



Welcome

8:06am Australian Campdraft Association President, Robert Daly, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Robert made mention to new committee members Wade Clein and Jono Battle, who attended the meeting as observers.

Condolences

The Management Committee Members and observers, paid respect to Dudley MacDonald observing a minute's silence.

Apologies, Proxy Votes and Attendance

Apologies and Proxy Votes Received

Name	Proxy
Ben Stanger	Ben Hall
Bill Carey	Dane Bateman
Charles Smith	Kay Radke
Cheri Stanger	Jack Morris
Dale Chicken	Josh Phelps
Evan Acton	Robert Daly
Dan Condon	Northern Zone
Fiona Radke	Robert Daly
Gayle Shann	Ben Hall
Greg Sibson	
Harvey Walters	Jason Comiskey
Hugh Philp	Ben Hall
Jack Harries	Glenn Evans
Jack Southern	
James Moorhead	Annie Williamson
Jenni Ievers	Ben Hall
Jim Daley	Glenn Evans
Kimberley Harries	Glenn Evans
Mac Shann	Ben Hall
Mat Durkin	Ben Hall
Michael Dwan	Northern Territory/NW Western Australia Zone
Norma Shannon	Kay Radke
Shay Pratt	Kay Radke



Simon Knight	Robert Daly
Tony Kehl	Ben Hall
Wendy Wockner	Ben Hall

Attendance – Management Committee Members, ACA Office Team, and Other Persons

Management Committee Member	Executive Position/Zone
Robert Daly	President
Jason Comiskey	Vice President
Peter Petty	Vice President
Tania Moorhead	Vice President
Shelley Curr	Treasurer
Les Hopkins	Secretary/Operations Manager
Annie Williamson	Border Zone
Erica Hanrahan	Border Zone
Kylie Moffatt	Border Zone
Rod Carpenter	Central Zone
Dane Bateman	South East Zone
Glenn Evans	South East Zone
Jack Morris	South East Zone
Kay Radke	South East Zone
Scott Haley	South East Zone
Allister Butcher	South West Western Australia Zone
Brian Elliott	Southern Zone
James McAuley	Southern Zone
Lloyd Davidson	Southern Zone
Nathan Bradley	Southern Zone
Ben Hall	Western Zone
Joshua Phelps	Western Zone
Tom Gleeson	Western Zone
ACA Office Team and Other Persons	Position
Siobhan Davison	Office Manager
Emily Castrigno	Campdraft One Lead
Emma Starkey	Administration Assistant



Jono Battle	Incoming Management Committee Member
Wade Clein	Incoming Management Committee Member
Kathleen Gleeson	Observer

ACARESMAY25-01 MOVED Kay Radke SECONDED Tom Gleeson that the apologies and proxies as presented in the agenda be received and accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Management Committee Meeting Minutes

ACARESMAY25-02 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Annie Williamson that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting, held Thursday 28 November and Sunday 29 November 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESMAY25-03 MOVED Kay Radke SECONDED Nathan Bradley that the minutes of the Appeals Hearing and Management Committee Meeting, held Wednesday 19 February 2025, be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaration Of Interests & In Committee Discussions

Note To Management Committee Members

Management Committee Members and observers were reminded of their duty to declare any interests prior to a topic of conflict being discussed.

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

INT042 Allowances and Payments Schedule

INT042 Allowances and Payments Schedule prepared for the 2025 financial year, three items of change were noted:

Cattle Levy refunds from \$20 to not exceeding \$30. *Ref. Rule D.4.A.*

Note the SWWA Zone Final contribution at \$5000 added.

Note the President's Allowance has been removed.

ACARESMAY25-04 MOVED Rod Carpenter SECONDED Shelley Curr that INT042 Allowances and Payments Schedule be adopted for the 2025 year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Active Women and Girls Grant Funding

ACA was successful in obtaining a \$25,000 grant through the Department of Tourism Innovation and Sport Qld. It was decided at the November meeting that the EOI form would be redistributed to all Management Committee Members. Only two (2) complete EOIs were received.

At the November meeting the ACA Office was directed to distribute the EOI form to the Management Committee, for members to contact committees in their zones who may have wished to facilitate Women's and Girls campdraft clinic. No further EOI were received from this.



In March, the ACA Office posted a Facebook post which attracted further interest. Another seven (7) committees requested the EOI form and were asked to submit prior to 3pm Wednesday 26 March. Another four (4) EOI forms were submitted in time for the Finance and Administration Sub Committee to approve the funding. A total of six (6) affiliated committees received funds from ACA accordingly.

There are still funds available and those committees that are interested in holding a clinic are asked to submit the EOI to the office for approval by the Finance and Administration Sub Committee.

As long as the ACA distributed the funds prior to the 30 June 2025 ACA would meet the acquittal requirements. ACA asked that the clinics be held prior to the end of the financial year being 31 December 2025.

World Angus Expo Campdraft Update; Presented by Tania Moorehead

Angus Australia had approached the ACA mid last year to partner with them at their World Angus Forum. The Angus Expo, AELEC Tamworth, held 3rd & 4th May was a resounding success. The ACA had an opportunity to showcase campdrafting internationally with spectators from around the world at AELEC and across the livestream platform. Our announcers took the opportunity to convey some of the rich history of our Association. The partnership with Angus Australia was seamless, to the extent that there might be further openings in the future. Tania thanked the team of volunteers from Councillors, members and family and the support from by Emily from the ACA office who also made the trip to AELEC.

Horse Progress Report Update; Presented by Emily Castrigno

A proposal was presented at the November meeting relating to a report that can be accessed via the horse profile in Campdraft One. It was noted that currently only NWC have access to this report, however if adopted, ACA could offer this report as an option to members of the public interested in the campdrafting performance and earnings of a horse.

8:16am Ben Hall left the room.

Les Hopkins reiterated that this would be a service ACA could provide at a cost to interested parties, to generate income from the Campdraft One platform.

Tania Moorhead inquired about the frequency of office inquiries regarding this information. Emily confirmed these were regular occurrences.

Robert Daly noted that implementation would depend on market demand for such reports.

In response to Dane Bateman's query about potential users, Emily explained these varied between new owners, current owners, and prospective owners.

Robert raised concerns about potential conflicts of interest regarding owners' rights and private information.

Tom Gleeson discussed the ongoing consideration of establishing a horse register through a platform that would consolidate all results through NCCA weekly, ensuring nationwide horse records remain current. This was suggested as a potential starting point for a unified, user-pays information platform.

8:21am Ben Hall returned to the room.

Nathan Bradley raised an issue regarding the horse profile and ownership recognition, questioning why only one owner could be acknowledged.

Les agreed to investigate adding additional ownership options.

James McAuley expressed support for implementing the horse progress report and potentially offering it to other associations in collaboration with NCCA.

Robert suggested that further investigation into the matter would be appropriate with potential earning, users, and benefits.

Shelley Curr requested statistics on inquiry numbers from interested parties to determine demand levels.

Nathan inquired whether newly registered horses' owners may receive the report as an incentive to register horses and used as marketing initiative. Robert clarified this would be a one-off option only. Nathan agreed however it would promote the report and may have owners requesting it later.

Annie Williamson expressed that draw information was not relevant.

ACARES MAY 25-05 MOVED Tom Gleeson SECONDED Annie Williamson that the Horse Progress Report be investigated further and be brought back to the next meeting for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

General Business

Appointment to Casual Vacancy

8:35am Les Hopkins and Jono Battle left the room.

ACARES MAY 25-06 MOVED Brian Elliot SECONDED Kylie Moffatt that the following be appointed to the Management Committee to a casual vacancy:

Bill Carey and Les Hopkins be appointed to Eastern New South Wales Zone Australia Zone.

Mat Durkin and Shay Pratt be appointed to Central Western New South Wales Zone Australia Zone.

Cheri Stanger, Harvey Walters, Jim Daly, Jono Battle and Zachary Wass be appointed to Northern Territory and North West Western Australia Zone.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8:36am Les Hopkins and Jono Battle returned to the room.

Confirmation of Flying Minute – Allocation of Double Points at the National Finals

Tom Gleeson asked if double points is only for this weekend at the National Finals and not for the 25/26 Season.

Robert Daly confirmed that double points will only be applied at the National Finals for season ending 2024/2025 and not for any other event throughout the 2025/2026 season.

ACARES MAY 25-07 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Eria Hanrahan that it be confirmed that the flying minute circulated to the Management Committee on Monday 3 March 2025 requesting that that double points be reinstated to be used at the 2025 ACA National Finals to be held at Goondiwindi between the 8-12 April, was carried with only three (3) objectors.

Jack Morris voted against the confirmation of the flying minute.

CARRIED

Campdraft One Update; Presented by Emily Castrigno

As we step into the 2025 season, there's promising momentum across several key areas of our operations, starting with the Campdraft One platform. Last season concluded with a 65% adoption rate, an encouraging leap from the previous year's 52%. Even more impressively, this season is off to a robust start with 85% of drafts using Campdraft One, although that number may dip slightly once the Southern and Border Zones come online. With the current policy allowing committees to choose their platform freely, we are still confidently aiming to close this season at a solid 70% usage rate.

Turning to memberships and affiliations, the 2025 figures show a slight lag compared to last year. However, this trend is likely tied to the removal of late fees, which has shifted the pattern of early renewals. Encouragingly, affiliations remain steady, and there is growing interest from new committees, including some in Western Australia and Southern NSW, which suggests potential growth in ACA affiliated committee base in the future.

In terms of platform development, the enhancements list continues to evolve. Suggestions from members, secretaries, and staff are being collected and assessed for feasibility via quotes from NWC. While recent suggestions have not yet been costed, secretaries' input remains a priority as they are central to the platform's practical success.

One notable recent enhancement involved updating the title standings page: we replaced the trophy cup icons with sponsor logos. This change, originally suggested by Shelley, was approved by the Awards and Promotions Subcommittee and has added tangible value to our sponsorship offerings. These images can now be easily updated by the office team as needed.

This year also saw the successful launch of several "A Day with ACA" events, an initiative of Hugh Philp's. These one day clinics provide comprehensive training on how to run a draft using Campdraft One, followed by a Q&A with management committee members from the zone. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The sessions have proven more cost effective and impactful than sending staff to individual drafts, offering deeper education, better public engagement, and face to face rapport with committees. The hope is to expand these events later in the year, especially in regions not yet visited. Members interested in hosting or organising an event are encouraged to reach out.

Regarding insurance, there has been a modest increase in inquiries. To ensure clarity, it is important to reinforce two core concepts: first, our Gow Gates policy is negligence based, claims must demonstrate fault on the part of the committee. Second, if coverage is not listed, it does not exist. This point often causes confusion, as many questions revolve around what is not covered. Comprehensive corporate policy documents, including COR018 Gymkhanas and the proposed COR026 Challenges policy, and EXT098 Activities Covered by ACA Affiliation will be available on the website after updates and new documents are adopted in the meeting.

Lastly, some noteworthy data on Campdraft One web traffic. In the early part of the year, engagement has been strong. As finals approach, a surge in traffic is expected, especially to the leaderboard. These analytics offer clear proof of our platform's value not only as a tool for users but as a platform for sponsorship and revenue generation.

Emily opened the floor to questions.

Shelley Curr highlighted that over half of the enhancements budget has already been allocated, as reflected in the April financial reports. Dane Bateman queried the cost of removing the "Champion Cutout Horse" tile from the website. In response, Emily estimated the cost to be around \$6,000, deeming it not a viable expense at this stage. Annie Williamson asked what the ACA administering and changing something on the enhancements list referred to. The document had not been printed correctly therefore notes were missing, Emily would reprint the enhancements list and redistribute to the Management Committee.

Les Hopkins congratulated Emily on the success of clinics, noting their strong return on investment both financially and in terms of public relations. The clinics provide secretaries a valuable learning experience in a low pressure environment and have become widely recommended through word of mouth among secretaries. Allister Butcher added that this initiative might also sway secretaries currently using other platforms to consider moving across to Campdraft One and committees affiliating with ACA.

Emily shared her preference for having a minimum of three committees attend each clinic for those interested in having one in their area. Robert Daly noted feedback suggesting that secretaries would prefer a more interactive experience where they can bring their own computers and set up a draft themselves.



Emily confirmed she already encourages this, and while she is open to more interactive formats, there are technical challenges, such as the need for "fake" members and horses to simulate a full event learning process. James McAuley asked about the possibility of each secretary having their own mock campdraft. Emily confirmed that secretaries may set up their campdraft at the clinic and then would have to switch back to viewing her instructions as secretaries cannot continue with the process, being that nominations are accepted, and draws are created. Kylie Moffatt suggested developing a demo environment that participants can explore without affecting real data. Emily acknowledged this would require careful planning but agreed it is worth exploring.

Moving to the topic of insurance, Emily reiterating that ACA's policy is negligence-based. There had been many inquiries regarding what is not stated, thereby inferring if something is not listed as covered, it is not covered under ACA Affiliation for insurance purposes. Shelley Curr inquired whether freight is included under coverage. Emily clarified that cattle are covered while under committee care, including transport or walking in, as long as negligence is demonstrated in the occurrence of an incident. Josh Phelps asked about coverage when a professional transport company donates its services. Emily said that such a company would be covered if officially designated as a committee volunteer. Transport companies being paid to cart cattle to a campdraft, have their own insurance, therefore if an incident occurred whilst cattle were under their care the claim would fall to the transport company. Shelley suggested this detail be promoted to reassure cattle donors. Les Hopkins agreed, proposing social media campaign would be beneficial.

Josh also raised a question about what happens regarding the loss of a single beast. Emily explained that negligence must still be proven. Robert added that proving negligence can be difficult and that the excess on a single beast claim is high, making it best practice for committees to maintain a reserve fund to immediately compensate for such losses, helping preserve good relationships with donors. Glenn Evans emphasised that ACA should focus more on promoting cattle welfare policies, rather than the claims process. Emily stated that committees can obtain additional coverage through Gow Gates if desired.

Erica Hanrahan reported receiving feedback regarding the website if the calendar of events could be improved for ease of use and visual appeal. She noted that users are asking for a map based view to better understand which drafts fall into which zones. While it was pointed out that current tools already allow users to search by zone, Erica explained that a visual map would be especially helpful for those unfamiliar with geographic boundaries. Shelley mentioned that maps would be included in the upcoming mobile App, and Emily confirmed that she could likely integrate a map into the calendar on the website at little to no cost. Glenn added that such a feature could also create opportunities for sponsorship.

9:23am Rod Carpenter and Kylie Moffatt left the room.

9:25am Rod Carpenter returned to the room.

9:26am the meeting recessed for morning tea.

10:08am the meeting resumed.

Outward Correspondence

Outward Correspondence sent as of last meeting, held 28 - 29 November 2024, is outlined in below.

Reference	Date	Description/Recipient
LH02	2024 11 25	Letter To NCCA From OM Re Member Suspension
LH07	2024 11 27	Letter To Genevieve Dalco From OM Re Dealing With Breaches Of The Rules
LH09	2024 12 06	Letter To NCCA From OM Re Judges for NCCA Competition
LH11	2024 12 06	Letter To Erica Hanrahan From OM Re Appointment To ACA Management Committee
LH12	2024 12 13	Letter To Lynne Lucas From OM Re Resignation From Management Committee
LH13	2024 12 13	Letter To Kristy Dmitrieff From OM Re Trial Judge Application



LH16	2025 01 03	Letter To Pete Comiskey Re NCCA Competition
LH17	2025 01 03	Letter To Jaye Hall Re NCCA Competition
LH18	2025 01 03	Letter To Ben Hall Re NCCA Competition
LH19	2025 01 03	Letter To Matt Moffatt Re NCCA Competition
LH20	2025 01 03	Letter To Peter Black Re NCCA Competition
LH21	2025 01 03	Letter To Peter Black Re NCCA Competition
LH23	2025 01 28	Letter To Ian Watson From OOTP Re Resignation From Management Committee
LH25	2025 01 17	Letter To Deputy Sheriff From OM Re Giaan Smith Jury Duty Excusal
LH26	2025 01 22	Letter To Deputy Sheriff From OM Re Emma Starkey Jury Duty Excusal
LH28	2025 02 18	Letter To Chemist From ACA Office Re Request to Purchase Epipen and Ventolin for Office First Aid Kit
LH29	2025 03 05	Letter To Fiona Radke From OM Re Thank You
LH30	2025 03 05	Letter To Annie Williamson From OM Re Thank You
LH31	2025 03 05	Letter To Dan Condon From OM Re Thank You
LH32	2025 03 05	Letter To Glenn Evans From OM Re Thank You
LH33	2025 03 05	Letter To Jack Morris From OM Re Thank You
LH34	2025 03 05	Letter To Rod Carpenter From OM Re Thank You
LH35	2025 03 05	Letter To Harvey Walters From OM Re Thank You
LH36	2025 03 05	Letter To Les Hopkins From OOP Re Thank You
LH37	2025 03 05	Letter To Kelly Duncan From OM Re Thank You
LH38	2025 03 19	Letter To NCCA From OM Re Rule Review

Judges Correspondence sent as of 29 November 2025, is outlined in the table below.

Successful Trial	Unsuccessful Trial	Successful Open	Unsuccessful Open
Aaron Looker	Kristy Dmitrieff	Beau Frame	Leanne Schneider
Adam Wallen		Bill Schaefer	John McNamara
Alexandra Hindle		Brad Newsome	
Andrew Bedford		Craig Davison	
Arran Houlden		Dale Chicken	
Billy Sheppard		Ed Rose	
Brenten Schulz		Mitchell Young	
Carlee Clews		Peter Donnelly	
Carly Domrow			
David Harkin			
Eddie Donaldson			
Ewan Rockemer			
Harrison Brannigan			
Jamie Gray			
Jess Rose			
Jesse Roberton			
Jim Lacey			
Joe Grove			



Joe McMahon			
Joel Blake			
John Jones			
Justin Paton			
Kylie Hudson			
Lachie Sullivan			
Leticia Donaldson			
Luke Collman			
Michael Lacey			
Michael Raven			
Oliver Salerno			
Paul Gorman			
Peter Turich			
Pip Fearon			
Rose Maher			
Sam Champ			
Silas Strachan			
Stirling Fearon			
Stuart Speed			
Tara Buckley			
Tayla Hill			
Toni Fallon			
Troy Palmer			
Troy Roberts			

ACARESMAY25-08 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Peter Petty that the Outward Correspondence and Judges Correspondence, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Inward Correspondence

Inward Correspondence received as of last meeting, held 28-29 November 2024, is shown below.

Reference	Date	Description/Received From
INC430	2024 12 11	Letter From Lynne Lucas To Management Committee Re Notice of Resignation Tasmania Zone FOR NOTING
INC433	2025 01 13	Letter From Ian Watson To OOTP Re Resignation From Management Committee FOR NOTING
INC435	2025 01 29	Letter From NCCA Secretary To OM Re Suspended SCA Member FOR NOTING
INC436	2025 01 31	Letter From Greg Sibson To Management Committee Re Resignation From Management Committee FOR NOTING
INC437	2025 02 05	Letter From Blair Athol Bush Sports To OM Re Animal Welfare Issue



		FOR CONSIDERATION
INC441	2025 03 26	Letter From Scott Haley To OM Re Rule Change FOR NOTING

INC437 Letter From Blair Athol Bush Sports To OM Re Animal Welfare Issue

A letter from the president of Blair Athol Bush Sports committee, requesting the Management Committee to consider imposing penalties to those competitors that show disregard to the welfare of animals during a campdraft round.

After thorough discussion, the Management Committee determined that ACA's existing frameworks were sufficient to prevent animal welfare incidents, making additional fines or penalties unnecessary.

The Committee noted that judges address competitors before each event, emphasising animal welfare considerations. Judges are instructed to enforce animal welfare rules during adjudication to prevent incidents.

Campdraft committees retain the right to request compensation from offending competitors for the loss of an animal. If competitors refuse to compensate, committees may require them to leave the grounds, prevent them from continuing in the current event, and decline their future nominations.

The Executive, in consultation with the Animal Welfare Sub Committee, will draft a response to Blair Athol addressing their request and explaining ACA's position.

ACARES MAY 25-09 MOVED Kylie Moffatt SECONDED Tom Gleeson that the Executive, in consultation with the Animal Welfare Sub Committee, will draft a response to Blair Athol addressing their request and explaining ACA's position. Once approved by the Executive, this response will be sent to the Blair Athol Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARES MAY 25-10 MOVED Peter Petty SECONDED Kay Radke that the Inward Correspondence, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Officer's Reports

Operations Manager Report; Presented by Secretary/Operations Manager Les Hopkins

I have been travelling to Toowoomba one week a month to spend time in the office. This allows me to work with the staff and schedule any face-to-face meetings during that week. I continue to equant myself with the running of the office and develop a good relationship with our hard working staff. I want to thank the staff for all the work they do and the support they are giving me especially as I am mainly working remotely.

We have now completed the election process for both the Executive and Zone Councilors, all of which will be ratified at the AGM this evening, 19 May. Several of our Zone Councilor's are in casual vacancies which negated the need for any elections. I spoke with each Councilor individually and they were happy for this to occur. The only ballot required was for the three Vice President's positions. The following people were elected as the Executive.

- President - Robert Daly was elected unopposed.
- Treasurer - Shelley Curr was elected unopposed.
- Vice President – Jason Comiskey.
- Vice President – Kay Radke.
- Vice President – Tania Moorhead.



Once the election results have been passed at the AGM, I will be taking all necessary steps to publish the results to all our members. Congratulations to all those who have been elected to their various positions.

Emily the Campdraft One Lead has been conducting A Day with the ACA training days with Secretary's and members. This will result in several committees now using Campdraft One instead of Campdraft Central. Emily will provide a briefing on these days during her presentation. I would like to congratulate Emily on her work in this area.

The Campdraft One team continue to check the results of Campdraft Central drafts to ensure any horse that break status is identified. There has been at least one occasion this year where they have identified a horse where the ACA were not advised.

We have reviewed the recorded message that is played when the office receives an incoming call. It has been revised to a version that meets both ACA requirements whilst still addressing The Privacy Act.

Please take time to review APPENDIX G, this relates to the Magazine and how it is being read in the digital format. I have not included this for debate but for your information so you can take time to review it and perhaps come up with ways we can get the members to read the magazine more. I would like to thank Greta for putting this together for the meeting. If anyone wants to discuss it further, I am happy to discuss it with you.

In recent months, especially since the start of the new financial year, it has been brought to my attention that all the approved ACA Judges are not listed, only those that are currently financial. This has made it difficult for some committees that are trying to put together their programs and judges list later in the season. Obviously, some Judges don't become financial until drafts commence in their areas. I tasked Emily with rectifying the problem and now all ACA approved Judges are listed even if they are not financial yet. It will be up to committees to ensure that their Judges are financial, and the Campdraft One Team check all Judges lists provided by committees prior to the drafts to ensure the Judges are in fact financial at the time.

I want to thank everyone for the support I have received since taking on this role. It is very much appreciated, and I look forward to working with the Executive and Management Committee in the future.

Review of Event Membership Platform

With the new membership platform having been rolled out quickly to ensure it was ready for the financial year, the office identified several issues when members were selecting payment options for Juvenile, Junior, and Mini memberships. Campdraft One allows members to select a Casual membership for all membership classes. Many chose this option for the Under 17 years categories, mistakenly believing it was the cheaper alternative—only to later receive an Event Membership Fee of \$100 upon acceptance of nominations.

Although the constitution states that membership refunds are not processed, Les Hopkins, as Operations Manager, instructed the office to refund the Casual fee to accommodate those members who had not yet competed at any events and process a full-year memberships for the Under 17 years categories. This was done in an effort to appease affected members.

Due to this the Casual Member Profile Fee should be restricted for selection to Adult members only.

ACARES MAY 25-11 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Jason Comiskey that the Casual Profile Fee is only available to Adults and that the Casual Profile Fee may be refunded and a yearly Adult Membership paid for prior to competing at an Event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance Report; presented by Treasurer Shelley Curr



Shelley invited feedback on the presentation and clarity of the monthly financial reports. She encouraged members to share any suggestions for improvements or areas where further detail might be helpful. Responding to this, Allister Butcher raised the idea of flagging budgeted expenses that have yet to appear in actuals, suggesting that it would be helpful if these were somehow indicated within the reports. Shelley acknowledged the value of this suggestion and offered to provide clarification where needed.

Shelley also brought attention to the excessive employee leave liability, noting that Les Hopkins is currently working with the office team to manage and address this issue. She then referred to the 2024 audited financials, in particular a GST error dating back to 2022, which had again been noted as unresolved in the latest audit.

Robert Daly questioned why the error had not been addressed, suggesting that the GST discrepancy did not actually represent a liability for ACA, and may be the reason no instruction was given to correct this and make payment to the ATO was not given, by the previous executive.

Siobhan Davison provided further insight, explaining that she had investigated the issue and traced it back to a 2022 transaction that created the error. Upon reviewing the ATO Integrated Client Account (ICA), she confirmed that it is indeed a liability owed by ACA. The issue remained uncorrected only because the previous administration had noted it was already corrected in the 2023, however it had not been.

Robert emphasised that ACA needs formal confirmation that the amount is in fact a liability before proceeding with any payment to the ATO. Shelley committed to following up with the former Treasurer to determine why the adjustment was not made last year and whether it was an oversight. Once confirmed and approved by the executive, she said the correction would be actioned within the current quarter.

ACARESMAY25-11 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Kay Radke that the payment of accounts (nil cheques) and the Direct Debits, Electronic Funds Transfers and Credit Card Payments from 01 November to the 30 April 2025 be ratified.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESMAY25-12 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Nathan Bradley that the Financial Reports as of 30 April 2025 showing a Credit Balance of \$1,447,153.83 as presented, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance and Administration Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson Robert Daly

Robert asked Les Hopkins to present the following.

EXT097 Committee Clinic Structure and Expression of Interest

A document was presented to which assists and gives guidelines to campdraft committees that which to hold a general campdraft clinic under ACA affiliation. The document outlines the procedure; membership obligations and what documents are required before the committee can hold a clinic.

ACARESMAY25-13 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Kay Radke that the Management Committee adopt the document EXT097 Committee Clinic Structure and Expression of Interest.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXT098 Activities Covered by ACA Affiliation

A document was presented highlighting what activities may be held by an ACA affiliated campdraft committee. Activities not listed in this document are not covered for insurance purposes.

Three amendments were made to the document at the request of the Management Committee.



Under the heading 'Campdrafts'

- Saddled Cut Out events, including but not limited to Stallion Cut Outs, Feature Cut Outs, and any stand alone cut out events.

Under the heading 'Gymkhanas'

- All participants must be under the age of 17, with the exception of pre-existing perpetual trophies. These events must be approved by the ACA Operations Manager. Permission from the Operations Manager must be issued through official correspondence.

To add in a heading and description for 'Club Days.'

- A committee's affiliation with ACA covers club days, working bees and fundraising events.

ACARESMAY25-14 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Lloyd Davidson that the Management Committee adopt the document EXT098 Activities Covered by ACA Affiliation, with the above alterations, and to update the existing document COR018 Gymkhanas Hosted by ACA Affiliated Committees to allow financial members 17 years or older to compete in Gymkhana events which award pre-existing perpetual trophies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:53am Kylie Moffatt left the room.

10:54am Kylie Moffatt returned to the room.

3:50pm moved back to Rules Sub Committee after confirmation of the amendments made to EXT098 Activities Covered by ACA Affiliation noted above.

COR026 Challenges Hosted by ACA Affiliated Committees

A new policy was presented to assist affiliated committees on the definition of a Stock Horse Challenge which is held in conjunction with and affiliated campdraft. The new document outlines the guidelines and parameters of a 'Challenge' at an ACA affiliated campdraft relating to what is covered by ACA insurance policies.

ACARESMAY25-38 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Kay Radke that the Management Committee adopt the policy COR026 Challenges Hosted by ACA Affiliated Committees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:00am Annie Williamson and Wade Clein left the room.

11:01am Annie Williamson and Wade Clein returned to the room.

Westpac Bank - New Bank Account and Debit Card

The Finance and Administration approved a motion to open a new transactional account with Westpac, which facilitates two (2) new debit cards. The credit card facilities currently held will be closed once confirmation is received that the new account and debit cards are ready for use.

ACARESMAY25-15 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED Peter Petty that the Management Committee endorse the motion carried by the Finance and Administration Sub Committee to open a new transactional account with two debit cards with Westpac.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Invoices to be Ratified



ACARES MAY 25-16 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED Peter Petty that invoice INV-0019, from the National Campdraft Council of Australia, being for ACA NCCA Membership Contribution, to the value of \$14,384.00, dated 13/02/2025 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Animal Welfare Sub Committee Report

New Chairperson to be appointed.

Robert Daly announced that a new Chairperson would be appointed in this meeting. Furthermore, he added all Sub Committees Chairperson and members are currently under review, with recommendations and updates to be presented at the next meeting in August. He highlighted that the Animal Welfare Sub Committee has remained inactive since the departure of its previous Chairperson late last year and expressed the importance of its relevance and the need for it to be active.

Robert asked Jason Comiskey to speak of the need for strong leadership in the role of Chairperson for the Animal Welfare Sub Committee. Jason accepted the responsibility and promptly nominated Josh Phelps, citing Josh's long standing commitment and contributions to animal welfare within his own business and his passion for animal welfare within the sport of campdrafting and ACA.

Robert called for any further nominations; none were put forward.

Robert asked Josh if he would accept the nomination.

Josh confirmed his acceptance of the nomination.

ACARES MAY 25-17 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Peter Petty that Josh Phelps be appointed to as Chairperson to the Animal Welfare Sub Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:15am Kay Radke left the room.

11:17am Kay Radke returned to the room.

App Development Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Shelley Curr

The ACA App Development Sub Committee is supported by Kylie Moffatt, Gayle Shann, Cheri Stanger, and Emily Castrigno. Tasked with assessing the viability of a mobile app for the ACA, focusing on features, revenue potential, and development costs. Emily led the initial development of a prototype app based on an earlier directive to digitise the Rule Book. Consideration is being given to further developing having engaged multiple developers for quotes or through a scrum approach utilising the existing framework.

The original prototype has since evolved with the app's structure and functions clearly outlined. Including core elements of a Main Menu, with Title Standings, Calendar, Results, Rules and Guidelines, Contact Us. The Home Page tabs include ACA News, Featured Articles and Events, Standings, Calendar, Live Scores, ACA Trader. Whilst other navigation tabs allow users to move between the Home Page, ACA News, ACA Trader Stallions.

Monetisation strategies include in-app advertising, paid listings with tiered visibility, and \$60 annual subscriptions for non members. Secure payments will be processed via Stripe. Enhanced marketplace features, such as two factor authentication and administration approved advertising submissions, are planned to ensure safety and user confidence.



The app also allows content submissions (pending ACA approval) and offers non members full access. Sponsor visibility will be maximised through high traffic placements and tracked via Google Analytics.

Funding efforts include a \$35,000 grant application and potential sponsorships. Development is estimated at \$45,000–\$70,000 using the prototype or \$70,000–\$100,000 from scratch. The next steps involve awaiting the grant outcome, securing sponsors, refining the prototype, and ensuring Management Committee review.

The proposed app promises to enhance ACA’s digital presence, offer new revenue streams, and strengthen engagement with both members and the broader Campdraft community.

11:18am Dane Bateman left the room.

Shelley asked for questions.

Tom Gleeson expressed his preference for a printed version of *ACA News*, though he acknowledged the App was impressive and a progressive step toward maintaining relevance in today’s digital landscape.

Kylie Moffatt reported that Kate Jones from *Australian Campdrafting Magazine* had offered approximately 10 pages for ACA to purchase. This could serve as an alternative channel to meet sponsorship commitments and communicate standings and other information to members. However, members would need to purchase the magazine themselves.

11:35am Dane Bateman returned to the room.

Nathan Bradley raised concerns about technical issues with accessing the digital version of *ACA News*, noting that functionality appeared to vary depending on the member’s device model. Several committee members echoed this issue.

Josh Phelps asked President Robert Daly whether the development of the App was dependent on receiving grant funding or if it would proceed regardless. He further inquired whether, in the event the grant was unsuccessful, would funds be redirected from *ACA News* to support App development.

Robert explained that funding for the App could come from various sources, including the grant, the half-year budget review, and revenue generated through the App itself. He emphasised the importance of continuing with the App’s development, citing its potential to modernise communication, create alternative revenue streams, and provide members with instant updates on rule changes and other important information.

Shelley expanded on the revenue opportunities outlined in her report, noting they would incur minimal administrative costs.

The Management Committee unanimously supported the continued development of the ACA App.

ACARES MAY 25-18 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED James McAuley that the App Development Sub Committee report be received, and the Management Committee approve the continued development of the App.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:48am Nathan Bradley left the room.

Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee Report

Presented by Les Hopkins on behalf of Chairperson, Jenni Ievers



Afternoon Executive and Management Committee members, apologies for not being able to make the meeting. The Awards, Promotions and Committee Liaison Sub Committee have had a relatively quiet period since the last meeting.

ACA's Young Ambassador Entrant Jayme Farr was not selected by the Classic Ladies Foundation as their Ambassador but absolutely represented us well. Jenny was there for the whole event and saw her out and about with the other entrants every day. It was very inspiring to see their involvement firsthand.

With the help of the office, we have completed the final touches on the awards for the finals. Each year we try to change the prizes but can struggle for new ideas. It would be great if anyone has any feedback on the buckles/prizes or ways we could improve, please let a member of the sub committee know.

ACARES MAY25-19 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee Report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:51am Josh Phelps left the room.

11:52am Josh Phelps returned to the room.

Code of Conduct Finals Sub Committee Report

Presented by Glenn Evans on behalf Chairperson, Fiona Radke

There has been one new case presented to the sub committee since the last ACA meeting held in November 2024 at Dalby.

In February 2025, the ACA Appeals Hearing was held in Dalby to consider Mr Mark Buttsworth's appeal of the tribunal's decision.

The hearing voted unanimously to dismiss Mr Mark Buttsworth's appeal and upheld the tribunals decision of Grade 3 charge and 12 month suspension from all NCCA sanctioned events.

ACARES MAY25-20 MOVED Glenn Evans SECONDED Lloyd Davidson that Code of Conduct Sub Committee Report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:53am Nathan Bradley returned to the room.

High School Percentile Cup Sub Committee Report

Presented by Shelley Curr

The Annual High School Campdraft was held in Pittsworth in October 2024. Overall, this was a very well run and supported event, with 36 schools participating with 240 student competitors, and 420 starters.

The ACA has been instrumental in liaising with the Department of Education in both NSW and QLD to ensure that all Schools and High School Students were able to participate as a recognised member of their school.

Charters Towers has approached the ACA Office about holding a Northern High School Campdraft. There is no issue with any others holding these events, so long as the guidelines as presented in APPENDIX M are followed, to ensure that ACA affiliated committees comply with the Department of Education requirements.

A recognised committee has now formed High School Campdraft Percentile Cup (HSCPC), and therefore there is little need of a Sub Committee.

In closing I would like to move a motion that the High School Campdraft Sub Committee be dissolved.

11:56am Rod Carpenter left the room.



11:58am Rod Carpenter returned to the room.

Glenn Evans noted that in previous years, a school had submitted a request to the Management Committee to host a High School Campdraft Cup. This request was denied at the time, and it was understood that this reflected ACA's official position. Interested parties were advised that they could host a campdraft event under existing NCCA and ACA rules, but not outside those parameters.

12:01pm Jono Battle left the room.

12:02pm Jono Battle returned to the room.

It was noted that the High School Percentile Cup operates under its own specific guidelines, including additional rules and regulations that must be followed for schools to be eligible to participate. However, an ACA affiliated committee may hold a campdraft under NCCA and ACA Rules with Junior, Juvenile and Associate events if they wish.

Robert Daly responded that, while that may have been the position in the past, it is not the view of the current executive. He stated that if a committee wishes to hold a campdraft event for high school students and adheres to the established guidelines, as presented, he sees no reason such an event should not proceed.

ACARES MAY 25-21 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the High School Campdraft Sub Committee be dissolved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Judges Sub Committee Report

Presented by Josh Phelps on behalf Chairperson, Mac Shann

Management Committee & Fellow Judges, thanks to all judges for putting their hands up to help give back to sport and keep it on track and up to date with rules etc. Things are running reasonable smoothly from a judge's perspective from the small number of drafts I have attended.

I guess the only real way we must keep track of our judges is the newly introduced Judges Rating System (JRS) and unfortunately it is still only being used by a small percent of our open judges at the ACA events. I believe the JRS is so beneficial to the sport and wish we had feedback from every ACA event but unfortunately the committees must use Campdraft One as the nominating platform for it to work. If you are an open judge that is not using the system I would personally like to hear your reasons as to why you are not, as it makes the management of the judges panel far easier if we have direct feedback from the events and a number of open judges accessing and rating the judges' job. With no JRS it is purely down to one person's opinion of how the judge has performed, and I believe if you are not using the system proved by the ACA to have you say you should be keeping your mouth shut on the judge's performance!

We only have three (3) trial and two (2) open judge applications for this Goondiwindi meeting so not much to discuss.

Mac Shann

Chair Judges Sub Committee.

Since the above report had been received Josh Phelps received correspondence from Mac via SMS and asked that he be permitted to read the SMS from Mac to the Management Committee.

Robert Daly replied for Josh to do so.

I came up with the JRS for so many reasons it is hard to state them all, but I will explain the main reasons.

Firstly, our association and great sport has grown to a new level of professionalism and competitiveness over the last 20 years. In doing this I believe that the level of judges has to be held to a similar standard as well; In



saying this the ACA or any other associations have zero hard evidence or data on how their judges are performing which is not acceptable I believe.

We should have a profile on every ACA judge that tells us how and when they became a judge how many jobs they have done, how many runs they've judged and how they have been rated on those jobs all at the click of a button.

The JRS was something I gave a huge amount of time and thought to, many open judges do not agree with it, and they are entitled to their opinion but the benefits far out way any small personal grips people may have with their judging jobs being rated.

The ACA office and Judges sub committee 110% need this information to be flowing into the office weekly so we can make all our judgement decisions on true judging results and not hearsay while sitting in a board meeting.

The tool has endless uses which could lead to awards for, best judge of the year, highest number of runs judged for the year.

On the flip side if a judge is struggling and rating low at a number of jobs the ACA could then reach out to this person and suggest ways to help their judging (attending another judges seminar) to try to improve their judging experience.

I think we would all agree that how we bring our trial judges into open has holes in it and the JRS can solve this issue for good by actually inviting our trial judges to be open judges when we believe their ratings are consistent enough for open.

There are two main issues holding this system back in my opinion and that is the fact that open judges don't realise the importance of the feedback to the office and our sub committee and also that Campdraft One is not mandatory which blocks the JRS from so many ACA drafts which I don't agree with.

In closing I fully believe the JRS is something the ACA needs and will set us even further ahead of the rest of the associations. It does still require a few small tweaks which have not been able to have been done due to the budget, but they are not the problem, it is the mind set and lack of commitment from our open judges that is its hurdle.

Josh stated that Mac would like a review of the current JRS, and consideration of associated costs involved in its current format and maintenance.

The Management Committee held an in depth discussion on the current Judges Rating System (JRS), including its effectiveness, relevance, and associated maintenance costs. Concerns were raised about whether the system is being used as intended, with some questioning if ratings are truly evaluating judging performance or merely reflecting opinions on individual runs. Several members acknowledged that while a rating system is common in nearly all other sports to maintain accountability, the JRS has not seen consistent uptake or meaningful use.

There was general agreement that the system, having been in place for several years, has not yielded clear value, and its relevance is now in question. Some members felt uncomfortable rating volunteer judges, especially without full event observation, and questioned whether those providing feedback were in a position to do so fairly. Others noted a lack of feedback when low ratings were submitted, raising doubts about how the data is used.

The financial cost of maintaining the JRS was also highlighted, particularly in relation to SMS communications and internal administrative time, however costs are minimal and should not impact the decision as to its relevance. While many suggested discontinuing the system entirely, others expressed concern about the implications for judging standards and the credibility of the sport. The importance of supporting judges, rather than critiquing them without context, was emphasised. Suggestions were made to improve the current



system through rather than removing it entirely. While others felt judges may be supported by attending a certain number of seminars, introducing refresher course or mentorship programs, which would promote a more structured judge development.

In conclusion, while there was a shared recognition that the current JRS is not functioning effectively, opinions varied on whether it should be improved or replaced. The committee acknowledged the need for a credible framework to maintain judging standards and agreed that further consideration is required to determine the best path forward.

ACARESMAY25-22 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Josh Phelps that the current Judges Rating System distribution is temporarily suspended, while the Judges Sub Committee investigates alternatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACA Code of Conduct – Judges Rule 8

Shown in the inward correspondence Scott Hayley would like to address the ACA Code of Conduct – Judges Rule 8. *A judge must not judge a horse that they own, train or exhibit.*

Scott proposes a timeframe of thirty (30) days as a stand down period regarding this rule. The sub committee discussed this rule in the last sub committee meeting and propose that the rule be abolished and removed from the Code of Conduct.

Josh Phelps was of the opinion that the Rules Sub Committee reviewed it, however, were not making a recommendation to remove the rule for the ACA Code of Conduct.

It was determined that this would be discussed under the Rules Sub Committee.

12:55pm.

3:24pm The meeting was moved from the Rules Sub Committee discussion to back to Judges to discuss Code of Conduct – Judges Rule 8.

James McAuley as chairperson of the Rules Sub Committee that Code of Conduct – Judges Rule 8 remains.

Robert Daly would like to recommend that the word 'currently' be added to the rule.

Glenn Evans mentioned that Rule I.3 in the ACA Rule Book will need to be updated.

ACARESMAY25-34 MOVED Peter Petty SECONDED James McAuley to change the wording of ACA Code of Conduct – Judges Rule 8. and Rule I.3 from:

A judge must not judge a horse that they own, train or exhibit.

To:

A judge must not judge a horse that they currently own, train or exhibit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3:31pm The meeting moved back to Sponsors Sub Committee Report.

12:56pm Emily Castrigno, Emma Starkey, Jono Battle, Siobhan Davison, and Wade Clein left the room.

Les Hopkins assumed the role of minute taker.

MOVED Annie Williamson SECONDED Tom Gleeson that the meeting moved in to committee.



Open Judge Applications

Open Judge Application received from:

Name	Proposer	Second	Seminar Attended	Events Judged
Evan Hiscock <i>Current Open Judge with GCA</i>	Mac Shann	Stewart Wallace	<i>2014 to 2019 GCA Judges Seminars attended annually</i>	Encouragement Normanton 2022 (100), Open Horse of the North (Charters Towers) 2023 (300), Ladies Powlathanga 2024 (60), Restricted Open Moranbah 2024 (80), Novice Bowen River 2024 (300),
Bill Gordon	Katie Birney	Jason Birney	Westmar, December 2024 (Rohan Marks and Stephen Sheppard) <i>He has previously been an ABCRA Open Judge</i>	Maiden Bollon 2024 (200), Novice Nindigully 2024 (200), Maiden 4 Maiden Bollon 2024 (25), Maiden Caldervale 2024 (210), Futurity St George 2025 (30)

Trial Judge Applications

Trial Judge Applications have been received from:

Name	Proposer	Proposer	Seminar Attended	Facilitators
Jake Nowlan	Ben Stanger	Jason Comiskey	Tambo 2024	Jason Comiskey & Ben Stanger
John Delaforce	Jason Comiskey	Ben Stanger	Tambo 2024	Jason Comiskey & Ben Stanger
Mac Knudsen	Jason Comiskey	Ben Stanger	Tambo 2024	Jason Comiskey & Ben Stanger

Josh Phelps and Lloyd Davidson were appointed to count the votes.

ACARES MAY 25-24 MOVED Josh Phelps SECONDED Lloyd Davidson that the following Open Judge applications be accepted, Bill Gordon and Evan Hiscock, and that the following be appointed as Trial Judges, Jake Nowlan, John Delaforce, Mac Knudsen.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the meeting moved out of committee.

1:04pm Emily Castrigno, Emma Starkey, Jono Battle, Siobhan Davison, and Wade Klein returned to the room.

Siobhan Davison resumed the role of minute taker.

1:06pm The meeting recessed for lunch.

1:47pm The meeting resumed.



National Finals Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Dane Bateman

Talks with Paradise Lagoons Campdraft Committee have begun for 2026 National Finals.

2026 National Finals date has been changed and updated on the ACA Calendar to Wednesday 21 – Saturday 25 April.

Two points to be reviewed after the 2025 Goondiwindi National Finals.

- The use of one judge for the Open and Novice drafts.
- The implementation of double points at National Finals.

Dane asked for support from all attending members for the Goondiwindi Committee throughout this week of finals.

ACARES MAY 25-25 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Glenn Evans that the National Finals Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Real Estate Investment Sub Committee

Presented by Chairperson, Robert Daly

The term deposit held at Bendigo Bank was reinvested on 8 April 2025 for another three (3) months, at an interest rate of 3.20%, with a balance of \$784,977.10. The next review date will be Wednesday 8 July 2025,

With the real estate market continuing to ease, no further action on investment opportunities have been investigated since the November meeting.

Robert welcomes any investment opportunities to be submitted to the sub committee for consideration.

ACARES MAY 25-26 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED Rod Carpenter that the Real Estate Sub Committee Report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rules Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, James McAuley

I hope the members of this terrific association have had an enjoyable year in the arena, good luck to those attending the finals at Goondiwindi, and hope you all have a fantastic year in the upcoming season of 2025/26.

This has been my first year as head of the ACA Rules and Guidelines, and I have enjoyed it immensely. I would like to thank the members of this sub committee for their ongoing support, constructive discussions, and open mindedness. It certainly makes the job a lot easier for all of us. Thank you to the Executive and the Council for your guidance and hard work throughout the year.

The Rules and Guidelines Sub Committee have really focused this year, on simplifying both wording and building clear understanding of a lot of rules, which could be misconceived and misinterpreted previously. This is to ensure clarity and reduce misconception for both members and committees within the ACA. We see it, as the upmost important aspect for the ACA members, and we will continue to do so.

I have also realised, throughout my time as a member, and now as a member in a leading role, the importance of rules and guidelines within this Association. We are very grateful to have them, especially in the cases where they are heavily relied on within the Code of Conduct.



Rule changes and amendments can be found on the ACA Website, in previous meeting minutes, or in the Digital Magazine. They can be accessed at any time of the day.

Finally, I would like to remind the members and committees, myself and the members of the Rules and Guidelines Sub Committee, welcome any questions or queries that you may have. We are only a phone call away, and generally at most Campdrafts ready to hear your requests or thoughts or just come and have a chat with us. We are only too willing to help.

Ladies Campdraft

Kay Radke has brought forward a recommendation for Rule B.5.D Ladies Campdraft to include wording which allows Ladies campdrafts to be run in conjunction with Maiden, Novice or Open campdrafts with a separate final and points allocated, per the points table shown at Rule J. Points and Compilation of Results.

J.3 Points are allocated as follows:

60 horses or fewer	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
Maiden, Ladies or Juvenile	6	5	4	3	2	1
Novice or One-Round Open	16	14	11	7	4	2
Two-Round Open (One Round and Final)	21	19	16	12	7	4
Three-Round Open (Two Rounds and Final) or Open Draft Restricted to Open horses only regardless of number of rounds (Code: ROO)	26	24	21	17	12	6
Open Draft where Maiden horses are excluded whether a One- or Two-Round contest (RON)	24	22	19	15	10	6

One additional point will be allocated to each of the above places for each extra ten (10) horses or part thereof.

For example:

From a Novice campdraft, only 10 competitors through to a Ladies final, the total number of ladies from the first round would be used to allocated points.

90 Ladies in the first round of the Novice in which the ladies final is taken out of, the prize money would be as follows:

1st 9 points, 2nd 8 points, 3rd 7 points, 4th 6 points, 5th 5 points, 6th 4 points

The committee engaged in a detailed discussion regarding the structure and eligibility criteria for Ladies Campdraft events and their impact on Rider Title points. It was raised whether, in cases where there are insufficient full scores, riders with cutout scores could be advanced to the final round to ensure sufficient placings. It was suggested that in such cases, an aggregate scoring method could be applied, rather than a clean slate final.

Further discussion was had on the existing rule that Ladies Campdrafts cannot be run in conjunction with other events. Some members questioned the relevance of this restriction, particularly in regions where standalone Ladies Drafts are not held. It was argued that allowing events to run in conjunction with others could provide more opportunities for female competitors to gain points towards the Ladies Rider Title.

Concerns were also raised about how such changes might impact the Open Lady Rider Title, however this draws from all open-aged events, as opposed to the Ladies Rider Title, which is based solely on Ladies Campdrafts, thereby are affectively two separate titles.



Broad support was expressed for exploring these changes, with multiple members highlighting the need to give committees the tools to revive and sustain Ladies Draft events. There were also questions about how horse status would be affected in these cases, particularly regarding eligibility and rule consistency. Some members acknowledged that current rules may discourage committee participation and even push them towards other associations that offer more flexible formats.

It was suggested that committees be allowed to determine whether points are allocated based on aggregate performance or a clean slate final and that they could apply restrictions as needed.

Overall, the discussion reflected strong support for reviewing the rules to provide greater flexibility and fairness, while still maintaining integrity in title point allocation and horse status classifications.

ACARES MAY 25-26 MOVED Kay Radke SECONDED Scott Haley to change the current wording of Rule B.5.D Ladies Campdraft:

D Ladies Campdraft

- Must carry total cash prize money of at least \$300. Must be a standalone event to be affiliated.
- Events that are restricted to ladies who are not allowed to compete in any other affiliated events, excluding Juvenile campdrafts, shall not be affiliated for ACA standings points.
- Ladies competitors only receive two lots of points regardless of how many runs they have.
- Cannot be run in conjunction with any other event.

To:

D Ladies Campdraft

- *Must carry total cash prize money of at least \$300.*
- *Ladies competitors only receive two lots of points regardless of how many runs they have.*
- *Ladies campdrafts may be run in conjunction with either the Maiden, Novice or Open and must have a separate final.*
- *Events that are restricted to ladies who are not allowed to compete in any other affiliated events, excluding Juvenile campdrafts, shall not be affiliated for ACA standings points.*
- *Points from combined Ladies campdrafts, are the same as points allocated to a Ladies campdraft.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

National Finals

ACARES MAY 25-27 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Erica Hanrahan to change the current wording of Rule Q. National Finals:

Q. National Finals

1. For the National Finals draft, all horses must maintain the status they held at the end of the competition year prior to the finals.
2. Riders must be financial ACA members.
3. Horses must be ACA registered.



To:

Q. National Finals

1. *For the National Finals draft, all horses must maintain the status they held at the end of the competition year prior to the finals.*
2. *Riders must be financial ACA members.*
3. *Horses must be ACA registered.*
4. *Points earned at the National Finals draft will be allocated for the competition season for which the National Finals is being held, as well as for the new competition season.*
5. *Double points for the season National Finals are being held for may be allocated at the discretion of the Management Committee.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Classes of Horses Rule 8

The Sub Committee ask that an update of Rule 8. Classes of Horses be taken to the NCCA for consideration to include the definition of a Futurity Horse.

During the discussion, concerns were raised about eligibility and potential overlap between Futurity and Maiden events. One view expressed was that a Futurity Horse should not be permitted to have competed in any open-aged event prior. If this were permitted it could effectively become a second form of Maiden competition, potentially resulting in inflated numbers in both categories. While this concern was shared, it was also noted that it remains uncertain whether such large entry numbers would actually occur in practice.

Questions were also raised about the implications of a Futurity event being taken out of a Maiden. The flexibility for individual committees to manage entries was considered, with a suggestion that it be left to their discretion whether a Futurity horse can compete in other classes prior to or at the same event. This approach would allow for horses to participate in a Maiden event if no Futurity draft is available.

It was clarified that ACA does not allocate points for Futurity drafts, meaning these events do not impact ACA Titles.

ACARES MAY 25-28 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Lloyd Davidson that the ACA delegates will ask the NCCA to consider changing the current wording of Rule 8. Classes of Horses:

8. Classes of Horses

There will be four classes of horses:

8.1 Maiden Horses

A Maiden horse ceases to be a Maiden if it has won an event in any class or contest except Junior, Juvenile, Associate, Futurity and Encouragement drafts or Team events.

8.2 Novice Horses

A Novice horse is a horse that has won first prize in a Maiden, Maiden 4 Maiden, Novice, Ladies, Men's or a restricted campdraft and remains a Novice until the horse has won a further three Novice drafts. A horse that has won an Open campdraft ceases to be a Novice.

A horse can win four Novice drafts if it has not won a first prize in a Maiden.



Should a horse win a Maiden 4 Maiden and Maiden which is run in conjunction this will be counted as two wins.

8.3 Open Horses

An Open horse is a horse that has won a first prize in an Open campdraft or has completed its Novice status.

8.4 Rookie Horse

A Rookie Horse is a horse that has not started in a campdraft prior to the commencement of the relevant association's competition season.

To:

8. Classes of Horses

There will be five classes of horses:

8.1 Futurity Horses

- A. A Futurity campdraft is for horses aged up to a maximum of 5 years and under.*
- B. A horse's birth date will be determined by the certificate of registration.*
- C. Unregistered horses must be accompanied by a veterinarian certificate, stating the age of the horse, obtained at the owners expense.*

8.2 Rookie Horses

A Rookie Horse is a horse that has not started in a campdraft prior to the commencement of the relevant association's competition season, with the exception of Junior, Futurity, and Sale Incentive campdrafts.

8.3 Maiden Horses

A Maiden horse ceases to be a Maiden if it has won an event in any class or contest except Junior, Juvenile, Associate, Futurity and Encouragement campdrafts or Team events.

8.4 Novice Horses

A Novice horse is a horse that has won first prize in a Maiden, Maiden 4 Maiden, Novice, Ladies, Men's or a restricted campdraft and remains a Novice until the horse has won a further three Novice drafts. A horse that has won an Open campdraft ceases to be a Novice.

A horse can win four Novice drafts if it has not won a first prize in a Maiden.

Should a horse win a Maiden 4 Maiden and Maiden which is run in conjunction this will be counted as two wins.

8.5 Open Horses

An Open horse is a horse that has won a first prize in an Open campdraft or has completed its Novice status.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Status of Horse and Rider Rule 9.2

ACARES MAY 25-29 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Kay Radke that ACA recommend to the NCCA to consider changing the current wording of Rule 9.2 Status of Horse and Rider.

9. Status of Horse and Rider

9.2 For a competition to be deemed a campdraft, either entry fees are charges or prize money given. Where awards are given and no additional entry fee is charges for any campdraft event, horse status will not be altered.

To:

9.2 For a competition to be deemed a campdraft, either entry fees are charged or prize money given, with the exception of any of the following:

- A. Any individual incentive and or award for the highest scoring class of rider and or horse in any event/round.*
- B. Any individual incentive and or award for the highest scoring breed or sex of horse in any event/round.*
- C. Any individual award determined by the committee.*
- D. Where the above awards and or incentives are given and no additional entry fee is charged for any campdraft event, a horse or rider status will not be altered.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2:39pm Kylie Moffatt left the room.

2:40pm Kylie Moffatt returned to the room.

Status of Horse and Rider Rule 9.4

ACARES MAY 25-30 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that ACA recommend to the NCCA to consider changing the current wording of Rule Status of Horse and Rider 9.4.

9. Status of Horse and Rider

9.4 The status of a horse winning a campdraft will be determined by the highest class of horse that competes with the exception of Juniors, Juveniles, Ladies, Mens, Old Buffers, Associates, Futurities, Rookie Horses, and Encouragement campdrafts. The winner attains the status of the highest class of horse participating (eg if one Open horse competes then it is classed as an Open draft).

To:

9.4 The status of a horse winning a campdraft will be determined by the highest class of horse that competes with the exception of Juniors, Juveniles, Ladies, Mens, Old Buffers, Associates, Futurities, Rookie Horses and Encouragement campdrafts. The winner attains the status of the highest class of horse participating.

- A. Any event that is a subsequent event to a first round, the horse will break status with those exceptions from Rule 9.4 to the highest class of horse in the subsequent event. (For example, where a campdraft takes a Maiden 4 Maiden and or Maiden and or Novice final out of the Open campdraft the winner of the Maiden 4 Maiden and or Maiden and or Novice final shall break horse and rider status to Novice. (The win shall be recorded as per Rule 8.4)*



B. Any event that is restricted to either Ladies or Men's as well as restricted to a class of horse, the winning horse and rider will break status to the highest class of horse in that event. The win shall not be recorded as per Rule 8.4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2:45pm the meeting recessed for afternoon tea.

3:20pm the meeting resumed.

The ACA Disciplinary Bylaw Appendix 2, Grade 1 Section D:

The Code of Conduct Sub Committee do not consider that an illegal entry takes place in reference to ACA Disciplinary Bylaw from Appendix Two, Grade 1 Section D:

Should a Member compete on a horse in a second round or final in the incorrect order by accident or mistake or unknowingly, it would be a Grade 1 offence.

ACARESMAY25-31 MOVED Glenn Evans SECONDED Robert Daly that the ACA Disciplinary Bylaw Appendix Two, Grade 1 Section D: Should a Member compete on a horse in a second round or final in the incorrect order by accident or mistake or unknowingly, it would be a Grade 1 offence, be removed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACA Rule A.10

ACARESMAY25-32 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED James McAuley to change the current wording of Rule A.10:

A completely separate draw must be made for campdraft finals and all finalists be required to run in accordance with the draw.

To:

A completely separate draw must be made for campdraft finals and all finalists be required to run in accordance with the draw. If a competitor competes on a horse in the final in the incorrect order, it will result in disqualification from the final of that entry and the entry it replaced.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACA Rule A.11

ACARESMAY25-33 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED James McAuley to change the current wording of Rule A.11:

Second rounds of drafts should be run as a minimum in reverse order of the first round but preferably by a re-draw.

To:

Second rounds of drafts should be run as a minimum in reverse order of the first round but preferably by a re-draw. All second-round entries are required to run in accordance with the second round draw. If a competitor competes on a horse in the second round in the incorrect order, it will result in disqualification from the second round of that entry and the entry it replaced.



CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3:24pm The meeting moved back to Judges Sub Committee discussion regarding Code of Conduct - Judges Rule 8.

3:32pm The meeting moved from Judges Sub Committee after resolving Code of Conduct- Judges Rule 8.

Sponsors Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Dane Bateman

Jono Battle has come onboard for the Maiden Rider Title, Dane thanked Jono for his support.

Talks with NAPCo around continuing their sponsorship of the nominations page seemed to have halted, new sponsorship should be sort.

With new the current sponsorship agreements due to expire on the 31 March 2026 the sub committee are investigating a new approach towards the sponsorship proposals, customising them to suit the sponsor asking what ACA can offer them and what may be gained for ACA members.

Currently all sponsorship agreements remain as created on the 01 April 2024.

ACARESMAY25-35 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the Sponsors Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Volunteer Secretary Support Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Annie Williamson

Since the Campdraft One Support proposal was adopted, both Kay and I have sat in on "Day with the ACA" training with Emily as support and to learn any new enhancements to Campdraft One.

The sub committee had a meeting at the office in Toowoomba to organise the setting up of the phone system to include Kay and myself to take weekend calls. Administration access was discussed in which Emily Castrigno investigated the cost of setting up for partial access but felt it was too costly, so we've worked out alternate access which be trialed for the interim.

A roster system has been discussed, which Emily will organise at the beginning of each month and each weekend on call will be shared between Emily, Giaan, Kay and myself to begin with. Kylie Moffatt will also be added to the roster once further Campdraft One training has been done. This training will begin with Kylie shadowing Emily at the ACA Finals if the opportunity arises, followed by either a day in the office or a zoom meeting for further training.

Cheri Stanger has decided to step back and only work as on ground support, due to her concerns she doesn't have the availability or reliable service for on call support.

As access means having login details to members' profiles ACA policy determines for privacy reasons permissions outside of the Management Committee would not be granted, and therefore Kathleen & Annie will also step back as on ground support. Additional training has been offered if they require it.

To further support to our committees and secretaries the sub committee would like to build more on ground support, preferably by zone, but this is open to further discussion.

ACARESMAY25-36 MOVED Annie Williamson SECONDED Tania Moorhead that the Volunteer Secretary Support Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Youth Camp and Starter Clinic Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Tania Moorhead

At the time of writing this report the sub committee had received four requests to run Youth Camps for 2025. Two clinics have been held:

- Alpha 18-19 January
- Wallumbilla 1-2 March

Conversations have been had with Maddy Plath and Jason Comiskey from Alpha and Hannah Collins, Secretary of Wallumbilla. All conclude that both clinics were a resounding success. The facilitators did a great job, and the kids all enjoyed themselves and learnt valuable skills to successfully and safely compete in our sport.

Positive feedback was received from each committee regarding their interaction with ACA Office staff and thanked them for the assistance they offer these committees.

ACA were able to support these two camps by covering their medical expenses.

EOI from Yaraka to run in September this year and Croydon in April.

Unfortunately, due to budget cuts we are not able to support these clinics by covering their full medical expenses as we have in the past.

Croydon were offered the option of holding a Women and Girls in Sport clinic, utilising the grant funds, which they took advantage of and have since held the clinic.

Following a review of the budget and financial position on 30 June 2025 there may be opportunity to offer further assistance to committees, this has been reiterated to Yaraka.

We had a budget of \$4000, have spent \$2536 leaving \$1464.

We do have the option of offering committees some funds, for example \$500 to go towards their medical expenses.

Allister asked if the budget needs to reflect true figures from the year before.

Les responded that it was as the budget was used last year, however we have had more clinic requests.

Allister mentioned that these clinics are unique to ACA, and they are a great PR tool that should be used.

Tania agrees that it is circumstantial dependent on the year.

ACARES MAY 25-37 MOVED Tania Moorhead SECONDED Annie Williamson that the Youth Camp and Starter Clinic Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

General Business

Tania Moorhead sort the permission from the Management Committee for the Eastern NSW Zone to be granted the funds and prizes to be used for other purpose towards a 'Zone Finals' event rather than holding the stated Top 7 Shoot Out and distribution of prizes to the designated Zone Title Winners.

ACARES MAY 25-37 MOVED Tania Moorhead SECONDED Annie Williamson That the Eastern NSW Zone be able to access the funds and allocated prizes to be used as the zone choses other than the Top 7 Shoot Out.

Tom Gleeson was against the motion.

CARRIED

Rod Carpenter announced his retirement from the ACA Management Committee, confirming that he did not seek renomination in the recent election. This meeting marked his final meeting as a Zone Councillor, ending an extraordinary tenure of service.

The room offered a warm and appreciative round of thanks, congratulating Rod on an incredible 43 years of dedicated commitment to the ACA. His long standing contribution to the Management Committee has been consistently valued, with his insights and involvement leaving a lasting, positive impact on the association. His departure was met with genuine respect and gratitude from all in attendance.

Ben Hall mentioned that he had been in contact with those committees that did not affiliate with ACA in 2024. The discussion he has had were positive with most confirming they will affiliate with ACA in the future as the preferred association to hold their event. The committees are extremely happy with the changes that have been made recently and those still to decide, appear to be leaning towards ACA affiliation.

Ben also noted that it is his preference that the Management Committee make decisions in meetings rather than by a 'Flying Minute' through an online format. He believes it is important for committee members to be able to have constructive conversation about matters, which a flying minute does not allow.

Tom Gleeson asked for clarification of when the ACA has details of the new Rules that will come back after the NCCA Meeting.

Robert Daly responded that the meeting is due to be held in Melbourne in June and the decisions regarding rule updates from the NCCA will be brought to the ACA Management Committee August meeting.

Nathan Bradley asked that everyone attending the Goondiwindi Finals this week to pitch in and lend hand to the host committee whenever they were able to. It is a huge undertaking and host committees work tirelessly for months bringing together an event for all our members to enjoy, it is important that as the Management Committee we show our support.

Josh Phelps requested clarification on how the process would be conducted. In response, Robert Daly explained the usual procedure, noting that the President calls for nominations for Chairperson from within each Sub Committee's members. The President then has the final authority to appoint the Chair.

However, Robert emphasised his intent to expand the process in the upcoming review. He proposed that there should be broader discussion between the executive and committee members, not only about the composition of each Sub Committee, but also about the qualities and skills required of a Chairperson. He encouraged members to consider what nominees should bring to the role, particularly in relation to the specific responsibilities and focus areas of the respective Sub Committees.

This more collaborative approach aims to ensure that each Sub Committee is led by individuals who are both well suited and well matched to the needs and goals of their sub committee.

Glenn wanted to speak of why another committee was not approved to run another High School event. It was determined that such an event should not be named a Campdraft because the normal NCCA and ACA rules do not apply.

Robert Daly stated that ACA is working on a blueprint in relation to these types of events that fall outside of the general rule of ACA.

Allister Butcher is very appreciative for all the support to Western Australia and that they are working hard to bring committees back to ACA, with a new committee in the SWWA Zone affiliated with ACA this year.

Peter Petty thanked Rod Carpenter for his service, and good fellowship over the 40 plus years he has been a Zone Councillor for ACA, noting Rod's contribution had been invaluable over that time.



Peter thanked ACA for the financial support to the 120 Years of Campdrafting in Australia event held over the first weekend in May at Tenterfield. The event was well received with the Tenterfield Committee proud to unveil the new statues commemorating the birth place of Campdrafting in Australia.

Les Hopkins took a moment to express his personal thanks and appreciation for Rod's exceptional service. He acknowledged Rod's immense contribution to both the ACA and the sport of campdrafting over his 43 years on the Management Committee. Les added that he hoped the current and future members of the Committee would continue to uphold the same level of dedication and commitment that Rod had consistently demonstrated throughout his tenure.

Les reminded everyone that the AGM commences at 7:00pm at the Showgrounds Bar this evening.

Robert Daly thanked Rod Carpenter for his years and hopes that the current members can do as much. As he had in the coming years.

NCCA Matters

The next NCCA meeting will be held in Melbourne on the 24 – 25 of June 2025.

A report of that meeting will be given at the next ACA Management Committee Meeting in August.

Next Meeting Dates

The next Management Committee Meeting will be held at Brisbane in August.

Further information will follow after investigation of suitable venues in Brisbane is undertaken.

4:10pm Robert Daly called the meeting to a close.