a range of political contacts including Liberal, Labor and SFFP members of parliament in both houses.

2. Review of the EPBC Act – Interim Report

In general...

We must be clear about ensuring the bureaucracy does not "wag the dog". It is my view this needs to be specifically legislated against within the Act.

I have been involved in many areas of government and the environment area is one where this is an enormous issue. It is particularly difficult to have alternative views heard, respected, and acted upon in this space. Too often those working in environment departments who are tasked with implementing environmental initiatives come with their own biases that exclude alternatives.

We need to encourage innovation and support parallel ways of looking at and addressing issues, particularly in the threatened species space.

Inconsistencies between the current EPBC Act and CITES obligations...

CCBFA supports simplifying regulated international trade in captive bred birds, particularly to deter smuggling. There are anomalies in our EPBC Act 1999 that do not reflect CITES and that are currently incentivising smuggling.

Examining the text of CITES, in particular Article VII...

<https://www.cites.org/eng/disc/text.php>

CITES Article VII (4) states captive bred Appendix I species for commercial export are to be treated as Appendix II species, therefore Article IV applies. Article IV regulates trade in Appendix II species, it requires captive proof from the exporter, however there are no import requirements (from CITES).

And perhaps even more convincing is CITES Article VII (5). This clause makes it clear that captive bred animals require no CITES documentation apart from a captive bred assurance from the Management Authority of the State of export.

Resolution Conf. 10.16 (Rev.) further expands on this notion.

<https://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-16C15.php>

Australia has not implemented Article VII (4) or (5) so far as I can tell. I believe as a signatory, we are obliged to do so. We suggest a subsection, say "303FKA Import of captive bred CITES listed species" to correct this omission and if accepted solve the problem.

3. COVID-19 Update.

Bird events have recommenced in WA, some in SA and some in Qld. Unfortunately in most other jurisdictions things have not improved since our last correspondence with most events cancelled or postponed.

The overriding requirements is that ALL bird events, including shows, sales and club meetings must comply with relevant current state government orders, direction and/or guidelines.

CCBFA will continue to hold meetings via Zoom during 2020. It is unlikely we will return to Ashfield RSL until 2021.

4. NSW Bird Sale Code of Practice Review.

An initial draft code was emailed to all CCBFA club delegates prior to the meeting.

The final code will be printed in a nicely formatted A5 booklet. We will also prepare summary versions for printing as posters, and simplified version just for sellers and another just for buyers.

The general timeline for approval and implementation is envisaged as follows...

- A formal first draft will be released for the November meeting.
- We envisage re-drafting and finalization at the first few CCBFA meetings in 2021.

- The approved code is copied and circulated widely during the remainder of 2021 so all clubs and sellers are aware of any changes.
- The code comes into force from the beginning of 2022.

Discussion of the initial draft with a range of refinements identified. Delegates are asked to submit further written comment and suggested edits to CCBFA at least 1 week prior to the November meeting.

It is critical that all clubs support the new code including speaking up on any points they would like considered. All animal welfare legislation in NSW is currently under review, there are now 2 Animal Justice Party (AJP) members in NSW parliament, and animal rights extremism is on the rise. It is critical we self-regulate aviculture effectively, particularly for events where we are in the public eye.

Particular thanks to Jayson Forest and Bruce Goleby for their ongoing work on the draft.

5. Parrot Import Risk Assessment

A draft of the Psittacine Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis (BIRA) has been released for comment.

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/.../animal/psittacine-birds>

CCBFA will make a submission prior to the September 19th due date. President Sam Davis attended the webinar for this BIRA on August 31.

Our submission will focus on supporting and promoting the import of psittacines, including congratulating the government officials for their thorough work on the draft.

There are three significant matters the CCBFA submission will recommend should be addressed.


- a. CCBFA supports a regulated import regime that is economically viable, whilst protecting the biosecurity and biodiversity of Australia's captive and wild birds. Such a system will deter smuggling (including poaching). CCBFA would like to see a simplified regime for both import and export much like that in force for other captive bred species such as dogs, cats, horses, etc.
- b. The draft BIRA does not clearly articulate why a BC3 level of quarantine is required. Many other species are quarantined to protect against airborne viruses, bacteria, etc. in lower level facilities. In addition why must the Mickleham BC3 facility be used? Why not allow other approved private, zoo or university facilities? BC3 and use of Mickleham will be expensive and will require large shipments that increase risk should disease be identified.
- c. The exchange of Budgerigars between NZ and Australia should be considered a special case. Consideration of special conditions for an NZ budgerigar team to compete in the annual ANBC competition and then return home. Sam (CCBFA President) has made initial enquiries with both NZ and Aus officials to explore the possibilities.

Unfortunately there has been some unwanted media regarding this matter. CCBFA President has emailed both the Guardian and Birdlife Australia to begin a dialogue. Both articles show complete ignorance of the facts regarding aviculture.

The Guardian article - <https://www.theguardian.com/.../federal-government...>

The Birdlife Australia article - <https://birdlife.org.au/.../govt-considers-lifting-ban.../>

COMMITTEE MEETING - HELD 12TH OCTOBER 2020

|  | | <h3>Animal Care Australia Inc</h3> <p>Date: 12th October 2020 Time: 7pm ONLINE via Zoom</p> |
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| Attendees | | Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Michelle Grayson (MG), Karri Nadzady (KN), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Kylie Gilbert (KG), Helen Toovey (HT), |
| Apologies | | Joanne Payne (JP) & Sue Kowlazyck (SK) |
| <h3>Agenda topics</h3> | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7pm |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | Minutes accepted as correct. |
| 3 | Matters Arising | Amendment to Item 10 - General Business: Guest – Zelig Bullen thanked ACA & Committee for our commitment and testimony to the Inquiry into Exotic Animals |
| 3b. | Inquiries & Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled meeting with Steve Coleman NSW RSPCA - Wednesday 14th Oct – Rescheduled to Friday 16th October. • MD had phone meeting with Andrew Biggs (Hanrob) 1st October • Meeting scheduled: 21st October - ACA, Hanrob & William Billett - CEO GRNSW |
| 4 | Treasurer | Website invoice approved at last meeting paid. Balance: \$2944.06 |
| 5 | Species Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Birds: Nil - Cats: Nil - Dogs: Nil - All others see Appendix 1 |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to Steve Coleman for more information on the 2 puppy farms raided in NSW. This resulted in us receiving phone call from their investigations section to highlight ACA would be best not to use these cases as examples of AJP getting it wrong. • Documents from Animal Care Australia and Federation Mondiale du Cirque - written responses and copy of transcript sent to Portfolio Committee 4 in response to Supplementary questions. • Request sent to Jed Goodfellow - RSPCA Aust to attend our November Meeting to explain how RSPCA Aust determine their policies and what scientific basis policy implementors utilise. • Submission sent Golden Plains Shire Council Draft Local Law 2 – Part 3 – Animals • Response to Emma Hurst confirming our support of the Strata Laws Management amendments - as well as requesting a definition of 'puppy farm' and 'animal business' in her upcoming Companion Animal Act amendments. • Strata Schemes Management Amendment (Sustainability Infrastructure) Bill 2020 - response sent to all NSW Parliamentary Ministers. • Guide to Giving program - package info & funding scheme info received. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forwarded info received in relation to Horse trail Closures in the Hawkesbury region. ACA included as a person of interest in email to Local Member Robyn Preston - Karri to follow-up |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledgement from Portfolio Committee 4 - Inquiry into Circus etc - of receipt of our response to Supplementary questions. Report expected by December 2020. Emma Hurst AJP - requested our position on the Strat Management Laws Response to our strata reply received from Yasmin Catley - Member for Swansea - supporting a Review into the issue before commenting further. Response from Emma Hurst acknowledging our support of the Strata Laws amendments as well as acknowledging her future amendment to ban puppy farms will be based on Vic Legislation restricting numbers of dogs & cats. Response from Minister Kevin Anderson - Minister for Regulation & Innovation - highlighting no support of our amendment until after a full review & consultation has occurred - invited us to ensure we respond to the Review when released at the end of the year. Acknowledgement from Jed Goodfellow - RSPCA Aust to attend November Meeting. |
| 8 | Membership | <p>Members:</p> <p>Nil Member renewals or new applications</p> <p>Supporters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> McIntyre Park Cattery The Pet Chalet Elizabeth Smith |
| 9 | Website & Social Media | Nil |
| 10 | General Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD had phone meeting with Andrew Biggs (Hanrob) 1st October to discuss ACA & Hanrob moving forward with the Train the trainer. It was agreed that Alicia Fuller is not reliable (and/or is not favourable) to ensure ACA is included in the consultation with the GRNSW Animal Welfare Committee - so Andrew would organise a meeting with the CEO of GRNSW as he felt he was getting further with the CEO than with Alicia. Meeting scheduled: 21st October - ACA, Hanrob & William Billett - CEO GRNSW to discuss moving forward with Train the trainer for greyhound rehoming as well ACA's inclusion on consultation with their Welfare Committee. |
| 11 | Actions & Outcomes | |

Meeting Closed.

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

Appendix 1:

Species Reports

- Native Mammals:

Native Mammal Report: Mammal Society of NSW was contacted by Jane Power Sydney Morning Herald looking for information about a 'new' push to have native mammals added to license in NSW. Given no such new push is occurring and the MSN having a verbal agreement with NSW DPIE to sit quietly until after the bird & reptile aspects are processed and implemented - it was decided that I would contact Jane as the Native Mammal Rep from ACA to broadly answer questions relating to them being kept as pets, so as to not upset the 'agreement' in place. As it turned out she had been fed incorrect information while inquiring about why possums in her neighbourhood were dropping dead (6 in 2 weeks). It turned out she was told more people would know more about possums if they were allowed to be kept as pets - which led her to ask about why they aren't and the long story continued to her being referred to me. Instead we discussed the more apparent and obvious story of someone poisoning the possums and how that might be occurring and with explaining the use of 1080 as a possible toxin including suggesting she take a possum carcass to a University to be tested for cause of death. The ENTIRE conversation was OFF the record. NO story is to be printed - as yet and should she 'find' one in her investigations she will recontact me for a comment at that time. She felt her Editor would not proceed given its 'delicate and controversial' nature.

Side note: Jane & I know each from the 'petshop saga' when she ran articles supporting us - so she might be a good resource with the upcoming puppy farm amendments.

SMS communications with Atticus Fleming are few and far between - however all indicate he IS progressing a 'brief' towards the Minister's Office. No information has been forthcoming what is in the brief - despite me asking twice for more info.

- Small Mammals:

-Knox council submission contribution.

-I have still to chase up re update of new vaccine RHDV progress as well as Cylaps shortage.

-I have been encouraging small Animal groups to submit against Central Coast Council restrictions of numbers in their draft keeping animals policy.

I will also compile the same for our ACA submission on the matter.

I have given chasing bunny clubs a rest for now, so am now plotting to contact cavy people.

I am also planning to touch base with a committee member of QRF in regards to renewing membership with ACA

Forwarded the Small Mammals response to the Central Coast Council submission for the Draft Keeping of animals 2020 policy.

I have also left a message for **Mark White** of Treildlia to return my call as I would like to follow up the progress of the RHDV vaccine with the APVMA as well as to discuss the current shortage of Cylaps vaccine for rabbits within Australia right now and as to when the Cylaps will be available again.

Mark White has returned my call. It was a rather short to the point conversation as really there were no real conclusions to either the RHDV or the Cylaps situations.

The RHDV vaccine is still stuck in the woodworks amongst red tape awaiting approval by the APVMA and There is still no clear view of when it may be available for release.

The current Cylaps is indeed Out Of Stock! So there is none of this vaccine in Australia at the moment.

Zoetes has stated that it will not be available before Christmas with a hope that it may be available in January, but not guarantee.

As for the reason to why the Cylaps Rabbit vaccine has suddenly become unobtainable is a mystery and something that Zoetes, (the manufacturing company) is unwilling to share. Mark presented an array of possible reasons of, attention on another matter of production, lack of demand within Australia, sold to a higher bidding country or potentially a lack of raw material required for formulating the product???? The list of reasons could go on, but we are likely to never know.

I promised **Mark** that I would stalk him again in another few months for a progress report

Update: Got a positive response from QRF committee member. Club had decided to continue membership, it just has been forgotten, so will be chased up and sorted.

- Reptiles:

The only correspondence I've had with OEH is about how long it is taking for anyone to get anything from them atm. I even had to contact Peter in the end auto get anything happening but then had an email from Louise apologising and saying they will improve wait times... yep I'm still waiting on 3 authority to holds grrr. This has to stop. Too much paperwork. So I have call numbers from wires as to why the animals need rehoming for oeh to turn around and need to confirm with wires as to why they have that number???? It's all very drawn out and I may write back to Louise and Peter asking for a more streamlined process when I am handed animals to be rehomed

- Horse report:

Still the same ongoing things, finding the right person to contact is always tricky...

New issues: new fencing in Scheyville float parking area that isn't horse safe and has reduced the size of the area,


Rumour that Hawkesbury wants to exclude horse riding from its established riding trails (same LGA, funnily enough).

Horse register primary working group announced - there is NO representation for private owners or welfare.

I have been in touch with the Vic Ag member of the working group, and had had some of my concerns heard and resolved. The working group members were chosen by the recommendations in the Inquiry report, and even though we were frequently referenced, as we were not specifically mentioned to be included in the working group, then we would not be in the working group. I suspect they thought we were an animal rights group too.

I now know who to contact to get on the welfare sub group and that's really where we'd like to be anyway, so that is the next step. Waiting for an email with the contact info, and I'll get on to that next.

COMMITTEE MEETING - HELD 9TH NOVEMBER 2020

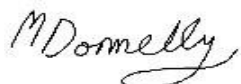
|  | | <h3>Animal Care Australia Inc</h3> <p>Date: 9th November 2020 Time: 7pm ONLINE via Zoom</p> |
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| Attendees | | Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Michelle Grayson (MG), Karri Nadzady (KN), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Kylie Gilbert (KG), Helen Toovey (HT), Joanne Payne (JP) & Sue Kowlazyck (SK) |
| Apologies | | Nil |
| Agenda topics | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7pm |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | Minutes accepted as correct. |
| 3 | Matters Arising | Nil |
| 3b. | Inquiries & Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Govt announced Inquiry into the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission. Have since been informed Judith Lind, EO has resigned her position following the announcement of the Inquiry. Inquiry has been requested following allegations GWIC is controlled by ARE's. Meetings: 24th November will meet with Adam Marshall's (NSW Primary Industries Minister) Chief of Staff 7 Senior Policy advisor. Meeting to discuss the Puppy Farm Amendments, Task Force investigating Puppy Farms and the new Cruelty Penalties. Meeting with SFFP (Robert Borsak has been requested to discuss the above Inquiry into the GWIC - he is Chairing that Inquiry. Meeting with the Shadow Ministers for all animal-related policies was well received by all present, with future individual meetings to follow. Meeting to discuss the Task Force still to be scheduled Darren Mair CEO RSPCA Qld has accepted request to meet regularly in 2021. Steve Coleman CEO RSPCA NSW has agreed to renew our schedule for 2021. Kylie & Michael attended a meeting with several Dog Boarding services (requested by Pet Advocates) to discuss how they can move forward and for advice on how to respond to the Victorian Welfare Review, as well as the upcoming Qld Review. Meeting was successful in that they will be copying ACA into their responses, in addition to providing input for our responses. Meeting with Wayne Billett - CEO GRNSW and Hanrob to discuss moving forward with the training of trainers for greyhound rehab & re-homing. |
| 4 | Treasurer | Balance: \$2992.99 - with one deposit of \$20 unaccounted for. Update: Investigation found deposit was in fact a Membership renewal/ |
| 5 | Species Updates | Birds: Nil Cats: Nil Dogs: Nil Horses: Nil |

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| | | <p>Native Mammals: - Nil</p> <p>Small Mammals - Nil</p> |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email to Animal Welfare Victoria to request meeting to discuss concerns with Andy Meddick's (AJP) proposals for dogs in Dog Shelters. explain how RSPCA Aust determine their policies and what scientific basis policy implementors utilise. • Submission sent to Knox City Council (VIC) over animal restrictions. • Email sent to Christian Dunk - Chief of Staff (Minister Marshall Primary Industries NSW) highlighting our meeting with the Shadow Ministers and providing additional statement of disappointment in Atticus Fleming, Richard Kingswood and the Licensing team - particularly concerning delays with processing of reptiles for re-homing. • Email sent to Jackson Busse - Chief of Staff (Minister Kean Environment NSW) highlighting our meeting with the Shadow Ministers and requesting meeting to discuss puppy factories, and the task force. • Follow-up email to Wayne Billett CEO GRNSW confirming outcomes from our meeting and requesting further information on the Australasian Committee and how ACA can be included. • Submission sent to Central Coast Council (NSW) over animal restrictions • Email inviting Jed Goodfellow RSPCA Aust to a Committee meeting 9th Nov 2020. Confirming and informing him of proposed structure etc. • Email follow-up to Jackyln Symes - Minister for Primary Industries Vic to request she respond to previous communications, & phone calls relating to the lack of inclusion of Circus in the announced Exhibited Animal Funding packages, as well as to address concerns and questions with the Welfare Review's lack of supporting information - such as referring to National Standards that are not yet tabled for comment. |
| 7 | Incoming Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cristina Del Borrello - A/Director, Pets and Animal Welfare Animal Welfare Victoria, acknowledging the need for ACA to discuss the outcomes of Andy Meddick's (AJP) push for Animal Shelters and how that will affect the welfare of dogs. A meeting to be scheduled once the full details become available. • Fiona Ferguson - A/Director Animal Biosecurity and Welfare QLD - confirming nothing has been commenced with Horse Traceability Register - but acknowledging ACA to be included in future correspondence. • RSPCA NSW Foster Caring - emails to confirm the team and acknowledging ACA will be assisting with fostering. • Richard Kingswood (DPIE) NSW - confirming no horse trails to be closed in the Hawkesbury region on NPWS land. • Christian Dunk - Chief of Staff to Minister Kean (NSW Environment) acknowledging correspondence related to poor service from Atticus Fleming, Richard Kingswood, the Licensing Team etc. • Jackson Busse - Chief of Staff to Minister Marshall (NSW Primary Industries) acknowledging request to meet to discuss puppy factories and the task force • Response from Knox City Council to our letter damning their animal restrictions. – claiming they are within their right to place restrictions. • Forwarded letter from Get Wild sent to Adam Marshall requesting a meeting. Copy was sent to us at the request of Daniel Brighton from Get Wild. |
| 8 | Membership | <p>Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rabbit Breeders Association of NSW <p>Supporters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn Elvey • Rebecca Tedder |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janene Poynton • Marina Scott • Jacinta Scott • Narelle Williams • Jacqui Webb • Darlene Beer • Catherine Carney |
| 9 | Website & Social Media | Nil |
| 10 | General Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD had phone meeting with Andrew Biggs (Hanrob) 1st October to discuss ACA & Hanrob moving forward with the Train the trainer. It was agreed that Alicia Fuller is not reliable (and/or is not favourable) to ensure ACA is included in the consultation with the GRNSW Animal Welfare Committee - so Andrew would organise a meeting with the CEO of GRNSW as he felt he was getting further with the CEO than with Alicia. • Meeting scheduled: 21st October - ACA, Hanrob & William Billett - CEO GRNSW to discuss moving forward with Train the trainer for greyhound rehoming as well ACA's inclusion on consultation with their Welfare Committee. |
| 11 | Actions & Outcomes | Due to meeting with Jed Goodfellow – General Meeting was moved to December. |


Meeting Closed.

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

ONLINE GENERAL MEETING - HELD 14TH DECEMBER 2020

|  | | <h3>Animal Care Australia Inc</h3> <p>General Meeting - Date: 14th December 2020 Time: 7pm ONLINE via Zoom</p> |
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| Attendees | | <p>COMMITTEE: Michael Donnelly (MD), Sam Davis (SD), Rachel Sydenham (RS), Kylie Gilbert (KG)</p> <p>GUESTS: Gary Fitt (GF) & Corey Andrew (CA)</p> |
| Apologies | | Helen Toovey (HT), Michelle Grayson (MG), Karri Nadzady (KN), Joanne Payne (JP), & Sue Kowlazyck (SK) |
| Agenda topics | | |
| ITEM NO. | Agenda Item | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | Meeting Open | Chair: Michael Donnelly – opened at 7pm - |
| 2 | Prev Minutes | Minutes accepted as correct. |
| 3 | Matters Arising | Nil arising |
| 3b. | Inquiries & Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with CEO RSPCA VIC - Thursday 17th December 2020. Meeting with Ministers staff for Office of Local Govt - Thursday 17th December. |
| 4 | Treasurer | Balance \$2,992.69. |
| 5 | Species Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Native Mammals: Nil - Cats: Nil - Horses: Nil - Dogs: Nil - Small Mammals - All others see Appendix 1 |
| 6 | Outgoing Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSW Office of Local Government - response for the Review of the NSW Pet Registry NSW Select Committee Inquiry into the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission – submission Animal Welfare Victoria - submission to animal welfare act review NSW Shadow Minister Primary Industries ACA's initial response to the AJP Proposed Amendments NSW RSPCA General Manager of Compliance seeking clarification on the proposed method and criteria (checklist) that the Task force would be using to find 'puppy factories' and prosecute. Kim Filmer Chief Animal Welfare Officer - highlighting concerns with the regulations allowing RSPCA/AWL to enter non-commercial properties without justifiable cause or a warrant. NSW Minister for Primary Industries - Chief of Staff - highlighting concerns with the regulations allowing RSPCA/AWL to enter non-commercial properties without justifiable cause or a warrant. |

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| 7 | Incoming Corro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSW Local Govt Office - Minister's Office - Acknowledgement of request for a meeting to discuss the Companion Animals Act & RegistryStatement at the NSW Inquiry was sent to them. • NSW DPI Ministers Office - Acknowledgement of request to review the conditions that permit the Compliance Agencies from entering non-commercial properties without justifiable cause or a warrant. • Animal Justice Party - Emma Hurst - Acknowledgement of request for meeting to discuss her proposed Ban Puppy Farming amendments (restrict breeding of bitches/queens) - meeting to be scheduled for February 2021 when Parliament returns. • Northern Territory Govt - Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade - Executive Director Biosecurity and Animal Welfare - confirming ACA as a key stakeholder for animal welfare in the NT. • RSPCA VIC - acknowledge request for quarterly meetings with CEO throughout 2021. Also to schedule meeting for 17th December 2020 to discuss upcoming welfare review in Victoria. • Email from Portfolio Committee - Inquiry into Circus & Marine Parks - announcing release of the Report. • Request from Jenny Aitchison, MP - NSW Shadow Minister for Primary Industries requesting ACA provide feedback on the Amendments for Animal Cruelty Penalties proposed by the Animal Justice Party. • Referral from Greyhound Racing NSW to contact the The CEO of Greyhounds Australasia to organise a discussion on improving the outcome for rehab/re-train of greyhounds to be re-homed • Correspondence from RSPCA NSW confirming the task force looking into puppy farms will be known Breeding Compliance Unit and to outline the checklist the Unit will be using to carry out inspections. • Office of the Hon. Alannah MacTiernan MLC - Agriculture WA - acknowledging request to not support the proposed dog restrictions in WA as part of their Ban Puppy Farming legislation • Hon. Colin Tincknell MLC - WA Party Leader One Nation - agreeing with ACA' stance on the WA Puppy Farm legislation - requesting further consultation in 2021 when the Bill is re-engaged. • Office of the Hon David Speirs MP - Minister for Environment and Water - South Australia - acknowledging ACA as a key stakeholder for animal welfare in SA. • NSW Legislative Council's Select Committee on Animal Cruelty Laws in New South Wales advising of the government's response to the report, which was received on 4 December 2020. • NSW Department of Primary Industries advising the final Guidelines have been endorsed by the Animal Research Review Panel (ARRP) for Research Animal Rehoming Guidelines. • Select Committee on the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission - acknowledging receipt of ACA's submission. • Office of the Hon Guy Barnett MP - Minister for Primary Industries and Water - Tasmania - acknowledging ACA as key stakeholder for animal welfare in Tasmania. |
| 8 | Membership | <p>Members:</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Supporters:</p> <p>Nil</p> |
| 9 | Website & | Nil |

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| | Social Media | |
| 10 | General Business | With only 4 Committee members and 2 Guests in attendance - the majority of business was agreed to be held over until the January meeting. |
| 11 | Actions & Outcomes | Nil |

Meeting Closed.

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

Appendix 1:

Species Reports

- Reptiles:

Wrote to Richard Kingswood re problems with OEH with license upgrade delay in processing, delays in authority to hold for rehoming animals and current auditing review happening. Typical diplomatic response received. Will draft a reply.

- Birds:

1. NSW draft bird sale code is out for comment. This is the first one we've done as Standards and Guidelines.

<https://www.cbfafa.org.au/.../CCBFA-NSW-Bird-Sales-and...>

2. Still NO real feedback from Matt Kean and NOTHING from Atticus Fleming regarding NSW native animal licensing. In 2 days it will be 6 months since we met with Atticus and he promised to move things along.

3. CCBFA Vic Animal Welfare Submission on the Directions Paper submitted.

<https://www.cbfafa.org.au/.../CCBFA-Vic-Directions-Paper...>