



## Welcome

8:01am Australian Campdraft President Robert Daly welcomed everyone to the meeting, making special mention to newly appointed member Zach Wass and welcoming back Andrew Stallman.

## Condolences

The Management Committee Members and observers, paid respect to Roll of Honour recipient Peter Pownall and to past members Alison Matheson, Eric Johnson and Tammy Boyce, observing a minute's silence.

## Apologies, Proxy Votes and Attendees

Management Committee Member	Apology Received	Proxy
Ben Stanger	Yes	Ben Hall
Bill Carey	Yes	Dane Bateman
Charlie Smith	Yes	Kay Radke
Cheri Stanger	Yes	Jack Morris
Erica Hanrahan	Yes	Jason Comiskey
Evan Acton	Yes	Robert Daly
Harvey Walters	Yes	
Hugh Philp	Yes	Dan Condon
Jack Southern	Yes	Jono Battle
James Moorhead	No	
Jim Daley	Yes	Glenn Evans
Katie Birney	Yes	Annie Williamson
Kylie Moffatt	Yes	Shelley Curr
Mat Durkin	Yes	Ben Hall
Pete Comiskey	Yes	Dane Bateman
Shay Pratt	No	
Simon Knight	Yes	Robert Daly
Tony Kehl	Yes	Ben Hall
Wade Clein	Yes	Les Hopkins



## Attendance – Management Committee Members, Staff and Other Persons

Management Committee Member	Office/Zone
Robert Daly	President
Jason Comiskey	Vice President
Kay Radke	Vice President
Tania Moorhead	Vice President
Shelley Curr	Treasurer
Les Hopkins	Operations Manager
Annie Williamson	Border Zone
Gayle Shann	Central Zone
Mac Shann	Central Zone
Norma Shannon	Central Zone
Dan Condon	Northern Zone
Jenni Ievers	Northern Zone
Wendy Wockner	Northern Zone
Zachary Wass	Northern Territory/North West Western Australia Zone
Andrew Stallman	South East Zone
Dane Bateman	South East Zone
Glenn Evans	South East Zone
Jack Morris	South East Zone
Jono Battle	South East Zone
Scott Haley	South East Zone
Allister Butcher	South West Western Australia Zone
Brian Elliott	Southern Zone
Dale Chicken	Southern Zone
Fiona Radke	Southern Zone
James McAuley	Southern Zone



Lloyd Davidson	Southern Zone
Nathan Bradley	Southern Zone
Ben Hall	Western Zone
Josh Phelps	Western Zone
Tom Gleeson	Western Zone
<b>Staff and other Persons Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Siobhan Davison	Office Manager
Emily Castrigno	Campdraft One Lead

ACARESAUG25-01 MOVED Fiona Radke SECONDED Tom Gleeson that the apologies and proxies as presented in the agenda be received and accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Confirmation of Previous Minutes

ACARESAUG25-02 MOVED Dale Chicken SECONDED Glenn Evans that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting, held Monday, 19 May 2025, be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Declaration Of Interest & In Committee Discussions

##### Note To Management Committee Members

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

#### Business Arising From Previous Minutes

##### ACA recommendations to NCCA of Rules Updates & Changes

ACA brought to the NCCA the Rules as recommended from the May Management Committee Meeting, with a small change from 4 years and under to 5 years and under all were adopted by NCCA. These can be found on the ACA website and in the latest ACA News. The office has also completed a social media campaign to inform followers of these updates.



### Active Women and Girls in Sport funding.

All funds have been distributed to the following Committees: Allora, Baralaba, Cambooya, Croydon, Esk, Gold City, Muttaborra, Tannymorel, Theodore, Westmar & Yaraka, with the acquittal has been completed by the Office.

### Horse Progress Report

Data is still being collated for presentation at the next meeting.

### General Business

#### Campdraft One Update Presented by Emily Castrigno

Emily presented her report as shown in the agenda in Appendix B.

ACARESAUG25-03 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Fiona Radke that the ACA Rule Book be moved onto the Website onto its own tab and it remains where it currently resides as well

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nathan Bradley asked about the Campdraft One format and workflow, Emily confirmed it is a cost to change this; however, the new App may be able to be used to rectify these issues, using the back button often works rather than moving back and forth between sections.

### Proxy Vote Appointment

Erica Hanrahan proposes that a Management Committee Member may only be appointed a maximum of two (2) proxy votes per meeting.

Robert Daly suggested that this be set aside until Erica can speak of it.

Tom Gleeson asked for this to be discussed and is of the opinion that a councillor should accept no more than three (3) proxies.

Robert asked the members to review the constitution, so everyone is clear on the process, and it will be brought forward at the next meeting for further discussion and voting.

### Outward Correspondence

#### General Correspondence

Outward Correspondence sent as of last meeting, held Monday, 19 May 2025, is outlined in the table below.

Reference	Date	Description/Recipient
LH39	2025 05 27	Letter To NCCA From OM Re Rule Review ACA Recommendations
LH42	2025 05 30	Email To Mietta Skinner Mount Barker Campdraft Club From OM Re Constitution Update
LH43	2025 06 03	Letter To Blair Athol Bush Sports From Josh Phelps Re Animal Welfare
LH44	2025.06.03	Letter To Greg Sibson From President Re Retiring Management Committee Member
LH45	2025 06 03	Letter To Rod Carpenter From President Re Retiring Management Committee Member
LH46	2025 06 03	Letter To Michael Dwan From President Re Retiring Management Committee Member



LH47	2025 06 03	Letter To Jack Harries From President Re Retiring Management Committee Member
LH48	2025 06 03	Letter To Kimberley From President Re Retiring Management Committee Member
LH50	2025 06 20	Letter To NCCA Secretary ACA President Robert Daly Apology and Proxy
LH51	2025 06 20	Letter To NCCA From The Operations Manager of the Appointment ACA NCCA Delegates
LH52	2026 06 24	Letter To Professor Sabina Knight Re Welfare One Study
LH53	2027 06 24	Letter To Lucie Cook for NAPCo Sponsorship Agreement

### Judges Correspondence

Judges Correspondence sent as of last meeting, held Monday, 19 May 2025, is outlined in the table below.

Successful Trial	Unsuccessful Trail	Successful Open	Unsuccessful Open
Mac Knudsen		Bill Gordon	
Jake Nowlan		Evan Hiscock	
John Delaforce			

ACARESAUG25-04 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Nathan Bradley that the Outward Correspondence and Judges Correspondence, as presented in the agenda, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Inward Correspondence

Inward Correspondence received as of last meeting, held Monday, 19 May 2025, is included as Appendix C.

Reference	Date	Description/Received From
INC444	2025 05 29	Letter From Mietta Skinner Mount Barker Campdraft Club To OM Re Constitution Update <b>FOR NOTING</b>
INC445	2025 06 03	Letter From Michael Dwan To OM Re Management Committee Position <b>FOR NOTING</b>
INC454	2025 07 28	Letter From Tanya White To OM Re Medical Services At Campdrafts <b>FOR CONSIDERATION</b>
INC457	2025 06 30	Email from Professor Sabina Knight Re Welfare One Research Study <b>FOR NOTING</b>
INC458	2025 07 12	Email from Kate Heading to James McAuley Re NCCA Rule of Futurity Horses <b>FOR NOTING</b>
INC459	2025 06 27	Email from NCCA Secretary Re Rule Updates and Changes <b>FOR NOTING</b>

#### **INC444 Letter from the Secretary of Mount Barker Campdraft Club relating to changes to their Constitution**

A Campdraft Committee may create/amend their own constitution. It is noted Mount Barker is not an affiliated ACA Committee.

**FOR NOTING**



#### **INC445 Letter From Michael Dwan To OM Re Management Committee Position**

Letter from Michael Dwan, withdrawing from his nomination from the Management Committee.

#### **FOR NOTING**

#### **INC454 Letter From Tanya White To OM Re Medical Services At Campdrafts**

Letter from Tanya White addressing concerns relating to Campdraft Committees and the Medical Providers they contract for their event. She asks ACA to review all nominated medical providers registration number, ensuring that they are current.

Robert Daly encouraged committees to ensure they were fully aware of the medical services they were contracting. Kay Radke, in response to recent incidents, recommended that ACA promote a minimum standard of having Registered Nurses and Paramedics at events. Andrew Sallman clarified that ACA had established a minimum standard for medical services and that the ACA Office confirmed whether providers met these standards. Robert added that, from ACA's standpoint, providers were required to sign an acknowledgment of the Medical Services Policy. Emily Castrigno confirmed that the signed document was submitted to the ACA Office and served as confirmation of compliance. Les Hopkins noted that he had recently ensured providers met the minimum standard, and Zach Wass agreed that the actual personnel sent by companies to events was a critical factor.

Robert suggested that committees provide feedback to the ACA Office when personnel were not appropriately qualified. Emily stated that the ACA Office would remove a previously approved provider if it was found that the personnel were inadequate or the company failed to meet policy requirements. Nathan Bradley raised concerns about the cost of using Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS), which Robert confirmed could be both cost prohibitive and geographically limiting. Dane Bateman cautioned against removing providers too readily, while Fiona Radke questioned whether QAS was more expensive than other providers. Shelley Curr responded that QAS costs were comparable. Dale Chicken shared that committees he had worked with consistently used QAS and that regional councils often provided financial assistance due to the community benefit of the event being held.

Andrew explained the evolution of the policy from basic first aid to a standard requiring the ability to stabilise patients until ambulance services arrived. He noted that the policy was designed to ensure appropriate care regardless of whether the attending medic was a retired paramedic. Mac Shann emphasised that medics were expected to respond quickly and effectively, and that all providers should be held accountable for the personnel they deployed.

Jenni levers proposed including a section in the documentation for committees to assess the suitability of providers and personnel. Les stated that this was provided for through the policy, and the onus is on the committee to employ suitable personnel. He suggested an awareness campaign could be used to encourage committees to ensure their event is doing this and for committees to report back to the ACA Office of substandard services. Robert supported this idea. Tania Moorhead advocated for committees to have a designated First Aid Officer. Andrew recommended that the program approval process include identifying the liaison with medical providers and referencing provider capabilities, including drug administration. Emily clarified that ACA did not liaise directly with providers and relied on the signed acknowledgment of the policy, being that ACA Office team members were not qualified to assess a medical providers qualifications. Fiona asked whether the policy required providers to be licensed, and Emily responded that requirements depended on the type of event. Robert concluded by asking all attendees to review the policy in preparation for further discussion the following day.

10:58 20 August



Andrew initiated a discussion on the ACA Medical Policy; he acknowledged that the ACA Office require providers to sign a document confirming their understanding of the minimum service requirements. He clarified that the minimum level refers to a first responder, which is typically the initial support in order to stabilise someone before ambulance services are called. He advocated for increased awareness at the committee level and suggested that each committee appoint a First Aid Liaison Officer. He also recommended that the ACA Office regularly review and update the list of approved providers and communicate to committees that these providers have signed off on meeting ACA's policy requirements.

It was acknowledged that while St Johns Ambulance is capable of supplying personnel who meet appropriate medical standards, committees are often asked to specify the type of personnel they wish to engage. This can range from retired professionals to active officers, including individuals qualified as first aid officers through to paramedics. Committees should engage attendees under the correct minimum standard outlined in the policy, which excludes basic first aid officers. Clear communication between the committee liaison officer and the provider was deemed essential to ensure that the correct level of personnel was dispatched. The importance of communication was repeatedly emphasized throughout the discussion.

It was agreed that at an event if a campdraft ground was deemed unsafe by competitors, it must be addressed before proceeding, committees should be empowered to ensure the correct medical personnel were present in the same manner. Robert stated that providers were responsible for sending appropriately qualified attendees and could not be absolved of their duty of care. Emily reported that she had been instructed to remove St Johns from the approved list. Robert requested that St Johns be contacted regarding their commitment to ACA's policy.

Andrew expressed concern about the reliability of communication with St Johns' head office and stressed that committees must be empowered to verify that providers meet ACA standards. Although he agreed and recommended that St Johns' head office be informed of the incident where the correct level of care was not provided, and suggested this approach is undertaken when such occurrences arise. His recommendation was to reconsider St Johns Ambulance to remain on the list of providers as some states use them as the statewide Ambulance Service.

11:00am Kay Radke left the room.

11:03am Dane Bateman left the room.

Robert called for a show of hands to determine support for retaining St Johns as a provider and proposed that a formal letter be submitted to them.

The room supported that St Johns be returned to the list of Medical Provider and a letter be sent informing them of substandard services provided at events by their attendees.

#### **INC457 Email from Professor Sabina Knight Re Welfare One Research Study**

Email from Professor Sabina Knight confirming acceptance of the Welfare One Research Study.

**FOR NOTING**

#### **INC458 Email from Kate Heading to James McAuley Re NCCA Rule of Futurity Horses**

Email from Kate Heading to James McAuley Re NCCA Rule of Futurity Horses. This will be addressed in the Rules Sub Committee Report.

**FOR NOTING**



### **INC459 Email from NCCA Secretary Re Rule Updates and Changes**

Email received from Laura Comiskey, NCCA Secretary informing all NCCA Delegates and Associations of the changes and updates in Rules from the NCCA Meeting held in June.

#### **FOR NOTING**

ACARESAUG25-06 MOVED Annie Williamson SECONDED Fiona Radke that the Inward Correspondence, as presented in the agenda, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Officers Reports**

Operations Manager Report presented by Les Hopkins.

I want to congratulate the Goondiwindi committee on running a fantastic National Finals in May. Through a lot of hard work, they were able to achieve a remarkably successful event. I also want to thank our ACA office staff and ACA National Finals Sub Committee for all the work they did to assist in this event.

There have been some changes in our office staff over the past two months. Our long serving staff member Kelly Duncan has left us to move on to a new challenge. Kelly has been with the ACA since October 2022 and will be missed by us all. I want to thank Kelly for the many years of loyal and dedicated service with the ACA and wish her great success in her new venture.

Our new staff member Debra Rickert started with us on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. I also want to welcome Debra to the team and look forward to working with her in the future. Deb is a Toowoomba local and brings with her considerable experience from working in various administration roles.

Kelly's resignation allowed us to review the office structure where we now no longer have an Administration Lead position within the office. Instead, we have a Senior Administration position and Administration Officer all under the supervision of the Office Manager. This has streamlined the administration section to make it more functional and clear line of control, shown in INT ACA Organisational Chart in Appendix K.

Unfortunately, our Magazine Coordinator Greta Keene has also resigned, and her last day will be the 22 of August 2025. Greta is moving into a new role with the Maranoa Regional Council. Greta has been with ACA for five (5) years and has done an outstanding job coordinating and producing the ACA News. The recruitment process to replace Greta will commence shortly and is anticipated that the position description will be modified to reflect the responsibilities associated with the skills required to work on the new App. This position will also be situated within the Toowoomba office.

I continue to spend one week a month in the office spending time with the staff and conducting meetings where necessary. The work being undertaken by the staff in the office is of an extremely high standard and they go above and beyond to get the job done.

ACARESAUG25-07 MOVED Mac Shann SECONDED Gayle Shann that the Operations Manager report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Management Committee Members are invited to submitted questions or queries to Les.





## Finance Reports

Financial reports of the ACA are included for the Management Committee as Appendix D and will be presented by the Treasurer, Shelley Curr.

ACARESAUG25-08 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Wendy Wockner that the payment of accounts (nil cheques) and the Direct Debits, Electronic Funds Transfers and Credit Card Payments from the Thursday, 1 May 2025 to Thursday, 31 July 2025 be ratified.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG25-09 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Jack Morris that the Financial Report as at Thursday, 31 July 2025 showing a Credit Balance of \$1,386,713.27 as presented by the Treasurer be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Finance and Administration Sub Committee Report

**Presented by Chairperson, Robert Daly.**

### Payment To Host Committee – Donation

The Management Committee Members are asked to endorse the payment to the Goondiwindi and District Campdraft Association for the donations of 2025 National Finals Host Committee, Sponsors Function, Top 30 Shoot Out and the Top 7 Shoot Out Border Zone.

ACARESAUG25-10 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Jono Battle that the payment for \$21,000.00 including GST, dated 26 May 2025, be endorsed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Bendigo Term Deposit

ACARESAUG25-11 MOVED Tom Gleeson SECONDED Lloyd Davidson that the term deposit of \$791,239.71 with Bendigo Bank which matured on the 08 July 2025 was rolled over and reinvested for another three (3) months at 2.90%. The review date will be the 08 October 2025. The Term Deposit Statement is shown in Appendix E.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG25-12 MOVED Wendy Wockner SECONDED Mac Shann that the term deposit and interest received with Bendigo Bank will be reinvested on the 08 October 2025 for a term of three (3) months.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



The Finance and Administration Sub Committee would like to investigate other options for a better return on the investment of the term deposits dependant of the risk that the Management Committee agree on, this will be brought to the next meeting.

#### Westpac Bond Guarantee Term Deposit

The Bond Guarantee term deposit of \$17,033.44 with Westpac that matured on the 29 June 2025 was rolled over and reinvested for another eight (8) months at 3.25%. The review date will be the 28 February 2026. The Bond Guarantee Statement is shown in Appendix F.

ACARESAUG25-13 MOVED Fiona Radke SECONED Annie Williamson that the Bond Guarantee term deposit and interest received with Westpac will be reinvested on the 28 February 2026 for a term of eight (8) months.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Cyber Crime Insurance

Since June this year, there have been over 200,000 attempts to hack into the ACA Website. Due to the significant firewalls and security protocols in place, both domains campdraft.com.au (ACA Website) and the linked one.campdraft.com.au (Campdraft One) were not breached. If ACA security measures had not been enforced, it is likely that one of these attempts may have gained access. This could have resulted in a ransom demand to regain control over our domains and data and/or the potential threat of hackers gaining access to our members' data held within Campdraft One and distributing this information.

It was emphasised that ACA must remain diligent in relation to the constant threats of cybercrime and continue to maintain and enhance the security measures currently in place. Further measures are being considered to protect members' logins, including the implementation of 2FA or ReCAPTCHA.

All internal passwords have been updated and strengthened over the past month.

A declaration has been sent to Gow Gates for Cyber Crime insurance to be quoted and will be presented at the next meeting for consideration.

#### High School Cup Guidelines Policy

Appendix G introduced the newly established document *COR027 High School Cup Guideline*. Glenn Evans raised concerns regarding if a program, referred to the event as a 'Campdraft', it could potentially break status, referring to NCCA Rule 9, specifically referencing item #12, being that a nomination fee is paid.

Les Hopkins was confident that High School Cups, if held under the proposed policy would not break status. Robert Daly invited James McAuley to provide input from a Rules perspective. Dane Bateman clarified that the event is structured as a team nomination rather than an individual nomination and therefore sits outside the NCCA ruling. James stated that the event is not considered a campdraft and, as it involves participants aged 13 to 18 years competing as a team under modified rules, therefore it should not break status as it falls outside the scope of NCCA Rules.

Wendy Wockner queried whether Rule 9 could be amended to explicitly exclude High School Cup events from breaking status. Fiona Radke noted that it was an NCCA rule and therefore would need clarification



from NCCA. However, pointed out that the event operates under ACA with modified rules and is not run as a standard campdraft. Robert asked the room to consider this proposal.

Shelley Curr added that no prize money is paid out at the High School Cup events.

Wendy further suggested revising the wording in item #12 by replacing the wording “nomination fee” with “administration fee”. Glenn expressed uncertainty regarding the effectiveness of this change. Jason Comiskey recommended referring the matter to the Rules Sub Committee for discussion with NCCA to clarify the policy and ensure it does not break status.

ACARESAUG25-14 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Annie Williamson that the proposed document COR027 High School Cup Guidelines policy be reviewed by the Rules Sub Committee to come back to the Management Committee with recommendations of the implications of horse and/or rider status.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Sub Committees and Chairperson Review

Following the Management Committee election and the appointment of several new members, a review of the Sub Committees was conducted, based on the email distributed to all members by the Operations Manager. Robert Daly was scheduled to provide feedback to members regarding the new appointments; however, a response had not been received from every councillor.

Les Hopkins requested that any members present who had not yet responded indicate their preferred Sub Committee for consideration by speaking with him over the course of the next two days.

On completion of gathering all the requests the Management Committee will be notified by Les via email of the new Sub Committee chairs and members.

### Signatories

ACARESAUG25-15 MOVED Tom Gleeson SECONDED Brian Elliott to remove Kelly Duncan as a signatory from all Westpac and Bendigo Bank Accounts and business banking logins.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### ACA News

Following the resignation of Greta Keene, ACA’s Magazine Coordinator, it was proposed that the ACA News publication be suspended due to the absence of staff available to produce it.

Scott Hayley queried whether suspending ACA News would affect ACA’s ability to meet its obligations to inform members of rule changes and updates. Robert Daly responded that those obligations would be fulfilled through alternative means.

Tom Gleeson asked whether ACA News would ever return in printed form. Robert Daly expressed his personal belief that it would not, noting the lack of data on readership of the hard copy. He explained that digital publication data from the last edition showed only 300 readers out of over 6,000 recipients, making continued creation and publication financially unviable. He added that while a small minority expressed interest in the publication, the majority had no opinion on its relevance. Tom expressed his disappointment.



Shelley Curr stated that, from a financial standpoint, ACA remained on a restricted budget and publishing ACA News would be fiscally irresponsible. Tom agreed and asked whether a future revival might be possible. Mac Shann suggested the possibility of producing a published 'Year Book.'

Robert asked members to be mindful that the release of the ACA App, which would provide a clearer understanding of how news and information could be presented to members. Nathan Bradley noted that the App would still be a digital format, not a hard copy.

Allister Butcher highlighted the benefits of digital formats, such as ACA News or the App, in terms of revenue generation and data leverage. Robert acknowledged the concerns of those without access but emphasised that the App would be more accessible, relevant, and up-to-date information compared to printed editions, often publishing articles that are more than two (2) months old.

Fiona Radke stressed the importance of ensuring that disciplinary actions and member obligations continued to be met. Siobhan Davison confirmed that the ACA Office could notify members through alternative channels until the ACA App was developed, should ACA News remain suspended.

ACARESAUG25-16 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Dane Bateman that the Management Committee suspend the ACA News in its current format until further notice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting moved to the Animal Welfare Sub Committee Report.

10:48am The meeting resumed after recessing for morning tea.

### Budget Review

The 2025 amended Budget Review was presented in Appendix H. Robert Daly invited Shelley Curr to speak to the Budget review documentation.

Tania Moorhead raised a query regarding the revised committee affiliation number. Emily Castrigno noted that the previously projected figure of 150 was ambitious and, upon review, a more realistic estimate would be 140. Robert commented that this was still encouraging compared to the previous year.

It was noted that the \$30,000 allocated under Enhancements was attributed to the new Casual Event Platform. Norma Shannon requested that a detailed list of enhancements be provided and emphasised the importance of ensuring that secretaries and committees are adequately supported through these initiatives.

Emily confirmed that the enhancements list had been distributed to the Management Committee in May, with four (4) completed and returned to her for consideration. In the Secretary Facebook page regular polls are taken with limited interaction. However, the Campdraft One team are aware of the most common requests through regular contact with secretaries and committees and endeavours to bring those requests forward as the most important.

ACARESAUG25-18 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Dale Chicken that the 2025 amended Budget, as shown Appendix H, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting moved to the App Development Sub Committee Report.

## Animal Welfare Sub Committee Report

### Presented by Chairperson, Josh Phelps.

Apart from putting out the odd spotfire with a couple of our most loyal members, things have been relatively quiet on the Animal Welfare front of late. Which is great.

An update as to the state of play regarding the Welfare One project.

Welfare One was the brainchild of the (now) honourable member for Gregory Mr Sean Dillon.

Welfare one will be a very thorough and complex document in its entirety. It will extend as an ammunition bank in defence against the likely scenario of our sport being challenged on its animal welfare, ethics and justifiability.

When complete Welfare One will address.

1. The broader animal welfare aspect of Campdrafting for both horses and cattle.
2. The mental and physical welfare of the people the sport effects such as competitors, cattle donors, committees, judges and the broader rural communities.

Welfare One will be added to the extensive documentation framework that already exists, bolstering the integrity of the ACA.

I have been in contact with Professor Sabina Knight and her team at James Cook University who has agreed to undertake a study with the aim of publishing a paper on the topic, note the letter of invitation per the correspondence presented.

This study will likely include, but is not limited to:

- The health and well-being of people in rural and remote communities.
- The economic Contribution Campdrafts have in these communities.
- The collective charitable donations Campdrafts contribute.
- The social/psychological aspect of the sport; positive identity, connectedness etc.

The Animal Welfare committee, will gather the following data for the Professor and her team:

- Total number of campdrafts run per annum (All associations and ACA?).
- Total revenue raised from the events.
- Estimate of charitable donations made per annum by campdraft committees.
- The number of committees that would be the primary contributor, socially and economically, to that local area.

On the Animal Welfare front attempts have been made to reach Dr Jamie Knox who is said to be involved with Racing QLD and on a similar path. It would be beneficial if we were able to collaborate on this project bringing together the different sports resources.

Please forward any feedback on the topic of Welfare One to me or other Sub Committee members, as well as any other welfare related topics. Please give me a ring anytime.

Glenn Evans asked if the members reviewing campdrafts will come with notice or if they will come randomly, Josh advised it will be will in the future and there will be notice given.



ACARESAUG25-17 MOVED Josh Phelps SECONDED Ben Hall that the Animal Welfare Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:11am The meeting recessed for morning tea.

10:48am the meeting resumed and moved back the Budget Review.

### App Development Sub Committee Report

#### Presented by Chairperson, Shelley Curr.

Since the May Management Committee Meeting, several developments have occurred in our app development initiative.

##### Funding for Development

- Raised Funds: We have successfully raised \$55,000 in app development sponsorships from private donors.
- Ongoing Efforts: We are actively seeking additional sponsors. If you have any leads, please refer to the Sponsorship Proposal below.
- Grant Application: Unfortunately, our application for a Community Grant was unsuccessful.

11:05am Glenn Evans left the room.

##### App Development Progress

- Developer Engagement: We have engaged EB Pearls as our app developer.
- Weekly Meetings: Regular meetings are being held to ensure continuous progress.
- Development Strategy: The development process has been split to clearly identify the costs involved in transferring data from Campdraft One. This will help us ascertain any potential additional costs from NWC.
- Wireframes Completion: All wireframes have been completed, and we are now transitioning into the design phase.

The timeline for the release of the App is set towards launching before the 'Big 3', order to take advantage of the 'Livescore' functionality.

Fiona Radke inquired about the sponsors who had committed to supporting the development of the ACA App. Shelley responded by listing the confirmed sponsors, which were detailed in the AR Ageing Report.

Using data provided by Emily Castrigno regarding potential resources available to offer advertisers and sponsors, ACA was able to capitalise on these opportunities by allocating specific areas within the App to committed sponsors and donors. Those who had confirmed their support were granted primary positioning in the App for the following year, along with access to proposed new sponsorship opportunities.



11:08 Glenn Evans returned to the room.

ACARESAUG25-19 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Ben Hall that the App Development Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee Report**

**Presented by Chairperson, Jenni Ievers.**

All National Finals awards, prizes and ribbons have been forwarded to recipients.

Zone Finals Awards are still to be distributed to those Zones yet to hold their Top 7 Shoot Out.

The Classic Ladies Foundation Youth Ambassador Quest nominations will open on the 1 September with a change in the age group it is opened to, from 18-25 it is now available to young ladies aged between 20 – 25 years old. We will again be searching for a Youth Ambassador to represent ACA during the Nutrien Classic week commencing the last week in January 2026.

The office has contacted the Sub Committee to request ideas in preparation for the 2026 National Finals Awards. I encourage members to reach out to me over the coming days with any proposed awards, or feel free to email me if something comes to mind later.

ACARESAUG25-20 MOVED Jenni Ievers SECONDED Mac Shann that the Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Code of Conduct Sub Committee Report**

**Presented by Chairperson, Fiona Radke.**

The Code of Conduct Sub Committee is currently working through a case and is following all the protocols and processes in line with the ACA Disciplinary Bylaw.

We would like to thank retiring ACA Councillor and COC Member, Rod Carpenter, for his many years of volunteer service and wish him all the best for the future. Also, thank you Ann for sharing your husband.

I will personally miss Rod's dry wit, honesty and his solid support especially when the chips were down. Thank you for always talking my calls and saying how it is, thank you Rod.

The Sub Committee has reduced in numbers due to resignations of members from the membership committee. The weight of the committee needs to be substantial in numbers and Fiona would like to see other councillors come on to the Sub Committee.

Robert stated that this is one of the main reasons that the Sub Committees are under review and that it is particularly relevant and after today the issue of lack of depth should be addressed.





ACARESAUG25-21 MOVED Fiona Radke SECONDED Tania Moorhead that the Code of Conduct Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Judges Sub Committee Report

#### **Presented by Chairperson, Mac Shann.**

On the 22 July the Sub Committee held a teleconference, those in attendance were, Ben Stanger, Charlie Smith, Glenn Evans, Jason Comiskey, Jim Daley, Kay Radke, Tom Gleeson and Mac Shann. The following items were addressed.

#### **NCCA Champions of Champions ACA Proposed Judges**

ACARESAUG25-22 MOVED Mac Shann SECONDED Jason Comiskey that Luke McEwan & Barry Johnson be nominated for consideration as Judges for the NCCA Champions of Champions Campdraft to be held at the Nutrien Classic Campdraft in Tamworth.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **NCCA Matter: Two Head of Cattle in the Arena During a Competitors Run**

After good discussion the Sub Committee decided that this is unnecessary to make proposed amendments to Rule 4.16. Any further changes to this rule may lead to unwarranted pressure on judges and slow campdrafting to an unmanageable extended timeframes.

During this discussion the topic of judges leaving their post arose while judging a run to aid in clearing the arena of a beast. This has always been frowned upon by the ACA and is strongly discouraged at all ACA Judges' Seminars.

Rule 4.16 gives the judge the discretion to determine if a restart should be awarded if the run was interfered with or stopped due to unsafe circumstances.

Rule 4.16 states:

*Where the judge terminates an outside run due to interference or safety concerns and the competitor is awarded a restart, the competitor will start again with the lesser of the two Cut Out scores with the original entitlement of cattle.*

ACARESAUG25-23 MOVED Mac Shann SECONDED Tom Gleeson that it was determined by the Sub Committee no recommendation would be made and no change to Rule 4.16 should occur but should be considered by the Rules Sub Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ben Hall after judging at another affiliated events the rule was discussed about this potentially coming in from other associations due to lack of competitor ability to create a 'safer' approach.

From an NCCA delegates Jason Comiskey stated that it is their perspective Rule 4.16. is sufficient and should garner support if it was brought to NCCA for consideration.





## Open Judge Applications

The Sub Committee brought forward ways to explore improved methods for transitioning ACA Trial Judges to Open Judges, expressing concern that the current system required updating. Input from all attendees was welcomed.

The committee acknowledged potential challenges with the proposed changes, including:

- Difficulty in sourcing impartial assessors,
- Collecting comprehensive information from applicants,
- The possibility of challenging cattle at selected judging events.

11:33am, Emily Castrigno left the room.

Recommendation:

1. The Trial Judge informs ACA Office that they would like to be elevated to an Open Judge and presents a completed Open Judge application with listed judging experience, a proposer and a seconder.
2. The ACA Judges Sub Committee will arrange for the applicant to judge at a campdraft, where an Open Judge from the Management Committee will assess their ability and knowledge. The assessor will present a report to the Management Committee at the next meeting to help inform the vote on the applicant.

Robert Daly inquired whether the number of competitors judged by a Trial Judge should be a factor in the application process. Mac Shann responded that due to ACA's national scope, some Trial Judges may not reach high judging numbers. He recommended a minimum of two years of consistent trial judging experience before applying for Open Judge status.

Robert emphasised the importance of integrity and careful consideration by the proposer, ensuring the applicant was of a suitable standard for committee voting. Tom Gleeson noted that an 80% vote from attending members was required, and that a single persuasive voice could influence the outcome and an application.

11:36am Emily Castrigno returned to the room.

Josh Phelps raised concerns about the rating system, and it was agreed in May that the Judge Rating System (JRS) would be set aside temporarily. The committee discussed incorporating qualitative assessments rather than relying solely on numerical data. A benchmark of 600–800 judged runs was suggested as a credible indicator of an applicant's capability.

Robert expressed difficulty in assessing applicants' abilities and stated he preferred not to vote unless he had personally observed the applicant judging. Dane Bateman supported Les Hopkin's view that recommendations should originate from the Sub Committee rather than a general discussion, and that the Management Committee should consider these recommendations.

Robert proposed that the Sub Committee consult with other judges when evaluating applicants, and that proposers should be selected with care. Mac sought clarification on the Sub Committee's specific responsibilities regarding recommendations.

Shelley Curr suggested that multiple individuals should propose an applicant for Open Judge status. Les agreed, adding that proposers should be able to speak to the applicant's judging ability.

Mac questioned whether ACA should reinstate the practice of inviting or nominating Open Judges. Robert posed this question to the room. Fiona Radke expressed concern that this approach had previously been associated with an "old boys club" stigma, which led to its discontinuation.



Tom reiterated that committee voting remained necessary, and he personally encouraged Trial Judges he deemed ready to apply for Open Judge status.

11:47am Siobhan Davison left the room, and Emily Castrigno assumed responsibility for minute taking.

Mac proposed that voting percentages be calculated based only on those who cast votes. Robert agreed and called for a vote on the motion.

ACARESAUG25-24 MOVED From Josh Phelps SECONDED Jack Morris that the Judges Sub Committee discuss the idea that for a trial judge to be able to be considered to be elevated to an open judge one nominator and four seconders who all must be open judges are required and discuss a minimum number of runs as a trail judge to apply for open.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG25-25 MOVED Mac Shann SECONDED Josh Phelps that the Judges Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:53am MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Annie Williamson that the meeting goes into committee.

11:55am Emily Castrigno left the room.

#### Trial Judge Applications

Trial Judge Applications have been received from:

Name	Proposer	Proposer	Seminar Attended	Facilitators
Bridgette Cadzow	Glenn Evans	Gloria McCormack	Harts Range	Glenn Evans
Callum Hampton-Brooks	Glenn Evans	Gloria McCormack	Harts Range	Glenn Evans
Jorden Cochran	Glenn Evans	Gloria McCormack	Harts Range	Glenn Evans
Kurt Hobbs	Glenn Evans	Gloria McCormack	Harts Range	Glenn Evans
Rebecca Cadzow	Glenn Evans	Gloria McCormack	Harts Range	Glenn Evans
Samuel Mobbs	Glenn Evans	Gloria McCormack	Harts Range	Glenn Evans

Mac Shann and Gayle Shann were appointed to count the votes.

ACARESAUG25-26 MOVED Josh Phelps SECONDED Tom Gleeson that the following Trial Judge applications be accepted, Bridgette Cadzow, Callum Hampton-Brooks, Jorden Cochran, Kurt Hobbs, Rebecca Cadzow, Samuel Mobbs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12:24pm Josh Phelps left the room.

#### Open Judge Applications

Open Judge Application received from:



Name	Proposer	Seconders	Seminar Attended	Events Judged
Anthony Haigh	Glenn Evans	Gloria McCormack	Harts Range 2025 Glenn Evans	Encouragement Camooweal 2020 (130), Encouragement Harts Range 2021 (110), Maiden A Harts Range 2021 (125), Maiden B Harts Range 2021 (124), Novice A Harts Range 2021 (115), Maiden A Pusycat Bore 2021 (120), Encouragement Pusycat Bore 2021 (100), Novice A Borrooloola 2021 (135), Novice B Brunette 2021 (140), Novice A Tennant Creek 2021 (130), Maiden A Harts Range 2022 (110), Maiden B Harts Range 2022 (112), Encouragement Harts Range 2022 (90), Ladies Harts Range 2022 (60), Maiden 4 Maiden Harts Range 2022 (40), Novice A Tennant Creek 2022 (130), Maiden A Mount Chapple 2024 (78), Ladies Mount Chapple 2024 (55), Maiden A Harts Range 2024 (95), Novice A Harts Range 2024 (110), Ladies Harts Range 2024 (65), Encouragement Harts Range 2024 (70)
Ben Rossiter <b>Ben is a current ABCRA Open Judge</b>	Glenn Evans	Gloria McCormack	Harts Range 2025 Glenn Evans	Novice ACA National Finals 2024 (500), Canning Downs Warwick 2024 (800)

David Duncan	Kay Radke	Lloyd Davidson	Toogoolawah 2023 Rohan Marks & Sean Dillon	Maiden Dulacca 2024 (203), Novice The Congress Dalby 2024 (204), Novice B Chinchilla 2025 (113), Maiden Jandowae 2025 (317), Novice Condamine 2025 (236)
Joshua Phelps	Jason Comiskey	Sean Dillon	Chinchilla 2022 Mac Shann & Berry Shann & Tambo 2024 Jason Comiskey & Ben Stanger	Maiden Barcaldine 2023 (141 + Final), Novice Charleville 2023 (138 + Final), Maiden Blackall 2023 (140 + Final), Novice Alpha 2023 (280 + Final), Maiden Clarke Creek 2024 (170 + Final), Novice Hannaford 2024 (162 + Final), Novice & Futurity Kragra 2025 (130 + Final), Ladies Tambo 2025 (73)
Leanne West	Trader Wilson	Ross Rideout	Nebo 2010 Trader Wilson & Alan Heading	Encouragement Nebo 2012 (60), Juvenile Mt Coolon 2012 (40), Encouragement Bowen River 2017 (70), Novice & Ladies Pussycat Bore 2018 (400), Juvenile Clarke Creek 2021 (45), Futurity Clarke Creek 2021 (40), Futurity Roma 2021 (30), Juvenile St George 2021 (40), Maiden Ridgellands 2022 (150), Encouragement Jambin 2023 (60), Futurity Monto 2023 (15), Novice Allora Charity Downs Polo 2024 (153)
Lindsay Hindle	Rod Carpenter	Peter Petty	St George <i>date unknown</i> Rod Carpenter	Maiden Dirranbandi 2012 (235), Maiden Theodore 2012 (180), Novice Wallumbilla 2012 (200), Novice Tooloombilla 2013 (130),



				Ladies Tooloombilla 2013 (60), Novice Charleville 2013 (240), Maiden Cooyar 2014 (250), Encouragement Bell 2014 (85), Novice Bell 2014 (250), Juvenile Mitchell 2015 (30), Maiden Adavale 2015 ( <i>unknown runs</i> ), Ladies Adavale 2015 ( <i>runs unknown</i> ), Open Adavale 2015 ( <i>runs unknown</i> ), Maiden & Novice Comb Cambooya 2016 (360 + Final), Novice Cooyar 2022 (174)
Patrick Luck	Jason Comiskey	Bryan Symonds	Nebo 2023 Hugh Philp, Stewart Wallace & Bryan Symonds	Ladies Springsure 2024 (95), Juvenile Springsure 2024 (54), Maiden Weetalaba 2024 (290), Novice Retreat Creek 2024 (200), Juvenile Retreat Creek 2024 (30), Ladies Nebo 2024 (00), Novice Capella 2024 (175), Maiden Tooloombilla 2025 (185), Novice Tooloombilla 2025 (190), Maiden 4 Maiden Tooloombilla 2025 (20), Maiden Bowen River 2025 (220), Maiden Nebo 2025 (200)
Sally Stevenson <b><i>Sally is a current ABCRA Open Judge</i></b>	Drew Stevenson	Kay Radke		Open Dalby Challenge 2023 (120), Encouragement Barraba 2024 (70), Juvenile Barraba 2024 (30), Juvenile Scone 2024 (30), <i>Various Challenge Wet Works during 2024 &amp; 2025</i>



Nick Clydsdale			<i>Has previously been an ABCRA judge – not currently though</i>	Novice Aberdeen Bushmans Carnival ABCRA 2018 (150), Retriected Open Gundy Bushmans Carnival ABCRA 2020 (45), Novice Capella 2025 (160)
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Mac Shann and Gayle Shann were appointed to count the votes.

ACARESAUG25-27 MOVED Mac Shann SECONDED Les Hopkins that the following Open Judge applications be accepted: Anthony Haigh, Ben Rossiter, David Duncan, Joshua Phelps, Leanne West, Lindsay Hindle, Patrick Luck.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12:35pm MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Dane Bateman that the meeting moved out committee.

12:36pm The meeting recessed for lunch.

1:18pm The meeting resumed.

### **National Finals Sub Committee Report**

#### **Presented by Chairperson, Dane Bateman.**

Dane, Pete Comiskey and Les Hopkins met with members of Paradise Lagoons Campdraft Committee last week to discuss the 2026 National Finals expectations. It was very positive, and all is going well with the preparation. The National finals Policy was read and discussion. Tues-Fri finish Friday Lunch time, Dinner will be Friday night. Saturday is ANZAC Day and therefore the cost of having the Dinner would be prohibitive. Still running on one arena and utilising the lights for the 'shootout' events.

During the meeting, it was noted that Longreach had expressed interest in hosting the ACA National Finals in 2027. Their preference is to hold the event on the first weekend of June. This proposed timing would require consideration and potential amendment of the current ACA National Finals Policy by the Management Committee.

The committee engaged in a discussion regarding the timing of the ACA Finals in relation to the official season end date of 31 March. Concerns were raised that an extended gap between the conclusion of the season and the finals may reduce the relevance and momentum of the ACA Finals event. The possibility of altering the season period—currently defined as 01 April to 31 March—was considered. However, it was acknowledged that such a change would not necessarily resolve the issue of the finals being held significantly after the season's conclusion, nor would it guarantee improved engagement or hype surrounding the event.

Nathan Bradley proposed the implementation of a three-year rotation for hosting the finals, which was noted for further consideration. Dane reported that he had reviewed the National Finals Policy and recommended extending the timeframe within which a host committee may elect to hold the ACA National Finals.



Emily Castrigno raised a query regarding the potential delay in the distribution of awards, such as jackets, should the finals be held in June. She questioned whether this would place the awards out of season. It was concluded that this concern would be irrelevant under the proposed policy adjustments.

ACARESAUG25-28 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Nathan Bradley that the wording of the National Finals Policy Statement Format of the ACA National Finals point three (3) be changed from:

- The ACA National Finals are to be held either the second, third or fourth weekend of April.

To

- *The ACA National Finals are to be held either the from the second weekend of April, through to the end of May or on application to the National Finals Sub Committee.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG25-29 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Nathan Bradley that the National Finals Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Real Estate Investment Sub Committee Report**

**Presented by Chairperson, Robert Daly.**

The term deposit held at Bendigo Bank was reinvested on 8 July 2025 for another three (3) months, at an interest rate of 2.90%, with a balance of \$791,239.71. The next review date will be Wednesday 8 October 2025.

The Sub Committee will actively investigate different investment options.

ACARESAUG25-30 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED Mac Shann that the Real Estate Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Rules Sub Committee Report**

**Presented by Chairperson, James McAuley.**

Although we have numerous changes to Rules over the past few months, these were all dealt with or recommended to NCCA from the May meeting over the Finals week. However, a couple of items have come up recently, some due to the recent changes in NCCA Rules.

#### **Future Stars Futurity Finals**

The Rules Sub Committee was contacted by Kate Heading regarding the Future Stars Annual finals. An email from Kate was presented at inward correspondence and can be found in Appendix C. The NCCA has adopted the following rule on Futurity Horses, being restricted to Five (5) Years & Under.

#### **Rule 8. Classes of Horses**



### 8.1 Futurity Horse

- A. Futurity campdraft is for horses aged up to a maximum of 5 years and under.
- B. A horse's age will be determined as at the 1st of August each year.
- C. Unregistered horses must be accompanied by a veterinarian certificate or accredited equine dentist stating the age of the horse, obtained at the owner's expense.

The Future Stars season runs from 01 August through to the 31 July each year, with the top ten (10) horses eligible to compete in a Final Event after the 31 July. The committee have requested ACA to make consideration of this rule and to permit a horse that is eligible for the Future Stars Final is to compete in the Final even if it has turned six (6) on the 01 August of that year. The Future Stars committee generally hold the Final at an ACA Event a few months after the seasons end.

2:10pm Jono Battle left the room

2:14pm Dan Condon Ben Hall left the room.

2:15pm Jono Battle returned to the room.

Jason suggested that ACA make the recommendation in conference at the next NCCA meeting.

2:18pm Dan Condon and Ben Hall returned to the room.

ACARESAUG25-30 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Norma Shannon that the ACA allow a horse which has competed in the Future Stars Futurity Series as 5 Years and Under through the series season is permitted to compete in the Future Stars Series Final if the final is held within 90 days after the end of the season for 2025.

In regard to the 2026 season and subsequent years Future Stars Futurity Series Final ACA will seek clarification from NCCA as to whether a horse that has turned six (6) after the 31 July is permitted to compete in the Future Stars Final.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG25-31 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Zach Wass that the ACA NCCA delegates will take the motion for clarification of Rule 9.4 regarding horses, competing in the Future Stars Futurity Finals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Rule 2.15 Blood

This rule was brought forward by some judges and competitors for the Managment Committee to consider the importance of it in relation to its wording, to ensure that it is not misinterpreted.

NCCA Rule 2.15 states:

In the event of a beast exhibiting bleeding as a result of a competitor's actions, the judge will terminate the round and no re-run be awarded. Where a beast exhibits bleeding through no fault of the competitor, the judge has the discretion to award a re-run.

The Rules Sub Committee finds the rule to be sufficient but noted for any amendments to take place it would need to be taken to the NCCA for consideration.

The Judges Sub Committee also agreed the rule was adequate as it is written.





Brian Elliott noted that some trial judges had expressed uncertainty regarding the appropriate circumstances under which to invoke the rule, when unsure if it was due to competitor fault. The committee agreed on the importance of supporting judges who apply the rule. Josh added that newly appointed trial judges required guidance and support, particularly in situations where blood was observed—whether in the yard or on the beast as the competitor commenced the course.

2:34pm Kay Radke left the room.

2:38pm Kay Radke returned to the room.

The Management Committee voted unanimously that no recommendation would be made and accepts the rule to be adequate and sufficient in its wording.

2:39pm Jack Morris left the room.

### Two Head of Cattle in the Arena During a Competitors Run

As mentioned earlier in Mac Shann's report for the Judges Sub Committee the Management Committee have been asked to consider the wording of Rule 4.16 in reference to its expectations, ensuring judges and competitors both can interpret it as it is meant.

The Management Committee voted unanimously that no recommendation would be made to amend Rule 4.16.

2:40pm Mac Shann & Gayle Shann left the room.

2:41pm Jack Morris returned to the room

### COR012 ACA Rule Book – The Obligations

The ACA Office Team reviewed every document over a two day period in the Document Management System, (DMS). From the last DMS day recently held in early July 2025 COR012 ACA Rule was reviewed and the following recommendations follow to:

Under the heading 'The Obligations' page 7 the document mentions how judges may be appointed to judge at a campdraft. Being that ACA campdrafts may be judged by other NCCA accredited judges it is proposed that this be updated to include these judges.

### THE OBLIGATIONS

Committees must adhere to the Regulations of the National Campdraft Council of Australia and ACA as stated in this book. This means that prize money must meet the minimum requirements. **A judge or judges from the ACA Judges Panel must be selected.** ACA is to be advised of the desire for affiliation, and affiliation fees must be paid, at least four weeks prior to the first day of an affiliated event. A copy of the program must be submitted for approval, no later than fourteen days prior to the first day of nominations opening for an affiliated event. The official results must be returned within seven days of the last day of the event.

To

Committees must adhere to the Regulations of the National Campdraft Council of Australia and ACA as stated in this book. This means that prize money must meet the minimum requirements. ***Only an adult financial member from an NCCA association, including Australian Campdraft Association, Australian Bushman's Carnival and Rodeo Association, Southern Campdrafting Association, and Gippsland Campdrafting***



***Association who are recognised by their relevant Campdraft Association as an accredited judge, may be selected as a judge.*** ACA is to be advised of the desire for affiliation, and affiliation fees must be paid, at least four weeks prior to the first day of an affiliated event. A copy of the program must be submitted for approval, no later than fourteen days prior to the first day of nominations opening for an affiliated event. The official results must be returned within seven days of the last day of the event.

#### COR012 ACA Rule Book – The Procedure

Under the heading 'The Procedure page 7 the wording should be updated to reflect current office practices.

To change the wording from:

##### **THE PROCEDURE**

Either fax or write to ACA advising your chosen date, the number of drafts you wish to affiliate, the name of your judge or judges and the details of your prize money and entry fee, plus the fees to cover the cost of affiliation and insurance. If everything is in order, acceptance is automatic. If there are points that are incorrect, you will be advised and the steps necessary to rectify the problem.

Provided the affiliation has been received early enough, the dates and program details are then listed in the ACA NEWS and on ACA's official website. Ensure that the result sheets are completed and returned to ACA within seven (7) days.

To

*Either call or email ACA Office advising your chosen date and which nomination platform the committee will be using.*

*Affiliation paperwork must be completed through Campdraft One at least four weeks prior to nominations opening. Acceptance is automatic if paperwork and payment is completed.*

*Campdraft programs must be sent to the ACA office at least two weeks prior to nominations opening.*

*If the committee is not using Campdraft One, ensure that the result sheets are completed and returned to ACA within seven (7) days on the completion of the event.*

#### COR012 ACA Rule Book – Advertising

Amendments under 'Advertising' on page 7, are proposed to reflect the current style of the ACA News.

To change the wording from:

##### **ADVERTISING**

If a committee desires, they can buy advertising space in the ACA NEWS to have their full program circulated through the paper distribution. Copies of this paper are distributed to members, affiliated committees, panel judges, horse breed associations and a few other organisations. Current advertising rates are available from the Secretary of ACA. ACA also displays programs on the official website.

To

*Committees interested in promoting their events can now purchase advertising space in the ACA News, available through the ACA App. This ensures your full program reaches a wide audience, including members, affiliated committees, panel judges, horse breed associations, and other relevant organisations.*

ACARESAUG25-32 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Lloyd Davidson adopt the proposed as stated above to COR012 ACA Rule Book.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



#### COR012 ACA Rule Book – Insurance

As part of Committee affiliation public liability and volunteer workers insurance is provided, the statement relating to 'Insurance' on page 8 should be removed.

ACARESAUG25-33 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED James McAuley It is recommended that the heading 'INSURANCE' and relating statement is removed from page 8 of COR012 ACA Rule Book.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### COR012 ACA Rule Book – Rule B. Affiliation

ACA Rule B outlines the conditions of affiliation. Rule B.2 on page 22 is proposed to be updated to reflect current practices.

To change the wording from:

##### Rule B. Affiliation

- B.2. ACA does not allocate dates. However, once a date has been set any affiliated committee postponing a campdraft must notify the President of ACA and have a new date approved.

To

- B.2. *ACA does not allocate dates. However, once a date has been set any affiliated committee postponing a campdraft must notify the ACA Office either through email or phoning with a proposed new date.*

#### COR012 ACA Rule Book – Rule C. Horse Registrations

To change the wording of Rule C Horse Registrations

##### C. Horse Registrations

- C.3. A horse must be registered with the Association in a full financial member's name before being eligible for standings points.

To

- C.3. A horse must be registered with the Association in a financial member's name before being eligible for standings points.*

ACARESAUG25-35 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Kay Radke to change the wording of Affiliation Rule B2.2 on page 22 to reflect current practices and Rule C Horse Registrations, as noted above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



## COR012 ACA Rule Book – Rule D. Nominations and Fees

ACARESAUG25-36 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Brian Elliott that ACA Rule D.6 page 24 to change the wording of:

### Rule D.6

Committees may not bank cheques more than 10 business days prior to the commencement of an event, and all prize money/refunds must be processed within 10 business days of the conclusion of the event.

To

Committees may not bank cheques more than 10 business days prior to the commencement of an event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG25-37 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Tom Gleeson that ACA Rule D.7 page 25 is removed from the COR012 ACA Rule Book.

### Rule D.7

In the event of a committee being unable to recover the proceeds of a dishonoured cheque from a competitor, ACA will cover both the proceeds of the cheque and the dishonoured fee and assume responsibility for recovering the funds. Recovery requests will not be accepted if they are sent in after three months from the date of the event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG25-38 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Nathan Bradley that the Rules Sub Committee report is received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2:54pm The meeting recessed for afternoon tea.

3:33pm The meeting resumed.

## Sponsors Sub Committee Report

### Presented by Chairperson, Dane Bateman.

Dane asked Shelley to speak of the Sponsorship proposals shown in Appendix I & J.

With the current sponsorship agreements scheduled to expire at the conclusion of the campdrafting season on 31 March 2026, an extensive review of the existing arrangements had been undertaken. This review was led by Shelley Curr and Kylie Moffatt, with significant input and design contributions from the ACA Office. As a result, two new documents were proposed, including a detailed *Sponsorship Opportunities* guide outlining the specific benefits offered to sponsors in return for their commitment.

The committee discussed the potential impact of these proposals on current sponsors and the terms of their existing agreements. Consideration was given to the viability of the new proposals, which were based on a pricing model starting at a cost-per-view rate, aligned with market standards and the level of exposure being offered.



Fiona Radke queried who would be permitted to approach potential sponsors and what types of businesses could be targeted. It was clarified that anyone could approach businesses directly, or alternatively, submit potential sponsor names to the Sub Committee for pitching. Annie Williamson emphasised the need for a unified approach to avoid multiple approaches to similar businesses.

Dane highlighted the importance of sponsor loyalty and suggested that previous sponsors should be given the first opportunity to engage with the new proposal. Robert Daly noted that the ACA had a valuable opportunity to position itself as a high impact promotional platform for businesses. It was confirmed that exclusivity would only apply to the specific sponsorship level selected by each sponsor.

The committee acknowledged that the newly proposed marketing role would play a key part in fulfilling sponsorship obligations. It was agreed that a comprehensive review of current agreements was necessary, and that this initiative represented a strong opportunity for ACA to refresh its sponsorship offerings and deliver mutual benefits to both sponsors and the Association.

Nathan Bradley suggested that the new sponsorship framework could also benefit the National Finals Host Committee and stressed the importance of ensuring ACA did not restrict one off sponsorship opportunities for the finals. Glenn Evans concluded that this approach aligned with the intended purpose of Campdraft One and its potential for broader utilisation.

Many commended the team that worked on the proposed documents and were impressed with the level of detail and professional approach displayed.

ACARESAUG25-39 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Gayle Shann that the Management Committee adopt the document EXT100 Sponsorship Prospectus, as shown in Appendix I.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG25-40 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Wendy Wockner that the Management Committee adopt the document EXT047 Sponsorship Prospectus, as shown in Appendix J.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG25-41 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Les Hopkins that the Sponsorship Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Voluntary Secretary Support Sub Committee Report**

**Presented by Chairperson, Annie Willilamson.**

The support program has been running smoothly recently, with Annie working closely with Emily on the monthly rosters.

The glitches with the LinkUs phone system are still occurring, Emily and I have had brief discussions regarding these issues, the LinkUs app was recommended by the ACA's IT consultant as it will save cost, but it may not be ideal with the issues we've been experiencing.

Les has confirmed that phone app issues will be investigated further with IT to look into why this is happening.



Annie asks for others to come forward to help with On Call support for the weekends.

4:10pm Tom Gleeson left the room.

ACARESAUG25-42 MOVED Annie Williamson SECONDED Fiona Radke that the Voluntary Secretary Support Sub Committee report is received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Youth Camp and Starter Clinic Sub Committee Report**

**Presented by Chairperson, Tania Moorhead.**

Since the last meeting there has been one (1) request for support from the Esk committee to run a Youth Camp on 19 & 20 July 2025. Due to budget constraints, ACA were unable to cover the full medical costs but offered \$500 contribution which was accepted by the committee.

A conversation with Toni Webster following the Camp and it was a huge success! Esk saw thirty four (34) participants with all aspects of Campdrafting covered. It is interesting to note that during the camp there was a segment on Cattle picking by Ben Fogg, this was well received by both the kids and parents alike.

The current balance for Youth Camps and Starter Clinics is \$1,464, following payment to Esk the balance will be \$964.

Youth Camps and Starter Clinics are very important to the success of our sport; we can uniquely offer participants through committees' valuable information and practical skills in Campdrafting. Our Sub Committee believes that it is imperative to be able to cover at least the medical for committees willing to run such clinics. With that, we would ask that during budget preparations in November 25, thoughtful consideration given to increasing the budget amount for Youth Camps and Starter Clinics back to \$15,000 for the 2026 financial year.

Tania thanked Treasurer Shelley Curr and Les Hopkins for moving funds away from other member expenses to bolster this Sub Committee budget.

Les spoke of the Qld Govt 'Play On' Vouchers that there is potential to offer a clinic and/or membership, depending on who holds the activity provider status with the Sports & Leisure.

ACARESAUG25-43 MOVED Tania Moorhead SECONDED Andrew Stallman that the Youth and Starter Clinic Sub Committee report is received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4:21pm 19 August the meeting closed to reconvene at 8:00am 20 August 2025.

8:01am 20 August the meeting resumed.

### **General Business**

**Chairperson Robert Daly will call for General Business.**



Ben Hall had proposed the idea of holding judges' seminars in northern regions, structured over two days to accommodate the significant travel distances for interested participants. The first day would be before a campdraft in the region dedicated to the seminar itself, followed by a second day where attendees would gather as a group to critique during live campdraft events.

Mac Shann emphasised the importance of ensuring that those who committed to attending judges seminars were genuinely engaged. Glenn Evans expressed uncertainty about how this format might affect competitors and stressed the need for seminar participants to be fully committed to the process.

Robert Daly called for a show of hands in support of Ben Hall's proposal. The committee unanimously agreed that this style of judges' seminar should be trialled, with feedback to be gathered from both interested parties and facilitators.

James McAuley confirmed that he would contact Kate Heading from Future Stars Futurity Series to request that she submit a letter through him to ACA. This letter would seek ACA's support for the Series in obtaining clarification from NCCA regarding their finals held after the season's end and the NCCA Rules pertaining to 8.1 and 9.4.

Nathan Bradley raised concerns regarding the nonattendance of Management Committee Members at meetings and teleconferences. The committee held a comprehensive discussion regarding this. It was widely agreed that attendance and active participation were essential responsibilities of Management Committee Members, and that failure to engage placed undue pressure on those who consistently contributed.

There was strong support for reinforcing the expectations outlined in the constitution, including the potential for formal communication to remind non attending members of their obligations. The idea of appointing casual members to fill gaps was considered, with mixed views on whether such appointments provided adequate representation. Nonetheless, it was acknowledged that some representation was preferable to none, provided the individuals were committed.

Several members emphasised the importance of a unified and proactive approach, including better communication with zones and Sub Committees, and the need for education around the role and responsibilities of Management Committee Members. It was also noted that appreciation should be shown to those who had stepped up during challenging periods and continued to contribute meaningfully.

The discussion concluded with general agreement that those unable or unwilling to fulfil their duties should be asked to reconsider their position, and that respectful conversations should be held to determine their capacity to continue. The importance of fostering a culture of accountability, transparency, and shared responsibility was strongly endorsed.

Allister Butcher acknowledged the positive performance of ACA over the past year, with particular appreciation expressed for the proactive support provided by the ACA Office. It was also noted that Dardanup would again host the finals for South West WA Zone and showed appreciation to ACA for the continued financial contribution towards the event.

8:36am Dane Bateman entered the room

Josh Phelps asked to seek clarification on Maiden 4 Maiden drafts being run in conjunction with split Maiden A/B drafts in Campdraft One. Currently, Campdraft One only automatically facilitates a M4M in conjunction with a Maiden if it does not get split after nominations are taken. For example, if you have a single Maiden





draft, it may be in conjunction with a M4M in Campdraft One and the program will automatically run both finals for you. However, if a secretary elects to have a Maiden draft to later be split evenly into A and B, Campdraft One doesn't allow for the final to automatically be pulled, instead a separate M4M event must be made, and a final would be manually created. One option is to initially create a Maiden A and Maiden B event and tell competitors for example that they must nominate in Maiden A to go in the M4M, this way an automatic final can be generated. Josh suggested instead of changing this in Campdraft One, perhaps committees could stipulate on their program that they restrict one draft to Open and Novice riders and the other to just Maiden riders.

Emily Castringo stated that changing this in Campdraft One has been one of the biggest requests this year. Currently, secretaries can create a M4M event, pull a csv for it and split the draft into A & B and then create the M4M final from that event, which is slightly more work than the program automatically generating the final, so it is possible for it to be done but not as easy as it could be.

A quote has already been requested for this, and it may not be out of reach to have the enhancement, at less than \$5,000 to have this implement.

The committee discussed the possibility of restricting rider classes within specific events, such as separating Maiden drafts for Novice and Open riders from Maiden 4 Maiden (M4M) drafts for entry-level competitors. While some members expressed concern that such restrictions could introduce handicaps, others supported the idea of refining event structures to better reflect rider levels.

There was general agreement that the issue warranted further investigation, particularly in relation to rule interpretation. Suggestions included allowing committees to run separate drafts and enabling horses to compete in both, provided eligibility criteria were clear. The importance of maintaining fairness, clarity, and accessibility for all competitors was emphasised, with support for exploring sponsorship or contributions to fund necessary system updates.

Dane Bateman brought forward the need for consistency across judge seminar facilitators to ensure uniform interpretation of the rules. It was suggested that a high quality video of a judges' seminar could serve as a valuable accreditation tool. While the idea of expanding judging education across associations was supported, concerns were raised about the prohibitive costs involved. It was also noted that a previously maintained list of judge and youth camp facilitators was no longer active, and the committee agreed that reinstating such a list would be beneficial for coordination and standardisation.

ACARESAUG25-44 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Jono Battle that the Judges Sub Committee discuss the potential of creating a uniform standard that all Facilitators follow and interpret the Rules in the same manner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9:16am Zach Wass expressed his appreciation for everyone's contributions throughout the meeting and formally requested to be excused. Nathan Bradely also formally excused himself from the meeting.

The committee discussed the relevance and presentation of Zone Awards, particularly concerns around the cost and perceived waste of ribbons and the format of the Top 7 Shootout. While some zones had opted for alternative celebrations, such as dinners that successfully raised funds and fostered community engagement, others highlighted the popularity and prestige of the Top 7 Shootout, especially when well attended.



There was general support for retaining Zone Awards, with suggestions to review how they are presented, including the number of placings and the type of recognition offered (e.g., vouchers versus jackets). The importance of celebrating achievements within zones was widely acknowledged, with several members emphasising that Zone Awards contribute to community pride and competition.

It was agreed that further consideration should be given to enhancing the format, improving clarity around award criteria, and exploring sponsorship opportunities to support zone-level initiatives. The discussion concluded with a shared commitment to preserving the value of Zone Awards while refining their delivery to better reflect the spirit and engagement of the ACA community.

9:34am The meeting recessed for morning tea.

9:57am The meeting resumed.

Brian Elliott mentioned that he would like to nominate a member for the for Roll Of Honour.

MOVED Fiona Radke SECONDED Tania Moorhead that the meeting move into Committee.

Siobhan Davison and Emily Castrigno left the room, Les Hopkins assumed the role of taking the minutes.

10:00am Glenn Evans returned to the room.

10:05am MOVED Fiona Radke SECONDED Tania Moorhead the meeting moved out of Committee. Siobhan Davison and Emily Castrigno returned to the room. Siobhan assumed the role of taking the minutes.

Brian Elliott proposed that a meeting be held in Townsville once every three years. Les Hopkins mentioned that ACA Office would investigate the feasibility of this suggestion and undertook to prepare costings for further consideration.

Fiona Radke asked the committee to consider a request made by Megan Reid to the Baralaba Committee regarding the use of a saddle with and attached seatbelt. Megan, who uses the saddle when she competes in barrel racing competitions, had asked whether she could use straps and pads while competing in campdrafting due to a medical condition affecting her balance. Fiona presented a photo for reference and noted that, under NCCA rules, whips were not permitted. It was agreed that any request to use a seatbelt on a saddle should come directly from the competitor, not a committee.

Glenn referred to the relevant NCCA rule concerning saddles, that states the competitor can ride in the saddle of their choice, however suggested that clarification should be sought regarding modified saddles from NCCA. Mac Shann noted the difficulty in making a ruling, although given that similar allowances had been made previously, it suggests a precedence. Allister Butcher stated that if the judge at the event did not permit her to ride, ACA should support the judge's decision.

The committee acknowledged the complexity of determining physical eligibility and agreed that further clarification was needed. It was also noted that decisions regarding disability should be handled sensitively and respectfully, without requiring disclosure beyond what the competitor voluntarily provides.

Les Hopkins temporarily left the room to contact the Baralaba Committee President for further information. Upon returning, he confirmed that Megan Reid had a genuine disability related to heart disease, and the



medication she took caused her to have some balance issues. He noted that there was a precedent from 2023 involving Ashleigh Pugh. The Baralaba Committee, through Wendy Durkin, had expressed support for Megan's participation.

ACARESAUG25-45 MOVED Fiona Radke SECONDED Dane Bateman that Megan Reid member#19144 be advised she may compete at ACA Affiliated Campdrafts using a seatbelt on her saddle.

CARRIED

AGAINST Tom Gleeson, Scott Haley

Tom Gleeson brought to the attention of the members that it was imperative that Committees continue to retain Horse Health Declaration and NVD forms are collected and ensured they are completed correctly per the Biosecurity measures in Qld. He notes that officers have been enforcing these in the Western Zone of late.

Les Hopkins asked for clarification on the 2026 Zone Award ribbons and if the Office should proceed with ordering these. The option of a certificate was discussed; however, it would likely be cost comparative to a ribbon.

Robert Daly suggested that ACA continue with the current process for Zone awards and ribbons, however asked the Awards, Promotions and Committee Liaison Sub Committee consider alternatives for the upcoming 2026/2027 Season.

Emily Castrigno agreed to wait until after the next meeting to order extra ribbons.

11:11am Glenn Evans left the room.

## **NCCA Matters**

### **Presented by Jason Comiskey**

All rules that ACA Delegates presented per the ACA Management Committee Meeting on the 19 May 2025 were adopted, with minor amendments to Rule 8.1 Futurity Horse which now reads as:

#### **Rule 8.1 Futurity Horse**

- A. *Futurity campdraft is for horses aged up to a maximum of 5 years and under.*
- B. *A horse's age will be determined as at the 1st of August each year.*
- C. *Unregistered horses must be accompanied by a veterinarian certificate or accredited equine dentist stating the age of the horse, obtained at the owner's expense.*

The stockwhip rule was adopted which states:

#### **Rule 4.18**

*A stockwhip shall only be used to commence an event or terminate a run.*

Jason noted that the NCCA passed that half points could no longer be awarded, which other associations had still been allowing.

Four guest speakers presented to the NCCA meeting. The National Sports Tribunal outlined its conflict resolution services, though it was noted these may not be directly applicable to ACA due to the existing Code of Conduct.

A representative from the National Integrity Framework (NIF) spoke about upcoming policy developments related to working with children, which ACA may need to address in future planning. The committee also discussed implications of child safety policies, particularly in relation to youth camps and travelling juveniles. While no formal requirements such as Blue Cards were currently in place, it was acknowledged that ACA may need to prepare for future obligations, including the potential appointment of child protection officers.

Mark Burnell discussed animal welfare matters and had since engaged further with Josh Phelps on the topic.

Ben Rossiter introduced a proposal for an online judges' accreditation tool, which included video based scoring and multiple choice assessments. While the concept was well received, concerns were raised about the cost, estimated at \$10,000 to \$20,000 upfront and \$12,000 annually. It was agreed that the project required further consideration.

Shelley Curr raised a question regarding ACA's financial obligations to NCCA, specifically whether contributions were required for casual or event based memberships, or only for those holding annual memberships. The matter was noted for further clarification.

### Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting was proposed to be held in Toowoomba on the 18 and 19 November for the Tuesday Wednesday. Further correspondence of this will be forward from the ACA Office in due course.

Robert Daly thanked everyone for making the effort to attend the meeting, making mention to Les Hopkins and the ACA Office the Management Committee for the support he had been shown over the past twelve (12) months.

11:18am Robert Daly called the meeting to a close.