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**Australian Campdraft Association Inc.**

**Minutes Of The Annual General Meeting**

Held at The Pavillion, Chinchilla Showgrounds  
On 19 October 2021 commencing at 7:13pm

*When these minutes are confirmed, the unconfirmed watermark is removed from each page and the ACA President's signature is added to the last page, along with the confirmed date.*

**Attendance**

Seventy One (71) members as per the Attendance Book.

**Welcome**

The President, Hugh Philp, extended a welcome to all those in attendance.

**Notice Of Meeting**

The Notice Convening The Meeting was taken as read.

**Apologies**

MOVED Evan Acton SECONDED Doris McKay that the apologies from Allister Butcher, Andrew Stallman, Annie Williamson, Brett McCamley, Cameron Neville, Claudette Neville, Donna Atthow, Ed McCormack, Gayle Shann, Glenn Evans, Greg Wallace, Ian Atthow, Jim Daley, Lynne Lucas, Mac Shann, Mathew Horswell, Patrice Elliott, Paul McKey, Peter Petty, Phillip Aikenhead, Robert Neville, Rod Carpenter, Scott Haley, Sean Dillon, Tania Moorhead, Wendy Wockner be received and accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Confirmation Of Minutes**

MOVED Rohan Marks SECONDED Michael Hayes that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Roma on 17 October 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED Evan Acton SECONDED Jason Comiskey that the Minutes of the General Meeting held in Rockhampton on 14 April 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**President's Report**

MOVED Evan Acton SECONDED Stewart Wallace that the President's Report submitted and presented by Hugh Philp and shown in Attachment A be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Vice President's Report**

MOVED Ben Hall SECONDED Jason Comiskey that the Vice President's Report submitted and presented by Stephen Sheppard and shown in Attachment B be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Vice President's Report**

MOVED Doris McKay SECONDED Kay Radke that the Vice President's Report submitted by Andrew Stallmann as presented and shown in Attachment C be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Vice President's Report**

MOVED Stephen Sheppard SECONDED Doris McKay that the Vice President's Report submitted by Sean Dillon as presented and shown in Attachment D be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Treasurer's Report**

MOVED Doris McKay SECONDED Kay Radke that the Treasurer's Report submitted by Ian Watson as presented and shown in Attachment E be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Secretary's Report**

MOVED Rohan Marks SECONDED Ben Hall that the Treasurer's Report submitted and presented by Gabrielle Franklin and shown in Attachment F be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**General Business**

No general business arose.

**Meeting Close**

The President declared the meeting closed at 7:37pm and thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

**Confirmation**

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Confirmed Date

Hugh Philp, ACA President



## Attachment A President's Report: Hugh Philp

Good evening to our Patron Mr Ed McCormack and members of the ACA.

Welcome to the 49<sup>th</sup> AGM of this mighty association. In a year where 83% of community sports Australia wide have been on the decline, the ACA flag has continued to fly proudly. Not without our challenges, however. Considering we had a no points season last year I was concerned with COVID-19 on the doorstep that this year could be the same. I remember sending a message to the ladies in the office in January that if we achieved 5000 members and 100 campdrafts then we would be going well. Tonight, at this moment I can proudly say we have 9644 financial members & have run 182 ACA campdrafts and they talk about Peter Vlandys, please hold my beer!

I would like to congratulate the office on their professionalism and sometimes the less glamorous dealing of the ever changing COVID-19 advice! We hope that the support that committees and members receive is appreciated. I would like to congratulate Gabrielle, Grace, Katie, Greta, Georgia and Taylah on their continued dedication as we march into the much anticipated 50<sup>th</sup> year! There has been restructures within the office to give more responsibility and I feel this is healthy for personal development.

Two weekends ago, I had the privilege of judging the High School Campdraft with Terry Hall. There were 270 students representing 37 schools and combined we judged 760 runs! It was great for ACA to be involved for the first time, and so would hope everyone is proud of what this event has become. There is no doubt that our strong future is determined by our youth being involved and I believe there is a bright light burning.

In early June we had a very important meeting concerning the continued development of Campdraft One. This has been an ongoing process for the last four years, so it was incredibly satisfying that a deal could be secured for a nomination platform in the near future to be paid off over eight years. I will let the Treasurer in his report update you on the dollars involved with this project. In a world that is moving so fast, I felt the Management Council took a real common-sense approach to this concept.

There is no doubt that the big loss this year was the passing of our Founding President, Ashley McKay. In my final visit to Ashley I told him I would get back to my role as President. Ashley replied, "We all hope you do." At the High School Draft, I cracked a young man off for dangerous riding, then I went out and explained to him why. When I finished the young man shook my hand and thanked me. Think Ashley would have been proud of this sportsmanship. His legacy will live on forever.

There are a few changes in the Management Council this year. I would like to thank Andrew Stallmann for his commitment as he stands down as Vice President. His contribution with Campdraft One, the Medical Providers and pushing the formation of the Youth Group has not gone unnoticed. We wish you and Jill all the best for the future. I would like to welcome Rohan Marks to the Executive Group as he will bring enthusiasm and no less than 35 years' experience drafting and judging all over the country. I would like to thank Glenn Evans as he stands down after seven years as Chair of the Code of Conduct Sub Committee. Glenn maintained his position through a very difficult transition period for Code of Conduct but no doubt very rewarding. Glenn is a wonderful person and we are very proud to have him as a Management Council Member. We welcome Fiona Radke into this challenging role, and we wish her all the best. I would like to thank Mat Durkin as he steps down from Chairman of the Youth Camps/ Starter Clinics Sub Committee. Mat's passion for ACA and our youth has been so important through this challenging time. I would like to welcome Tania Moorhead into this role of Chairman of the Youth Camps. I would like to thank all the other chairman's who maintain their



role moving forward and I think it is fitting to recognise the Youth Camps & Judges Clinics that continue to be held and also the never-ending monitoring of the rules. I would also like to recognise the Awards Committee for their work with the merchandise for ACA's Golden Anniversary Year. I would also like to congratulate Sean Dillon on his very well-deserved Life Membership. And a big thank you to all our sponsors who continue to support us year in year out.

On a personal note this has been an extremely challenging year, but I would like to thank ACA members, Management Council, the Executive Group, the NCCA and family & friends for the respect everyone has shown to my family. There is a saying in Australia that 'you back your mates no matter what'. I have learnt this year there is no truer statement. To any family or individuals with challenges, there is always someone to talk to.

With the year ahead, I am sure everyone is aware of the Golden Anniversary celebrations. I am so proud to lead this wonderful volunteer association into this iconic achievement. Let's pull together and make it a year to remember!

May I ask for a mover and seconder for my report please.

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## Attachment B Vice President's Report: Stephen Sheppard

Good evening Members, Guests, and Patron, Ed.

It is with great pleasure that I present my Vice President Report for 2021.

Well, what a time for ACA. As we quickly approach our fiftieth year, my thoughts go to how we got here and the people that laid the foundation that has enabled ACA to evolve into what it is today.

This year we were devastated by the passing of our Founding Father, Ashley McKay. Sadly, Ashley won't see the Association he founded make fifty years, but his contribution and foresight will be remembered forever within ACA. The structure, goals and many procedures put in place at that first meeting are still in place today. I believe the strength of ACA lies in its volunteers. From the grassroots Committee Members, to the members of the Management Committee, everybody volunteers their time and covers their own expenses. This has ensured that the people at all levels have the best interests of the sport and ACA members at heart.

The last two years have been somewhat of a rollercoaster to say the least. COVID-19 has caused the largest upset to our society in history. 2020 was disastrous. With regulations making it impossible to hold events, we saw affiliations and memberships plummet. This year has seen committees adapt COVID-19 plans to run events, and our membership sits at over 9000.

Exciting times are ahead for ACA in the next twelve months. The financial year will shift from April 1 to January 1. This will correspond with the quieter time in the Office and allow memberships to be received in January & be accounted for in the current year. It will also enable more time to be allocated to the lead up to the Finals in April.

Speaking of which, the ACA Golden Anniversary Finals hosted by the Springsure Working Horse Association, should be a huge event and a fitting celebration of our fifty years. Next year will also see the rollout of Campdraft One. Thanks to Nic & Will Fordyce and the ACA Office Team for their tireless work on this project. As many of you know, it has been trialed recently and should be widely available for committees in the New Year. The benefits to ACA and members from this program are boundless & will propel us into the next chapter in the ACA story.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas & New Year. With a positive outlook on the weather front and good commodity prices, 2022 looks like it may be a great year to be turning fifty.

May I ask for a mover and seconder for my report please.



## Attachment C Vice President's Report: Andrew Stallmann

Good Evening Members,

Regrettably I am unable to attend this year's AGM in person, and have asked ACA Secretary, Gabrielle Franklin, to read my Vice President Report on my behalf. This is my final Vice President Report, as I retire from the ACA Executive after eight years on the ACA Management Committee.

On the topic of retirements, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of outgoing Northern Zone Councillor, Liz Miller. Welcome to our incoming Northern Zone Councillor, Ben Stanger. I am sure you will find your time on the ACA Management Committee insightful and rewarding, as I have.

At last year's AGM, I reported that ACA had a robust and reliable member, horse & points database in Campdraft One, and that the potential development of a nominations platform would be considered in due course. I am pleased to advise our committees and members that in the twelve months following this, ACA entered into an agreement to build an in-house nominations platform with an external IT provider, which has recently been used at a number of ACA events. Thank you to the ACA Affiliated Committees that opted to use the program, and the members that subsequently nominated via it. As with any large software development, faults were experienced & areas for improvement were identified, and the ACA Project Team, along with our IT provider, continue to refine these, with the software to be available to all ACA Affiliated Committees in 2022.

Most members would not be aware that for the past four years, I have served as a member of the board on the Queensland Horse Industry Alliance, a position I am also stepping down from. This group is an integral part of animal welfare in Queensland, made up of representatives from organisations including Equestrian Queensland, Queensland Show Society, Queensland Polocrosse Association and the Endurance discipline. In the last twelve months, the Queensland Horse Industry Alliance has worked hard to ensure the Queensland Government understands & acknowledges the equine industries' stance in regard to proposed reforms relating to both the land movement of horses and horse traceability.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the dedicated and hardworking ACA Office Team that do an incredible job behind the scenes to make our weekends campdrafting easier. I would also like to thank all the counsellors on the Management Committee for sacrificing their personal time for the benefit of ACA. Lastly, I'd like to thank the Executive Committee, as they have always been able to find the time to support each other at any time of the day or night and continue to advance the ACA legacy.

It is great to be involved with a sport that spans from one end of the country to the other, bringing together an amazing group of people, including cattle donors, committees, volunteers, competitors and local communities.

I wish ACA, it's Members, Committees, Management Committee and Staff all the very best for the future. May I ask for a mover and seconder for this report please.



## Attachment D Vice President's Report: Sean Dillon

Good Evening Life Members, Management Committee Members and Members,

Like my fellow Executives Andrew and Ian, I am unable to attend in the AGM in person tonight. Hence, I will be brief in this Vice President's report.

The past year has not been without its challenges, most significant for me, in my capacity as Vice President, were COVID and animal welfare related. Queensland has been in the fortunate position to have been able to continue to campdraft, largely unimpeded by COVID, whilst our southern counterparts, unfortunately have not. We look forward to a brighter 2022, where ACA members in NSW and VIC will be able to join us and looking at the latest updates from the Queensland Premier, this is looking promising, sooner rather than later.

Significant interactions between ACA and other equine organisations around Australia have occurred over the past 12 months in the animal welfare sphere. Like Andrew, who sits on the Queensland Horse Industry Alliance Board, I sit on the Australian Horse Industry Council board. This group is an active contributor to discussions surrounding the horse traceability & the land transport of horses, as well as being an active advisor to government departments.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the dedication of our outgoing Vice President, Andrew Stallmann, and wish him & Jill all the very best for the future.

May I ask for a mover and seconder for this report please.



## Attachment E Treasurer's Report: Ian Watson

Good Evening Members,

Regretfully, as I am based in Armidale, New South Wales, the current border closures prevent me from delivering this Treasurer's Report to you in person tonight. Should you have any queries relating to the financial affairs of the Association after hearing this brief report, I welcome you to contact me. The ACA Office Team can provide my contact details.

This report is based on the financial year ending 31 March 2021. The audit for the year ending 31 March 2021 was completed by Brandt Accounting in Roma. There was an overall profit of approximately \$215,000 for the year; this is testament to the dedication of our Executive and Management Committee, to have reached a good financial position after the first 12-month period of the COVID pandemic, where campdrafting ceased Australia wide.

In further good news, the cash on hand at the closing of the year was approximately \$940,000, with liabilities of approximately \$66,000. The full audit report, for this year, and years prior, is available on the ACA website at all times for member's review should this be of interest to you. The bottom line for year ending 31 March 2021 saw member's funds sitting at approximately \$1.4 million dollars, made up predominately of the two ACA owned properties plus cash on hand.

Looking to the current financial year, the Association is again in a good position, with the popularity of campdrafting certainly shining through. It may interest members and committees to know that since the commencement of the current campdrafting season, 182 campdrafts have been held nationwide; and if you do the math, this equates to the equivalent of just under one campdraft held per day.

Many of you would be aware that ACA has entered into an agreement to build our own internal nominations platform, which has been trialed with success at several campdrafts in recent months. This has been a substantial investment for the Association, and while it is planned to be available for all committees to use in 2022, the program will be paid off over a period of eight years with the most substantial payments being made in the first two years. For this I credit our Management Committee, who have never lost sight of the Association's goal to house our own internal nominations platform and who's vision is now coming to fruition.

In closing, I would like to recommend that FTA Accountants in Roma be engaged as the auditor for the financial year closing 31 December 2021. This recommendation is based on an assessment of the current auditor options between myself and the ACA Office Team.

May I ask for a mover and seconder for this report please.



## Attachment F Secretary's Report: Gabrielle Franklin

Mr. President and Members, I advise that:

A ballot was required for Northern Zone.

There were no valid nominations for the following offices of the Management Committee:  
Central Western New South Wales Zone, Northern Territory/Western Australia Zone, Tasmanian Zone and Victorian Zone.

The names of candidates who are taken to be elected as the only nominees for the office, including those received as late nominations, are stated below in Schedule A:

### Schedule A

Office	Names of Candidates
President	Hugh Philp
Vice Presidents	Rohan Marks, Sean Dillon, Stephen Sheppard
Treasurer	Ian Watson
<b>Zone Management Committee Members (Councillors)</b>	
Border Zone	Annie Williamson.
Central Zone	Gayle Shann, Mac Shann, Pete Comiskey, Rod Carpenter.
Central Western New South Wales Zone	Nil.
Eastern New South Wales Zone	Peter Petty, Tania Moorhead.
Northern Territory/North West Western Australia Zone	Nil.
Northern Zone	Ben Stanger, Evan Acton, Jenni levers, Wendy Wockner.
South East Zone	Brian Elliott, Craig Sheppard, Glenn Evans, Scott Haley.
Southern Zone	Mat Durkin.
South West Western Australia Zone	James Roxburgh, Jim Daley.
Tasmanian Zone	Nil.
Victorian Zone	Nil.
Western Zone	Jason Comiskey, Tom Gleeson.



**Members of ACA Management Committee as at 19 October 2021 are:**

Office	Names
President	Hugh Philp
Vice Presidents	Rohan Marks, Sean Dillon, Stephen Sheppard
Treasurer	Ian Watson
<b>Zone Management Committee Members (Councillors)</b>	
Border Zone	Annie Williamson, Claudette Neville, Sam Knight.
Central Zone	Brett McCamley, Gayle Shann, Mac Shann, Pete Comiskey, Rod Carpenter.
Central Western New South Wales Zone	Nil.
Eastern New South Wales Zone	Daniel Cheers, Paul McKey, Peter Petty, Tania Moorhead.
Northern Territory/North West Western Australia Zone	Jack Harries, Kimberley Harries.
Northern Zone	Barry Miller, Ben Stanger, Dan Condon, Evan Acton, Jenni Ievers, Wendy Wockner.
South East Zone	Brian Elliott, Charles Smith, Craig Sheppard, Dane Bateman, Glenn Evans, Kay Radke, Phillip Aikenhead, Scott Haley.
Southern Zone	Fiona Radke, James McAuley, Mat Durkin, Mathew Horswell.
South West Western Australia Zone	Allister Butcher, James Roxburgh, Jim Daley, Sharlie Morrison.
Tasmanian Zone	Lynne Lucas.
Victorian Zone	Nil.
Western Zone	Ben Hall, Jason Comiskey, Patrice Elliott, Tom Gleeson.

**Vacant Positions on the Management Committee as at 19 October 2021 are:**

Office	Vacancies
President	Nil.
Vice Presidents	Nil.
Treasurer	Nil.
Border Zone	Two for a two year term.
Central Zone	One for a one year term.
Central Western New South Wales Zone	One for a two year term.



Eastern New South Wales Zone	Nil.
Northern Territory/North West Western Australia Zone	Three for a two year term.
Northern Zone	Nil.
South East Zone	Nil.
Southern Zone	Two for a two year term.
South West Western Australia Zone	Nil.
Tasmanian Zone	Nil.
Victorian Zone	One for a two year term.
Western Zone	Nil.

Gabrielle Franklin  
Operations Manager