



Welcome

8:00am Australian Campdraft President Robert Daly welcomed everyone to the meeting.

8:09am Fiona Radke entered the room.

Condolences

The Management Committee Members and observers, paid respect to Malcolm McIntyre, Perry Gittens observing a minute's silence.

Apologies, Proxy Votes and Attendees

Management Committee Member	Apology Received	Proxy
Allister Butcher	Yes	Glenn Evans
Ben Hall	Yes	Pete Comiskey
Ben Stanger	Yes	Jack Morris
Cheri Stanger	Yes	Jack Morris
Dale Chicken	Yes	
Dan Condon	No	
Dane Bateman	Yes	Glenn Evans
Evan Acton	Yes	Robert Daly
Gayle Shann	Yes	Les Hopkins
Harvey Walters	Yes	Jason Comiskey
Jack Southern	Yes	
James Moorhead	Yes	Annie Williamson
Jenni levers	Yes	Hugh Philp
Jim Daley	Yes	Glenn Evans
Jono Battle	Yes	Les Hopkins
Katie Birnie	No	
Lloyd Davidson	Yes	Jason Comiskey
Mac Shann	Yes	Les Hopkins
Mat Durkin	Yes	James McAuley
Nathan Bradley	Yes	Brian Elliott



Shay Pratt	Yes	
Simon Knight	No	
Tom Gleeson	Yes	Norma Shannon
Wade Clein	Yes	Les Hopkins
Wendy Wockner	Yes	Kay Radke
Tony Kehl	Yes	Pete Comiskey

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
Kylie Moffatt	Border Zone
Erica Hanrahan	Border Zone
Norma Shannon	Central Zone
Pete Comiskey	Central Zone
Bill Carey	Eastern New South Wales Zone
Hugh Philp	Northern Zone
Zachary Wass	Northern Territory/North West Western Australia Zone
Andrew Stallman	South East Zone
Charles Smith	South East Zone
Dane Bateman	South East Zone
Glenn Evans	South East Zone
Jack Morris	South East Zone



Scott Haley	South East Zone
Brian Elliott	Southern Zone
Fiona Radke	Southern Zone
James McAuley	Southern Zone
Josh Phelps	Western Zone
Staff and other Persons Name	Position
Siobhan Davison	Office Manager
Emma Starkey	Senior Administration Officer
Deb Rickert	Administration Officer
Giaan Smith	Campdraft One Project Officer
Gina Barnett	Observer
John Purvis	Fireant Biosecurity – Wednesday 12 November

ACARESNOV25-01 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Pete Comiskey that the apologies and proxies as presented in the agenda be received and accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Les introduced Deb Rickert to the Management Committee.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

ACARESNOV25-02 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Scott Haley that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting, held Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 August 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaration Of Interest & In Committee Discussions

Note To Management Committee Members

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



Business Arising From Previous Minutes

Proxy Vote Appointment

Erica Hanrahan proposes that a Management Committee Member may only be appointed a maximum of two (2) proxy votes per meeting. Feels that proxys should only be accepted one vote per year, or possibly two (2) proxies accepted per member.

8:24am Bill Carey entered the room

ACARESNOV25-03 MOVED Erica Hanrahan SECONDED Annie Williamson that Management Committee Members may hold a maximum of two proxies per meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion was had around how many times a member may appoint a proxy per year. It was noted in the Constitution that an elected Management Committee Member should attend at least one (1) meeting per year. The general consensus of the committee was that it should reflect the constitution.

ACARESNOV25-04 MOVED Brain Elliott SECONDED Josh Phelps that Management Committee Members may only appoint one proxy per year.

UNSUCCESSFUL

ACARESNOV25-05 MOVED Glenn Evans SECONDED Fiona Radke that Management Committee Members may only appoint two proxy votes per year.

CARRIED

Horse Progress Report

Robert Daly asked Les Hopkins to present the Horse Progress Report.

Les noted that there are approximately 700 horses registered per year.

Quote of \$4500 to allow the report to be accessed by the ACA Office.

A charge of \$25/year to horse owners to enhance marketing for their horse sales.

The horse report will also be useful in regard to the Horse Trader area within the App, with the advertiser being able to request the Horse Progress Report to use as a marketing tool.

An enhancement in Campdraft One will allow ACA to sell to interested parties data on horses, shown in Appendix B. Currently only NWC have access to this report however if it were to be adopted ACA could offer this report as an option to members of the public who may be interested in the campdrafting performance and earnings of a horse. The report collates the data into the following categories

- Results from Event the Horse has placed in, including; Place, Score & Points.
- Prize Money including; Prize Round, Prize Placing & Prize Amount.
- Draw Information including; Number of Rounds, and Totals.

Fiona Radke asked how far back the data goes.

Les replied from the first horse added to Campdraft One as of 2019.

Robert asked if the committee would endorse enhancing the Horse Progress Report if funds allowed. Shelley noted that 700 entries at \$25 would generate \$13,500 profit instead of providing the data free to members.



Andrew supported proceeding based on those figures. Fiona asked if data from another platform would transfer to Campdraft One, and Les confirmed affiliated committee placings would show.

Jack Morris read Cheri Stanger's opposition and recommendation to the Management Committee.

Cheri Stanger opposed the proposed \$25 implementation fee, stating it was prohibitive and would discourage members from advertising through the ACA Trader App. She argued the revenue model should focus on the App itself and warned that high initial fees would deter participation and reduce long term engagement. Cheri emphasised that the horse database was a key asset that set ACA apart from other Associations, with focus on expanding this data. Based data from Campdraft One, (not verified) she notes approximately 7,000 members but only 10,600 registered active horses, averaging 1.5 horses per member. She highlighted that the ACA Trader App's feature showing a horse's lifetime achievements when viewing parentage made registering competition horses attractive for sellers.

Cheri proposed reducing horse registration costs and offering a first time registration free Horse Progress Report, with a \$5 fee for subsequent Horse Report updates. She stated this approach would remain affordable, maintain record integrity, and incentivise members to register all horses. Cheri noted that many members did not ride for points and therefore had no need to register horses, and her proposal aims to build a comprehensive database, increase App advertising, and drive long term profits through repeated App use.

Shelley agreed the Horse Progress Report was a valuable tool and noted ACA had about 700 horse registrations per year. She questioned whether reducing the registration fee would encourage more members to register, acknowledging a shortfall of income and suggested a possible 50% reduction in registration fees if the proposal moved forward.

Robert reminded the Management Committee that moving forward the ACA needs to generate revenue, to overcome the shortfall the benefits that ACA has given back to the community.

It was clarified that the report was not compulsory but rather a service offered to horse owners, not the general public, which at present was given at no cost to members, however ACA did incur costs retrieving the report through IT support.

ACARESNOV25-06 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the enhancement in Campdraft One is approved to enable the Horse Progress Report to be sold to horse owners for \$25 GST inclusive through the ACA Office.

CARRIED

High School Cup Guidelines Policy

Robert Daly asked James McAuley to speak of the below recommendation regarding Rule 9.4 in regard to the High School Cup Policy below.

A recommendation would be proposed to amend the NCCA Rule 9.4 to include 'High School Campdrafts' as an excluded campdraft in relation to horses breaking status, as will be mentioned in the Rules Sub Committee report. If this is approved by NCCA, COR027 High School Cup Guidelines will be presented at the next meeting.

Robert mentioned this rule will be dealt with in the Rules Sub Committee Report.

Meeting moved to Outward Correspondence.



General Business

Campdraft One Update Presented by Giaan Smith

9:30am 12 November.

Members were asked to follow along in Appendix B The nomination platform usage map had evolved into a bar chart for improved visual representation, and the percentage of Campdraft One usage was reported as highly satisfactory at that point in the season. It was anticipated that hosting several additional 'A Day with ACA' events early in 2026 would help maintain this high level of usage through next season.

A new affiliation comparison map was introduced to show ACA versus CCA affiliations for 2025. This exercise was considered valuable for identifying areas where Management Committee Members needed to engage with committees, gather feedback, and encourage attendance at 'A Day with ACA' events to ensure committees understood the level of support ACA provided. ACA is reliant on Management Committee Members to continue to liaise with committees who may not have attended an event and continue to use other platforms. Having a rapport and connections were essential for facilitating discussions. Once committees were affiliated, the Campdraft One team would assist them in transitioning to the ACA platform, but initial engagement is required by Management Committee Members to demonstrate the value ACA offered. The feedback of those that have recently moved to using Campdraft One has been extremely positive.

In response to previous feedback regarding the medical services policy, it had been agreed to conduct a survey asking committees to review the medical service providers used at their campdrafts. The survey as shown in Appendix B was underway, with approximately half of the phone calls to secretaries completed. No negative ratings had been reported so far, and the survey was expected to be finalised before the end of the year, with results published on the ACA website.

ACARESNOV25-44 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Shelley Curr that the Campdraft One Report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8:58am Robert Daly asked Les Hopkins to present the correspondence.

Outward Correspondence

General Correspondence

Outward Correspondence sent as of last meeting, held Tuesday 19 and Wednesday, 20 August 2025, is outlined in the table below.

Reference	Date	Description/Recipient
LH54	2025 08 05	Letter To Ben and Karen Usher Disappointment Regarding Waitlist
LH55	2025 09 09	Letter To Retreat Creek Campdraft Association From OM Re Central Highlands Regional Council Community Improvement Grant 2
LH56	2025 09 12	Letter to Australia's Greatest Horseman From OM Re Committee Non-Compliance
LH57	2025 09 12	Letter to Blake Edwards From OM Re: Public Liability Insurance
LH58	2025 09 12	Letter to Apple Re Emily Castrigno Authority to Sign
LH59	2025 09 30	Letter to Timothy Bateup of Light & Land Photography Re Inappropriate Social Media Photos
LH60	2025 09 30	Letter to Emma Elford Tenant Creek Campdraft From OM Re: Public Liability Insurance



LH61	2025 10 02	Letter to Toni O'Reilly Boonah Rodeo & Campdraft Association From OM Re: Public Liability Insurance
LH62	2025 10 03	Letter to Codie Degoumois Noccundra Rodeo Gymkhana Club Inc. From OM Re: Public Liability Insurance
LH63	2025 10 07	Letter to Pam Pulford Springsure Working Horse Association From OM Re: Public Liability Insurance
LH66	2025 10 31	Letter to NCCA Secretary From OM Re Sports Integrity Australia NCCA Education Plan Updates
LH67	2025 10 31	Letter to NCCA Secretary From OM Re NCCA Champion Rider Event
LH68	2025 11 05	Letter to Molly Bradshaw From ACA Office Re Classic Ladies Foundation Nomination

9:00am Scott Haley, Erica Hanrahan and Shelley Curr left the room.

9:02am Scott Haley, Erica Hanrahan and Shelley Curr returned to the room.

Judges Correspondence

Judges Correspondence sent as of last meeting, held Tuesday 19 and Wednesday, 20 August 2025, is outlined in the table below.

Successful Trial	Unsuccessful Trail	Successful Open	Unsuccessful Open
Sam Mobbs		Lindsay Hindle	
Jorden Cochran		Ben Rossiter	
Kurt Hobbs		Anthony Haigh	
Bridgette Cadzow		Joshua Phelps	
Rebecca Cadzow		Leanne West	
Callum Hampton-Brooks		Patrick Luck	
		David Duncan	

ACARESNOV25-07 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Annie Willilamson 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 Tuesday 19 and Wednesday, 20 August 2025, is included as Appendix D.

Reference	Date	Description/Received From
INC462	2026 09 30	Email from NCCA Secretary Re Sports Integrity Australian NCCA Education Plan Updates FOR NOTING
INC463	2026 10 15	Email from NCCA Secretary Re NCCA Champion Rider Event FOR NOTING
INC464	2026 09 07	Letter From Stewart Wallace Re Open Judges FOR NOTING



INC462 Email from NCCA Secretary Re Sports Integrity Australian NCCA Education Plan Updates

An update provided by NCCA Secretary Laura Comiskey in relation to the Sport Integrity Australian and the proposed Education Plan updates. ACA supported all proposed updates to be submitted by NCCA.

FOR NOTING

INC463 Email from NCCA Secretary Re NCCA Champion Rider Event

A proposed change of venue for the Champion of Champions campdraft event generally held at Nutrien. ACA supported a change of venue to Willinga NSW.

GCA and SCA are not in favour of Willinga NSW, therefore at the next NCCA meeting, a vote will be held to come to decision.

FOR NOTING

INC464 Letter From Stewart Wallace Re Open Judges

Letter From Stewart Wallace regarding an open judges right to remain as an Open Judge, proposing that all ACA Open Judges must judge minimum of 2 ACA Open Events each year to remain an Open Judge otherwise status will revert back to Trial with subsequent application made to become an Open Judge again.

FOR NOTING

The correspondence received from Stewart Wallace will be addressed further in the Judges Sub Committee report.

ACARESNOV25-08 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Norma Shannon that the Inward Correspondence, as presented in the agenda, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Officers Reports

Operations Manager Report presented by Les Hopkins.

As indicated at the previous Management Committee meeting, the Association had been in the process of recruiting a replacement for the Magazine Coordinator. The role was subsequently modified to a Marketing Officer position, enabling the successful applicant to undertake a wide range of duties aimed at enhancing the Association's ability to be more proactive in the marketing arena. This adjustment was expected to provide significant benefits in relation to the launch of the App, increased marketing of the ACA, expanded social media coverage, and activities associated with new sponsorship opportunities.

Miss Georgina Barnet was selected to fill this position on a fulltime basis with a start date for Monday, 17 November. It was anticipated that Georgina would be a valuable asset to the team, and she was formally welcomed to the Association.

Efforts continued to encourage more committees to affiliate with the Association and to increase the number of committees using Campdraft One. Emily and Les travelled to Western Australia and conducted 'A Day with ACA' at Dardanup on Saturday, 1 November. The trip was brief, departing Friday and returning to Brisbane at 5:00 a.m. Sunday morning, but proved highly worthwhile. Five committees were represented, including a couple of ABCRA committees. A significant portion of the day was devoted to a question and answer session, which provided an excellent opportunity to address and correct misinformation circulating about the ACA in Western Australia. Zone Councillors Allister Butcher and Jim Daley were also present to assist with inquiries. Special thanks were extended to Allister for his assistance in organising and catering for the event.



Les continues to spend at least one week per month in the office, working with staff and conducting meetings as required. The work undertaken by office staff remained of an exceptionally high standard, with team members consistently going above and beyond to achieve outcomes. As the year progressed into a quieter period, some staff will be taking well earned leave. In line with usual practice, the office was scheduled to close for a period over the Christmas–New Year break.

ACARESNOV25-09 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Charlie Smith that the Operations Manager report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Finance Reports

Financial reports of the ACA were included for the Management Committee as Appendix E presented by the Treasurer, Shelley Curr.

ACARESNOV25-10 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the payment of accounts (nil cheques) and the Direct Debits, Electronic Funds Transfers and Credit Card Payments from the Friday, 1 August 2025 to Friday, 31 October 2025 be ratified.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESNOV25-11 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Andrew Stallman that the Financial Report as at Friday, 31 October 2025 showing a Credit Balance of \$1,193,618.75 as presented by the Treasurer be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance and Administration Sub Committee Report

Presented by Vice President, Tania Moorhead.

Office Closure

ACARESNOV25-12 MOVED Tania Moorhead SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the ACA Office close as at 4:00pm AEST on Friday 19 December 2025, reopening on Monday 5 January 2026 at 8:00am AEST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Invoices For Approval

9:28am Andrew Stallman left the room.

ACARESNOV25-13 MOVED Tania Moorhead SECONDED James McAuley that the invoice 1013203, from Gow Gates, being for 2024-2025 Premium Adjustment Public Liability Insurance, to the value of \$20,975.40 dated 11/09/2025 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



ACARESNOV25-14 MOVED Tania Moorhead SECONDED Scott Haley that the invoice 1018128, from Gow Gates, being for 2025-2026 Public Liability Insurance, to the value of \$83,135.29 dated 29/09/2025 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9:30am Andrew Stallman returned to the room.

ACARESNOV25-15 MOVED Tania Moorhead SECONDED Scott Haley that the invoice 1017402 from Gow Gates, being for 2025-2026 Personal Accident Voluntary Workers Insurance, be approved for payment, to the value of \$12,136.52, dated 25/09/2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bendigo Term Deposit

ACARESNOV25-16 MOVED Tania Moorhead SECONDED Shelley Curr that the term deposit of \$797,023.35 with Bendigo Bank that matured on the 08 October 2025 was rolled over and reinvested for another three (3) months at 2.75%. The review date will be the 08 January 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9:40am Andrew Stallman, Fiona Radke, and Jason Comiskey left the room.

9:43am Fiona Radke and Jason Comiskey returned to the room.

ACARESNOV25-17 MOVED Josh Phelps SECONDED Tania Moorhead that the balance of the Term Deposit currently held with Bendigo Bank on the 08 January be reinvested with a financial institution at the best available rate for a seven (7) month term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9:44am Charlie Smith, Kylie Moffatt, Kay Radke and Jack Morris left the room.

9:47am Andrew Stallman, Charlie Smith, Kylie Moffatt returned to the room.

9:52 Jack Morris returned to the room.

9:54am The meeting recessed for morning tea.

10:38am The meeting resumes.

Disciplinary Bylaw

Recommendation

That the current wording in the Disciplinary Bylaw Appendix 2, ACA's Scale Of Offence Grading System Definitions – Members Grade 5.B from

- B. Strike or make physical contact with the intent to cause injury or discomfort or distress to an official or volunteer in the course of that person executing their role or as a result of a decision made by them in their capacity as an official or volunteer, it would be considered a Grade 4 offence in the first instance.

To



- B. Strike or make physical contact with the intent to cause injury or discomfort or distress to an official or volunteer in the course of that person executing their role or as a result of a decision made by them in their capacity as an official or volunteer, it would be considered a **Grade 5** offence in the first instance.

A discussion was held if this should be amended whilst there was a Code of Conduct case under review. Andrew Stallman requested that this item be deferred and discussed the next day.

10:00am Andrew Stallman, Fiona Radke left the room.

10:52am Jack Morris left the room.

10:55am Andrew Stallman and Fiona Radke returned to the room.

It was decided that this item would be deferred until the next meeting.

Cyber Crime Insurance

ACARESNOV25-18 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Hugh Philps that the Australian Campdraft Association take out Cyber Liability and Privacy Protection insurance with an indemnity limit of \$2,000,000.00, as outline in the Dual Policy Quote.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kylie Moffatt queried if the administrators had access to members password and bank details. It was confirmed all ACA Office Team members can view all data completed in members profiles. Les Hopkins stated that he would have the ACA look into changing this in administrator access by means of a quote for the enhancement in Campdraft One.

10:59am The meeting paused observing a minutes silence for Remembrance Day.

11:02am Jack Morris returned to the room.

INT042 Allowances and Payments Schedule

ACARESNOV25-19 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the INT042 Allowances and Payments Schedule be adopted for the 2026 year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fees And Charges

ACARESNOV25-20 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the Fees and Charges for 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget

There was a noted increase of 3.9% in the expenditure budget from 2025 to 2026, which was approximately equivalent to CPI. App development was discussed. Fiona Radke raised the point that expenses increase annually and suggested that, at some stage, there should be a conversation about offsetting that increase against a minimal increase in membership fees to allow ACA to cover CPI related expenditure increases. Robert Daly agreed that it would need to be addressed in the future however, it would not be a well received by the general member base to increase fees at this time. Glenn Evans agreed with Robert's statement and



added that alternative revenue streams could be generated from external sources. Robert confirmed that this was the primary focus of the current Executive.

Bill Carey asked whether there was capacity in the future to review the idea of a different membership style, such as a per run basis. Robert replied that this could be discussed in future years but should be proposed through the Finance and Administration Sub Committee with a cost analysis, with a recommendation made to the Management Committee for discussion and voting. This would allow for clear open discussion and importantly budgeting.

Glenn Evans asked Shelley Curr for clarification on why Management Committee meeting expenses were more expensive in Toowoomba compared to Brisbane and if pertained only to the cost of the meeting and not associated staff costs. Les confirmed that meetings budget was only venue and catering costs.

11:20 am Dane Bateman entered the room.

Shelley noted that any App revenue income had not been factored into the budget. Robert mentioned that the budget remained in a regenerative state aimed at restoring ACA to a healthy fiscal position.

ACARESNOV25-21 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Jack Morris that the 2026 Budget, as shown Appendix J, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

End of Year Report

An end of year report, shown in Appendix K, had been created and presented to the Management Committee for review, constructive discussion, and further input. The report was intended for member distribution through Australia Post and may also be published on the ACA website and Campdraft One Dashboard to highlight ACA's positive impact on rural, regional, and remote Australia.

Robert asked member to review the report for discussion the following day.

11:35am Kay Radke left the room.

10:14 am Wednesday.

Robert asked members for their opinions.

The Management Committee expressed strong support for the report, noting its high quality and positive tone. It was acknowledged that the report effectively demonstrated growth and change over the past two years and provided a clear summary of achievements during the previous twelve (12) months. Suggestions were made to ensure the messaging remained positive and did not appear self promotional. It was agreed that the report should be distributed to members and that its design and format were suitable for mailing.

Discussions around the inclusion of deficit figures were had and emphasised the importance of framing these in a constructive manner when responding to the wider member base. Questions were raised regarding the reasons for the financial loss, and it was explained that membership had declined significantly for various reasons and costs had not been effectively managed during that time. However, substantial improvements had been achieved through better financial management, resulting in a strong turnaround.

Robert asked the Management Committee to support the Finance and Administration Sub Committee and asked for contributions in refining the report to be forwarded to Les in the coming fortnight after the meeting. Members were encouraged to submit ideas for the reports name. Several creative suggestions were proposed.

Name suggestions for the report were:



- Les Hopkins: *From the Cutout Yard*
- Pete Comiskey: *From the Horse's Mouth*
- Fiona Radke: *We Are the ACA or From the ACA*
- Glenn Evans: *The Line of the Gate*

Animal Welfare Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Josh Phelps.

The Animal Welfare Sub-Committee had met once via teleconference since the previous meeting in Brisbane. Most of the discussion focused on the 'Welfare One' document, particularly regarding inclusions and exclusions. The discussion was constructive and generated useful ideas. A proposed draft format of the document was presented in Appendix L.

11:37am Kay Radke returned to the room.

Ideas from outside the Sub-Committee were welcomed. Only a few minor, accidental animal welfare incidents had occurred, and these were addressed promptly by members of the council and executive committee, with commendable conduct noted.

11:39am Hugh Philp left the room.

11:40am Hugh Philp returned to the room.

Josh had contacted Jason Comiskey, Chair of the Judges Sub Committee to help at future judging clinics, with the aim of ensuring judges understood their responsibilities in the welfare space and were equipped to manage any issues. The importance of maintaining ongoing conversations between committees, cattle donors, and stakeholders regarding cattle welfare was emphasised.

Josh stated that the research to be undertaken at James Cook University (JSU) would focus on the welfare of the campdraft community in rural and remote Australia. It was suggested that testimonials from respected cattlemen and horsemen across Australia and internationally would be well received in relation to the document. Questions were raised regarding the timeframe for delivery, and it was indicated that, following approval, the process could take up to eighteen (18) months, including a potential six (6) month approval period and twelve (12) months for completion. A publisher would be required for the document and once finalised it would be expected to integrate with the app to include comments, videos, and examples of good practice in livestock care.

Sponsorship opportunities had been sourced, and it was noted that this should not negatively impact ACA financially, as agricultural companies were eager to associate with this positive initiative.

It was also discussed that responsibility for welfare should not rest solely with judges, and ACA should support new trial judges in initiating conversations with committees, cattle donors, and experienced participants to ensure best practices were maintained.

ACARESNOV25-22 MOVED Josh Phelps SECONDED Brian Elliott that the Animal Welfare Sub Committee report be received.



CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

App Development Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Shelley Curr.

Original Quote

- EB Pearls initial quote: \$45,464 Ex GST (excluding live scores, Stallions, and advanced Trader features).

Cost Estimates and Development Work

- \$16,200 paid for cost estimate related to APIs for live real-time scores and migration of data from campdraft.com.au.
- Detailed wireframes and user statements completed.
- \$97,450 GST exclusive revised quote after detailed cost estimate.

Changes in Development Approach

- After consultation regarding member information and API creation with security consideration, the decision was made for NWC to develop the WordPress site managing member onboarding (handled by ACA office) instead of EB Pearls managing this.

Final Quote Including All Features

- \$ 73,900 App Development EB Pearls
- \$ 16,200 Cost Estimate EB Pearls
- \$ 18,200 API Build Estimate NWC
- \$108,100 Total App Development Cost

Funding

- \$50,000 Sponsorship Raised
- \$16,200 Funds ACA Paid to date
- \$41,900 Outstanding Funds paid by ACA
- \$108,100

Timeline

- Estimated App delivery: 16 weeks
- Target Completion: End of February 2026

The Committee discussed access to the ACA App. It was confirmed that all members would have free access to the subscription on the next business day after membership payment. The App would also be available to the general public at a cost of \$6 per month and offered opportunities for corporate advertising for those not wishing to sponsor. A segment for ACA News was included, with updates planned on a weekly based on current information. It was noted that this feature would allow members and supporters to access up to date information rather than outdated content.

Questions were raised regarding cost and quality control. It was explained that users could self submit content, which would then be reviewed and approved by the office. Submissions would be managed through email and approved in accordance with the ACA Style Guide.



ACARESNOV25-23 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Fiona Radke the App Development Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted after the initial deposit was paid instalments would be made on the completion of each Phase and prior to the commencement of the next Sprint. The 2025 revised budget allows for half of the App Build to be paid for this financial year as well as the API costs. The balance of the App development build is budgeted in the 2026 financial year.

ACARESNOV25-24 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Scott Haley that the EB Pearls revised quote of \$90 100 GST exclusive is accepted and the balance of \$73,900 GST exclusive instalment payments commence Wednesday 12 November 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESNOV25-25 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Andrew Stallman that the NWC quote for the development of the Word Press API for the App Development of \$18,000 GST exclusive is accepted and payment is made prior to 24 December 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:45am James McAuley and Fiona Radke left the room.

Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Erica Hanrahan.

The Awards Sub-Committee had been working with Montana Silversmith to design buckles for the National Finals at Paradise Lagoons in 2026. Discussions were ongoing to create a design exclusive to ACA and its respective rider titles. The current quote was \$775 each, GST inclusive. As there was no budget allocated for these items, options were being explored to secure joint sponsorship to ensure exclusive rider title buckles for ACA Champions. The Sub Committee was also sourcing quotes for additional prizes for the National Finals and welcomed any queries or ideas.

During the recent teleconference, the Sub-Committee expressed a preference for directing more funds to zones due to competitiveness rather than focusing solely on the national level. It was suggested that this approach would be well received by the general membership. It was reiterated that approximately 250 competitors attended the Finals out of 7,000 members, and increasing engagement at the zone level could generate greater attendance at the Finals. There was agreement that more attention should be given to zones and that councillors should be encouraged to create events utilizing \$500 to enhance atmosphere. It was noted that focusing on zones could benefit the wider community and that some potential sponsors might prefer to support zones rather than titles, which could be explored further.



11:49am James McAuley and Fiona Radke returned to the room.

It was the general consensus that with only a small percentage of members competing at the ACA National Finals increasing engagement at the zone level may help generate greater attendance at the finals. There was agreement that more attention should be directed toward zones and that Management Committee Members should be encouraged to create events using the \$500 zone contribution to enhance atmosphere. It was noted that focusing on zones would benefit the wider community, and some potential sponsors had indicated a preference for supporting zones titles rather than national titles. This was identified as an opportunity for further consideration.

The Sub Committee selected Molly Bradshaw a ACA's representative for the Classic Ladies Foundation Young Ambassador Quest to be held at Nutrien Tamworth in 2026, and it was noted that the representative was enthusiastic about participating.

ACARESNOV25-26 MOVED Erica Hanrahan SECONDED Bill Carey 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.

Fiona expressed gratitude to Glenn Evans for his many years of volunteer service, insight, and dedication as past Chairperson and as a supportive member during challenging situations. Appreciation was also extended to Les Hopkins for his insight, support, and service to the Sub Committee.

Thanks were given to the members who agreed to remain on the Sub Committee for another term. New Code of Conduct members were welcomed, and their willingness to contribute was acknowledged. It was noted that all members bring valuable knowledge, integrity, professionalism, and honesty to the group.

The Code of Conduct Sub Committee reported that it was working through a case and following all protocols and processes in accordance with the ACA Disciplinary Bylaw.

ACARESNOV25-27 MOVED Fiona Radke SECONDED Andrew Stallman that the Code of Conduct Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED Fiona Radke SECONDED Brian Elliott that the meeting move into Committee.

11:53am Jason Comiskey left the room.

11:54am Jason Comiskey returned to the room.

11:55am Siobhan Davison, Emma Starkey and Debra Rickert left the room.

MOVED Fiona Radke SECONDED Pete Comiskey that the meeting move out of Committee.

12:45pm The meeting recessed for lunch.

1:47pm The meeting resumed.



Judges Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Jason Comiskey.

The Judges Sub Committee had a teleconference on the 3/11/25. For discussion where Trial and Open Judge applications for appointment at this meeting. The Sub Committee are working towards a restructure of the process in how Trial Judges are introduced onto the Judges panel and Open Judges are elevated. The following suggestions are being investigated:

- Judges Handbook
- Written Test
- Animal Welfare Information
 - Judges Obligations
 - Reassurance from ACA of support in decisions regarding animal welfare
- Open Judges Application
 - An improved format for judges wishing to elevate
 - Increasing the number of proposer's
 - Implementing a set number of runs judged before applying
 - Overhaul of the voting process.

Georgetown will hold a seminar in early December with talks with two committees in the Central and Western Zones to host seminars in the next few months.

We urge councillors in all regions to speak with members and committees about the need for a seminars in other Zones.

ACARESNOV25-28 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Josh Phelps that the Judges Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Fiona Radke that the meeting goes into committee.

1:53pm Siobhan Davison, Emma Starkey and Debra Rickert left the room.

Trial Judge Applications

Trial Judge Applications have been received from:

Name	Proposer	Proposer	Seminar Attended	Facilitators
Matt Bauer	Ben Stanger	Jason Comiskey	Tambo 2024	Ben Stanger & Jason Comiskey

Erica Hanrahan and Josh Phelps were appointed to count the votes.

ACARESNOV25-29 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Josh Phelps the Trial Judge application for Matt Bauer be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Open Judge Applications

Open Judge Application received from:



ACA OPEN JUDGE APPLICATIONS

Name	Proposer	Second	Seminar Attended	Events Judged
Dean Warren	Brian Elliott	Michael Hayes	Cambooya 2018 Glenn Evans, Peter Cookson & Michael Hayes	Maiden B Eumamurrin 2021 (180) Maiden A & B Boulia 2022 (160), Juvenile/Junior/Mini Boulia 2022 (37), Novice Condamine Encouragement 2022 (250), Ladies Westmar 2023 (40), Novice B Westmar 2023 (150), Novice A Retreat Creek 2023 (160), Maiden B Retreat Creek 2023 (140), Novice A Dirranbandi 2024 ACA (120), Maiden Hannaford 2024 ACA (300), M4M Hannaford 2024 ACA (27), Novice A Burrandowan 2024 ACA (230), Novice B Glenmorgan 2025 ACA (190), Maiden Hannaford 2025 ACA (250), M4M Hannaford 2025 ACA (20)
Hayden De Boni	Jay Pearce	Lloyd Davidson	Cambooya Stephen Sheppard & Mac Shann Year unknown	Novice Mitchell 2023 (201) Novice Warrego 2023 (176) Novice Wandoan 2023 (163) Novice Capella 2023 (201) Maiden Kragra 2024 ACA (122) Novice Kragra 2024 ACA (159) Maiden/M4M Surat 2024 ACA (230) Maiden Surat 2025 ACA (245)
Karl Burton	Jane Lee	Wayne Dennien	Chinchilla Mac, Gayle & Berry Shann Year Unknown	Maiden Kumbia 2022 (320) Maiden Cooyar 2023 (315) Novice Allora 2025 ACA (245) Novice A Bollon 2025 ACA (252)
Nathan Cusack	Jane Lee	Michael Hayes	Eidsvold 2017 Kay Radke & Ben Wade	Maiden Glenmorgan 2017 (250) Wet Work Twmba ASCA Challenge 2018 (200) Maiden Wandoan 2020 (170) Encouragement Chinchilla 2020 (100) Novice Injune 2021 (135) Ladies Eumamurrin 2021 (80) Maiden Tara 2021 (260) Novice Manumbar 2021 (440) Novice Tara 2023 (200) Novice Surat 2023 (330)
Sam Greenup	Brian Elliott	Joe Payne	Westmar 2023 Stephen Sheppard & Rohan Marks	Novice Bell 2024 CCA (256) Maiden Dalby 2024 CCA (150) Maiden Monto Silver Buckle 2024 ACA (280) Maiden Millmerran 2024 ACA (135) Maiden Hannaford 2025 ACA (190) Novice Eidsvold 2025 ACA (190)



				<p>Futurity Taroom 2025 ACA (27) Novice Taroom 2025 ACA (200) M4M Condamine Encouragement 2025 ACA (135) Maiden Walgett 2025 ABCRA (120) Maiden Pinnacle 2025 ACA (170) Maiden Roma 2025 ACA (165) Futurity Roma 2025 ACA (20) Maiden Wandoan 2025 ACA (205)</p>
Stuart Frame	Ben Weller	Joe Payne	<p>Monto 2022 Mac Shann</p>	<p>Maiden A Bauhinia 2023 (137 + final) Maiden Dawes 2023 (255 + final) Maiden Eidsvold 2024 ACA (215 + final) Maiden Dingo 2024 ACA (230 + final) Maiden Theodore 2024 ACA (230 + final) Maiden B Roma 2024 ACA (143 + final) Novice A Kragra 2025 ACA (115 + final) Maiden Paradise Lagoons 2025 ACA (305 + final) Novice A Baralaba 2025 ACA (140 + final) Maiden B Comet Windmill 2025 ACA (191+ final)</p>
Ty Blokland	Dane Bateman	Glenn Evans	N/A	<p>Novice Augathella 2023 (140) Novice Caldervale 2024 ACA (145) Novice/Ladies/Open/Rest Open Noccundra 2024 ACA (400) Maiden/Novice/Ladies Eromanga 2024 ABCRA (250) Maiden Cambooya 2025 ACA (115) Ladies Keeroongooloo 2025 CCA (95) Maiden Dalby 2025 CCA (160) M4M Dalby 2025 CCA (16) Novice B Millmerran 2025 ACA (150) Encouragement Millmerran 2025 ACA (35)</p>
Zachary Wass	Craig Kehl	Ben Seidel	<p>Nebo 2023 Hugh Philp, Stewart Wallace & Bryan Symonds</p>	<p>Juvenile Dawes Hall 2024 ACA (37) Novice Barcaldine Show 2024 CCA (125) Maiden Brunette Downs 2024 ACA (180) Maiden A Barcaldine 2024 CCA (140) Ladies Yaraka 2024 ACA (46) Futurity Yaraka 2024 ACA (19) Ladies Winton 2025 CCA (76) Maiden Brunette Downs 2025 ACA (165) Novice A Barcaldine 2025 ACA (184) Ladies Barcaldine 2025 ACA (54) Maiden A Brunette Downs 2025 ACA (132) Novice Yaraka 2025 ACA (250)</p>
Nick Clydsdale	Steve Comiskey	Trevor Humble	N/A	<p>Maiden Aberdeen Bushmans Carnival year <i>unknown</i> ABCRA (150) Ladies Timor year <i>unknown</i> ABCRA (68)</p>



Unconfirmed if Current ABCRA Open Judge				Junior/Juvenile/Cut Out Rouchel year <i>unknown</i> Open 4 Open Gundy 2020 ABCRA (60) Novice Capella 2025 ACA (186)
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Jason Comiskey had a conversation with Nick Clysdale prior to the meeting, he was informed that his application would not be admitted as it he was not found that he was not currently listed on the ABCRA Judge Judges Panel and had not attended an ACA Judges Seminar.

Erica Hanrahan and Josh Phelps were appointed to count the votes.

ACARESNOV25-30 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Pete Comiskey that the following Open Judge applications be accepted Dean Warren, Hayden De Boni, Nathan Cusack, Sam Greenup, Stuart Frame, Ty Blokland and Zachary Wass.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Les Hopkins that the meeting moved out committee.

2:09pm

Jason presented draft recommendations in regard to Trial Judges applications and Open Judge application process.

After some discussion and small amendments, the Management Committee decided on the below recommendations to be added to the ACA Rule Book.

Recommendations

1. To be eligible for consideration an ACA trial judge must have completed an ACA seminar.
2. ACA trial judges wishing to elevate to an open judge must have judged approximately 1500, with consideration applied to judges in geographically isolated areas.
3. The ACA acknowledges judging jobs across other organisations whilst judging carried out under NCCA rules and guidelines is encouraged and preferred.
4. A judge seeking elevation to open judge status must return a completed ACA open judge application form (EXT028) with (5) ACA open judges sign section C Proposers.
5. All judges (trial and open) must submit their judges application form to the ACA office 21 days prior to the next Management Committee meeting for consideration.
6. The ACA policy for trial judge applicants seeking a position on the trial judge panel is 75% of the eligible Management Committee must vote in favour.
7. The ACA policy for trial judges seeking elevation to the open judge panel is 75% of the eligible Management Committee must vote in favour.
8. Only open judges on the Management Committee are eligible to vote on judges being elected to the trial judges panel and trial judges seeking elevation to the open judges panel.
9. Proxy votes are not counted when electing judges to the trial or open judges panel.
10. The trial of judges seminars being conducted in conjunction with ACA affiliated events.



ACARESNOV25-31 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Glenn Evans to amend the current wording of Rule I Judges

- I.1. An ACA judge must be a full financial member of the Association.
- I.2. A position on the Judges Panel is a privilege and not a right. All judges shall thoroughly study and understand the Rules.

When judging a contest, the Judge should apply the Rules, be consistent in both scoring and discretion, and score in a reasonable and practical manner to conform to a generally acceptable standard.

- I.3. A judge must not judge a horse that they currently own, train or exhibit.
- I.4. A Judges Panel will be submitted to affiliated committees on request.
- I.5. All complaints against judges must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of ACA within fourteen (14) days of the campdraft taking place. Any such complaint shall set out the grounds of complaint and the facts and circumstances relied on in support of those grounds and be signed on all pages submitted by at least five persons, who shall state their involvement in such draft, eg competitor, spectator, ACA councillor, ACA Trial, or Open Judge.
- I.6. The major faults for a judge to avoid are:
 - A. Not applying the Rules or making Rules outside of the judge's allowable discretion.
 - B. Lack of consistency in disqualifications and scoring.
 - C. Dishonesty or favouring competitors.
- I.7. Judges for all affiliated Open drafts must be drawn from the approved Open Judges Panel where possible.

In the event that no approved Open Judge is available to judge an Open draft, the approval of the Secretary of ACA must be obtained to use a Trial Judge from the Judges Panel.

In the event that no approved Trial Judges are available to judge an Open draft, the Secretary of ACA must be advised so that approval may be obtained to use a judge from outside the Judges Panel. Judges selected are to be advised they must adhere to the Rules of ACA and that they should attend a Trial Judges Seminar at their earliest convenience so that they may be appointed as an approved Trial Judge to avoid further inconvenience. The committee shall submit a report on the judge's performance, if required to do so by the Secretary of ACA.

Trial Judges may judge any other draft.

- I.8. Any ACA Member desirous of becoming an ACA Trial Judge shall apply in writing to the ACA Management Committee, by submitting a fully completed application form within 12 months of attending a Judges Seminar. This form must include two signatures being either a Facilitator of the ACA Judges Seminar the member attended, or a current ACA Open Judge who was at the ACA Judges Seminar the member attended. The judge's application will be subject to a vote at the next scheduled Management Committee Meeting. If an application is rejected, the ACA Member may reapply no sooner than 12 months from the date of the meeting that the application was rejected.
- I.9. Any ACA Trial Judge desirous of being elevated to an ACA Open Judge shall apply in writing to the ACA Management Committee, by submitting a fully completed application form. This form must



include the signatures of two current ACA Open Judges. The judge's application will be subject to a vote at the next scheduled Management Committee Meeting. If an application is rejected, the applicant may reapply no sooner than 12 months from the date of the meeting that the application was rejected.

- I.10. Any person who is on the Open Judges Panel of any Association with whom ACA has reciprocal rights, may apply to the ACA Management Committee to be appointed to the ACA Open Judges Panel so long as they are an ACA financial member.
- I.11. The Management Committee reserves the right to appoint a person as a Trial Judge, provided relevant details of experience are supplied to warrant such appointment.
- I.12. Both the Approved and Trial Panels will be subject to review by the Management Committee and judges may be added to either panel or deleted from either panel during such review.

The Management Committee may, by giving notice in two (2) editions of the ACA NEWS, require Trial and Open Judges to submit information for consideration when undertaking such a review.
- I.13. The Management Committee may resolve to form itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering persons to be accepted as a Trial Judge, the elevation of persons from a Trial Judge to an Open Judge and complaints against judges.
- I.14. In the event of any run-off for the winner of the campdraft or Cut Out, each horse's score must be announced as soon as the individual Cut Out/campdraft run is completed. A fresh beast must be added for each competitor in the Cut Out/campdraft run-off.
- I.15. ACA will not affiliate a campdraft that uses two judges, whereby one judges the Cut Out and the other judges the horse work and course.
- I.16. In the event of a judge being unable to complete the judging of event due to unforeseen circumstances (eg accident, illness or injury, etc) the campdraft organising committee may appoint a judge of equal or higher judging status to complete the judging of the campdraft.

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Trial Judges may judge any other draft.

- I.8. Any ACA Member desirous of becoming an ACA Trial Judge, *must have attended an ACA Judges Seminar in the twelve (12) months prior to submitting an ACA Trial Judge Application EXT027.*
- I.9. *To be considered as a Trial Judge an ACA Member shall apply in writing to the ACA Management Committee, by submitting a fully completed application. The application must include two signatures being either a Facilitator of the ACA Judges Seminar the member attended, or a current ACA Open Judge who was at the ACA Judges Seminar the member attended. The judge's application will be subject to a vote at the next scheduled Management Committee Meeting. If an application is rejected, the ACA Member may reapply no sooner than 12 months from the date of the meeting that the application was rejected.*
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- I.11. *ACA Trial Judges wishing to elevate to an Open Judge must have judged approximately 1500 runs, with consideration applied to judges in geographically isolated areas.*
- I.12. *All judge applications, Trial and Open, must be submitted to the ACA Office twenty one (21) days prior to the next Management Committee meeting for consideration.*
- I.13. *ACA acknowledges judging assignments across other organisations however, judging conducted under NCCA rules and guidelines is strongly encouraged and preferred.*
- I.14. *Only Open Judges on the Management Committee may vote on appointing trial judges or elevating them to the open judges panel.*
- I.15. *For trial judge applicants seeking a position on the trial judge panel and trial judges seeking elevation to the open judge panel, 75% of the eligible Management Committee must vote in favour.*
- I.16. *Proxy votes are not permitted for decisions when appointing judges to the trial or open judges panels.*



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- I.18. The Management Committee reserves the right to appoint a person as a Trial Judge, provided relevant details of experience are supplied to warrant such appointment.
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The Management Committee may, by giving *written* notice, require Trial and Open Judges to submit information for consideration when undertaking such a review.
- I.20. The Management Committee may resolve to form itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering persons to be accepted as a Trial Judge, the elevation of persons from a Trial Judge to an Open Judge and complaints against judges.
- I.21. In the event of any run-off for the winner of the campdraft or Cut Out, each horse's score must be announced as soon as the individual Cut Out/campdraft run is completed. A fresh beast must be added for each competitor in the Cut Out/campdraft run-off.
- I.22. ACA will not affiliate a campdraft that uses two judges, whereby one judges the Cut Out and the other judges the horse work and course.
- I.23. In the event of a judge being unable to complete the judging of event due to unforeseen circumstances (eg accident, illness or injury, etc) the campdraft organising committee may appoint a judge of equal or higher judging status to complete the judging of the campdraft.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

National Finals Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Dane Bateman.

2027 ACA National Finals Host Committee.

The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Campdraft Committee have made a submission to host the 2027 ACA National Finals shown in Appendix M.

2:38pm Kay Radke left the room

Josh Phelps highly recommends the ASHOF as the host.

ACARESNOV25-32 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Josh Phelps that the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Campdraft Committee are accepted as the host the 2027 ACA National Finals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026 National Finals Judges

ACARESNOV25-33 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Jason Comiskey that the following be accepted as the 2026 ACA National Finals at Paradise Lagoons.

Open - Adrian Loader

Novice - Morgan Marks

Restricted Open - Andrew Turvey



Ladies - Toni O'Neill

Juvenile - Robert Daly

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESNOV25-34 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Fiona Radke that the 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 October 2025 for another three (3) months, at an interest rate of 2.75%, with a balance of \$797,023.35. The next review date will be Wednesday 8 January 2025.

The Sub Committee will actively investigate different investment options before the next maturity date, 8 January. Robert invites anyone on the Management Committee to bring investment opportunities to be brought forward to the SC for consideration and recommendation to the next meeting.

Josh proposed presenting alternative investment strategies at the next meeting, while others discussed lease costs, property ownership, and using surplus funds for higher growth investments.

ACARESNOV25-35 MOVED Josh Phelps SECONDED Dane Bateman that the Real Estate Investment Sub Committee investigate all alternate investment options to present to the Management Committee at the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2:29pm Kay Radke left the room.

ACARESNOV25-36 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED that the Real Estate Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3:00pm The meeting recessed for afternoon tea.

3:18pm The meeting resumed

Les introduced ACA Office Team Members, Campdraft One Project Officer Giaan Smith, and newly appointed Marketing Officer Gina Barnet.

Rules Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, James McAuley.

The Rules Sub Committee welcomed new members Andrew Stallman, Tony Kehl, James Moorhead, and Lloyd Davidson. ACA members were reminded that they could contact these members or other Rules Sub Committee members for rule clarifications.



The Rules Sub Committee had worked closely with the NCCA, ACA Executives, and ACA Office Team to update the ACA Rule Book to reflect current times and simplify rules for members. At the last Management Committee meeting in Brisbane in August, the Sub Committee presented only a few topics for consideration, most of which continued from discussions at the Goondiwindi meeting.

No major changes resulted from the meeting; discussions focused on refining and rewording sections of the ACA Rule Book. The ACA Office Team reviewed all documents over two days in the Document Management System. Key topics refined included advertising, insurance, the judge's panel, horse registrations, nominations, and fees. Appreciation was expressed to Les Hopkins and the office staff for their efforts in refining these rules and guidelines.

It was noted that the Rules Sub Committee planned to meet with the council in Toowoomba in the coming weeks to present an agenda item for consideration. Members were thanked for their ongoing engagement.

High School Cup Draft

The RSC were asked to consider the wording of NCCA Rule 9.4 in regard to High School Campdrafts, to ensure that horses do not break status, due to the uniqueness of the event, being neither a juvenile nor an associate campdraft.

3:21pm Dane Bateman returned to the room.

It was noted that the event was not recognised as a campdraft due to amended rules. Discussion focused on whether a High School Teras Cup fell under junior, juvenile, and associate classes and those rules and if wording could align with the High School Campdraft Policy rather than requiring NCCA recommendations. Some felt existing rules were insufficient and clarified that high school drafts were not covered under current categories, in regard to breaking horse status. It was suggested that wording be added to the policy to ensure clarity. It was noted that there was difficulty in creating rules for situations where judges assisted competitors, emphasising that these events promote camaraderie and encourage participation among students following onto school spirit.

ACARESNOV25-37 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Andrew Stallman that ACA recommend to the NCCA to consider changing the current wording of Rule 9.4 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.

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, Encouragement and **High School based** campdrafts. The winner attains the status of the highest class of horse participating.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Maiden and M4M counting as Two (2) Wins

Recently at a Campdraft in the Border Zone, a maiden competitor made the final in both the M4M and the Maiden Campdraft. These two events had separate finals. The committee made the competitor aware that if he won the first final, being the Maiden final draft which ran first, this would break his and the horses status. The competitor understood and agreed and did go on to win the Maiden final at which point he



scratched from the M4M final, as it was assumed he and his horse now both held Novice status, and ineligible to compete in the M4M final.

3:36pm Scott Haley

Both the committee and the competitor interpreted the rule in the same manner that the status of horse and rider changed over the weekend on the completion of the Maiden final. It was noted by Fiona Radke that the status would not effectively change until after the event and he may have competed in both finals. It led to some discussion as to whether NCCA Rule 8.4 needed further clarification.

Current wording of the Rule 8.4

- 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.

The Sub Committee all agreed that Rule 8.4 as worded is sufficient, with no recommendation to amend.

ACA Code of Conduct – Members & Competitors

James was invited to sit in on a Code of Conduct teleconference last month. The Code of Conduct Sub Committee are seeking to amend Dealing With Breaches Of The Rules under 1.E to clearly outline that a 'complaint' must be brought forward under this section per the Constitutions definition.

'Complaint' means a written complaint, alleging a specified breach of the rules by a member.

James McAuley asked Fiona Rakde to speak of the amendment.

Fiona read the definition directly from the Constitution.

ACARESNOV25-38 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Hugh Philp to amend the current wording of Dealing With Breaches Of The Rules under 1.E

1. ACA will deal with breaches of this Code of Conduct if one of the following conditions is met:
 - A. a complaint signed by at least five members;
 - B. a complaint signed by the organising committee or its representative;
 - C. a complaint signed by the Judge;
 - D. a complaint signed by one or more councillors; or
 - E. any other matter of which the Management Committee, the Executive, or the Code of Conduct Sub Committee becomes aware, and which in ACA's or one of its duly authorised Sub Committee's discretion is of sufficient seriousness to warrant action.

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- E. **a complaint signed regarding any** other matter of which the Management Committee, the Executive, or the Code of Conduct Sub Committee becomes aware, and which in ACA's or one of its duly authorised Sub Committee's discretion is of sufficient seriousness to warrant action.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3:46pm Bill Carey left the room.

Judging- The Course

A member asked for clarification on when the time starts on the course. Members should be referred to page 12 to NCCA Rule 4. Judging - The Course. The current wording of rule 4.1 reads:

- 4.1. The time limit for completion of the course will be 40 seconds. The start of a run is when the horse exits the Cut Out.

The member wanted to know what part of the horse was leaving the cutout yard, the nose, the head, the tail of the horse. It was determined that is when the horse tail had left the cutout yard.

The office will create awareness around this rule through social media posts.

Nomination Fees and Added Entry

James asked Les Hopkins to speak of this recommendation.

Not all campdraft committees cover the cost of cattle through sponsorship or donation. Those committees can find it difficult to meet financial obligations in relation to Rule D.4.A.

The discussion addressed the stock levy rule as there were some affiliated committees that pay for cattle rather than having them donated. Opinions varied on whether committees should have unrestricted flexibility or follow guidelines. It was suggested that wording to include "unless prior written consent is given from the Operations Manager."

The general consensus held was that committees should be able to recover cattle costs through a stock levy with no maximum amount and not pertaining to listed prize money, provided it was stated on the program.

ACARESNOV25-39 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Kay Radke to amend the current wording of ACA Rule D.4. Nomination Fees and Added Entry

- A. Nomination Fees - Maximum of 4% of listed cash prize money. A Stock Levy of up to \$30 may be charged with listed cash prize money of \$1000 or less. This is the only levy that can be charged; committees CANNOT charge gate, parking, camping, ambulance fees etc, to any competitor.

To

- A. Nomination Fees - Maximum of 4% of listed cash prize money. A Stock Levy may be charged but must be disclosed on the program. This is the only levy that can be charged; committees CANNOT charge gate, parking, camping, ambulance fees etc, to any competitor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



ACARESNOV25- 40 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Kay Radke that in document INT042 Allowances and Payments schedule the following is to be deleted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESNOV25- 41 MOVED Kay Radke SECONDED Erica Hanrahan Rule D.9 be removed from the ACA Rule Book.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESNOV25-42 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Norma Shannon that the Rules Sub Committee report is received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sponsors Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Shelley Curr

A subcommittee meeting was held in early October. Kylie Moffatt had set up a shared Google document, shown below for collaboration among all Sun Committee members, allowing members to add potential sponsors, including business names, representatives, email addresses, and phone contacts. At the time of the meeting, discussions were ongoing with multiple corporate and private companies, although no formal commitments had been received. Negotiations continued with all potential partners.

The sponsorship pitch emphasised that partnering with the Australian Campdraft Association (ACA) supported the facilitation of over 150 campdraft events across rural, remote, and regional Australia. These events were noted to bring significant social and economic benefits beyond competitors to the wider community. Key points included the stimulation of local economies and contributions to community wellbeing. It was also reported that a white paper was being developed by James Cook University to validate and quantify these positive impacts.

In conclusion, partnering with ACA was presented as an opportunity to actively support rural and remote Australian communities through grassroots sporting events.

It was noted that 5% the total sponsorship value would be allocated to cover sponsorship costs as requested by sponsors, with each sponsor indicating how they wished this amount to be spent, such as marketing, finals tickets, or app advertisements. Robert Daly stated that previous agreements had exceeded the 5% margin for associated costs. Members were asked to bring all sponsorship opportunities to the Sub Committee for consideration. Kylie highlighted that ACA had a unique product to offer potential sponsors in the rural space, and there were many interested parties. Josh Phelps inquired whether any agreements included a non-compete or exclusivity clause, and Shelley confirmed that no negotiations would occur with competing business before agreements were finalised with ACA's current sponsors yet added that no sponsor would be granted sole exclusivity over ACA events outside of specifics outlined within the sponsorship agreements. Robert added that this approach increased the value of sponsorship commitments. Hugh Philips asked if there was a minimum amount for sponsorship opportunities. Shelley replied that the new Sponsorship Opportunities document outlined the specific value for each level of sponsorship and would forward that document to him and to anyone else that was interested in reviewing it again.

Kylie noted that the next focus would be on developing advertising packages through ACA's available platforms, and Shelley confirmed that numerous advertising avenues were available. James McAuley



acknowledged the significant work that had been completed to date in regard to the new Sponsorship Opportunities with ACA.

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Kylie	Warrego Water	Irrigation Supplies	Nationally			Chris Green	Owner	chris@warregowater.com.au	746614126	75-100k				Call	Shelley	High	8.8.25	Interested	no	9.10.2
Shelley	Brown and Hurley	Trucks sales	Nationally			Simon Graham	Dealership	simon.graham@brownandhurley.com.au	407581042	?				Call				Declined	Yes	
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Shelley	Arial Just Country		Nationally			Shelley Stolma	Marketing/Sponsorship	shelley@justcountry.com.au	46659311	60-100k			Current Gold Sponsor	Call/Email	Shelley	High	14/10/25	Negotiating	Yes	
Shelley	Rivertina	Grain Supplier	Nationally			Gareth Stapleton	CEO	gstapleton@rivertina.com.au	408767533	40k			Current Gold Sponsor	Call/Email	Shelley	High				
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Shelley	One Moore Daddy	Stallion				Mac & Garry Sham	Owner		407835248	10k			Current Silver Sponsor							
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Annie	Marsh Saddlery																			
Alister	Twiggy Forrest	Feedlot																		
Shelley	Nulfin					Laura Lawrence				428658395	5k		Current Bronze Sponsor							
Shelley	Akubra	Hats	Nationally			Nat	CEO													
Shelley	Akubra		Nationally			Bree Salzmann	Marketing	bree.salzmann@akubra.com.au	413355052	100k				Call/Email/Meeting	Shelley				Meeting at Warwick	
Kylie	AMM	Cattle industry	Nationally			Garry Edwards	CEO	garry.edwards@amm.com.au	429629818	60-100k				Call	Kylie	High	14.10.25	negotiating		
Kylie	Stocklive	Cattle industry	nationally			Libby Tyrrell	Manager	libby.tyrrell@stocklive.com.au		10k										
Kylie	Cilpex	Cattle industry	nationally			Sophie Schneider	Western QLD	sophie.schneider@cilpex.com.au	438480797											
Kylie	Vanderfields	Agri Equipment	nationally																	
Kylie	Rabobank	Banking	nationally																	
Kylie	WPI	Insurance	nationally																	
Kylie	Agforce	Industry Partners	nationally			Elle Rands	Western Old Sponsorship Office North QLD													
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Kylie	Peraway	Cattle industry	nationally																	
Kylie	Standrook	Cattle industry	nationally																	
Kylie	AMM	Cattle industry	nationally			Bill Cameron														
Kylie	Hugan Pastoral	Cattle industry	nationally																	
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ACARESNOV25-43 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the Sponsorship Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4:29pm The meeting recessed for the day to resume at 8:00am.

8:01am The meeting resumed Wednesday 12 November.

Les Hopkins introduced John Purvis.

John presented information on the spread and infestation of fire ants in Australia, particularly in Queensland. He noted that the National Fire Ant Eradication Program was nationally funded with the ultimate goal of eradicating fire ants from Australia. Fire ants were identified as one of the most invasive pests in the country, with no natural predators. Their impact was projected to be severe, with estimated annual costs of \$536 million for health and lifestyle, \$381 million for agriculture and animals, and \$255 million for infrastructure. Without intervention, infestations in South East Queensland and Northern NSW could have spread as far north as Townsville, west to Longreach, and south to Albury.

Biosecurity zones had been established to prevent human-assisted spread, and carriers were required to comply with legislation when transporting raw materials between zones. The responsibility for reporting fire ants was emphasised as a shared duty among industry, community, and the general public. Materials that could carry fire ants included soil, baled hay, mulch, turf, and machinery. It was explained that nests could be moved, but for infestation risk to persist, the queen must be present; if absent, the nest would perish within 72 hours. Risk mitigation strategies included proper processing and storage of high risk materials.

Originally from South America, fireants were first detected in Brisbane in 2001 and have since spread across South East Queensland. They pose significant threats to human health, agriculture, and ecosystems, with



painful stings that can cause allergic reactions and even fatalities. Economic modelling suggested that uncontrolled spread could cost Australia up to \$2 billion annually and as much as \$45 billion in long-term damages, surpassing the combined impact of other major invasive species. Fire ants damage crops, attack livestock, interfere with electrical infrastructure, and reduce land value. They can spread naturally by flying or rafting on water and more rapidly through human-assisted movement of soil, hay, mulch, turf, and machinery. Current eradication efforts involve chemical baiting, strict biosecurity controls, and community compliance, supported by a \$592 million national response plan aiming for eradication by 2032. Experts warned that failure to maintain funding and compliance could result in widespread infestation across 95% of Australia.

An informative discussion was had with shared knowledge from members and the obligations of the wider the campdrafting community in regard to the transportation of fodder, in particular hay for livestock.

Les thanked John for his presentation.

8:42am The meeting recessed for morning tea.

8:58am The meeting resumed.

The meeting moved the Campdraft One presentation.

9:01am Pete Comiskey left the room.

9:03am Pete Comiskey entered the room.

Voluntary Secretary Support Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Annie Williamson.

The phone system Linkus had recently been upgraded, and test calls from Colmac indicated it was working more effectively. Discrepancies were noted in the call log history, which were to be investigated further, with a screenshot emailed to Emily for reference. With new members joining the Sub Committee, plans were made to organise Campdraft One training via Teams due to the geographic spread of committee members, after which new members could be included in the on call rosters.

Volunteer support in the office had been well received as it provided the Campdraft One team more flexibility not being rostered on every second fortnight. Hugh Philps asked about affiliated committees using other platforms rather than Campdraft One, in particular the 'big three.' Robert Daly confirmed that it appeared committees preferred to stay with platforms they are familiar with, although there was nothing preventing them from moving to Campdraft One and full support would be offered. Robert and Glenn Evans noted that the nominations secretary of the past two years has indicated to the Warwick committee her preference for using Campdraft One if she were to continue in her current capacity. She has now used it several times and can see the benefit of it in particular for Warwick with such large nominations from all over Australian with many competitors not ordinarily ACA members and the specific breed awards that Warwick has. Erica Hanrahan mentioned that maintaining contact with secretaries during a draft was highly beneficial for committees to give support as needed whilst on the grounds competing. Les Hopkins added that Campdraft One secretaries should be encouraged to use the afterhours line as their first point of contact to receive immediate assistance.

ACARESNOV25-45 MOVED Annie Williamson SECONDED Pete Comiskey that the Voluntary Secretary Support Sub Committee report is received.



CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Youth Camp and Starter Clinic Sub Committee Report

Chairperson, Allister Butcher, presented by Les Hopkins

Allister thanked the committee for the appointment and noted that it was a great group working at the grassroots of the sport, supporting beginners and youth, although it was observed that the youth coming through often needed less assistance. Since August 2025, there had been little progress on Youth and Starter Clinics, making it an opportune time to review the current structure, framework, and guidelines for these clinics. It was acknowledged that the clinics had been an excellent avenue to introduce and improve safety, knowledge, and performance in campdrafting across the country. Committees were encouraged to utilise these clinics, as they were readily available and funding was in place to assist.

ACARESNOV25-46 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Norma Shannon that the Youth and Starter Clinic Sub Committee report is received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

General Business

Chairperson Robert Daly called for General Business.

Robert asked that the recommendation to amend the current in the Disciplinary Bylaw Appendix 2, ACA's Scale Of Offence Grading System Definitions – Members Grade 5.B be deferred until the next meeting.

Shelley Curr will provide a cost analysis on proposal Cheri Stanger put forward in her letter regarding reducing the Horse Registration cost.

ACARESNOV25-47 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED Fiona Radke that Treasurer Shelley Curr prepare a cost analysis showing a reduction in cost to Horse Registrations, along with a free first time Horse Progress Report to all new Horse Registrations, and for this to be presented at the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESNOV25-48 Robert Daly SECONDED Tania Moorhead that credit card surcharge will be passed onto to card holder.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tania Moorehead requested that the \$500 ACA Zone contribution for NSW was not claimed. With a zone Novice Series currently in process, she proposed that the \$500 be utilised for the NSW Novice Series, it will be given back to the same competitors.

ACARESNOV25-49 Tania Moorhead SECONDED Annie Williamson that the \$500 zone contribution be used for the ACA Eastern NSW ZONE Novice Series 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kay Radke expressed interest in revisiting the volunteer membership. Robert Daly suggested that the casual profile fee should still be paid by volunteer and could be used to administer this, noting that committees



might be limited in how many volunteers could be listed. Robert suggested Shelley Curr could conduct a cost analysis on administering a new style of volunteer membership for committees. Josh Phelps commented that this serves those who do not actively contribute and questioned who was requesting this, asking if they were genuine members. He noted that a \$1550 reduction in committee affiliation could allow committees to cover costs for their volunteers, and maybe there could be some marketing done around this. Some members agreed that only a minority were asking for this, while others felt committees could manage it if monitored. Concerns were raised about potential abuse if offered for free and about defining what constitutes a volunteer. It was also suggested that if introduced, the membership should be renamed and. The general consensus was that reinstating the volunteer membership would be a step backward and, for the interim, it would not be reinstated.

A discussion was held around prize money and nomination fees paid. Bill Carey suggested that some of the larger well known campdrafts had nominations outweighing what was returned in prize money, with committees retaining too much. Robert Daly preferred reducing prize money and keeping nomination fees lower. Erica commented that it was difficult to dictate to committees how prize money should be allocated. Hugh highlighted that the issue was large payouts to winners rather than even distribution, with some committees withholding more than 50%. He suggested increasing payouts for second to tenth places to encourage competition, though acknowledged committees could choose to walk away from affiliation if rules around prize money were stipulated. He added that prize money in northern events was fair, operating on a 60% return. Robert stated that competitors could decide which events to attend and if a competitor did not feel the prize money was adequate compared to the nomination fee, they have the right not to attend. James McAuley felt committees were under pressure to run campdrafts at any cost, despite declining cattle quality and high nominations. It was noted that committees were complying with existing rules, leaving little room for intervention. Shelley Curr reminded the group that committees faced significant external costs, such as security and cleaning, and volunteer numbers were declining.

Erica raised the need to focus on zones, creating more attention for local competitors, including the possibility of offering buckles for Zone Champions. She noted that committees were asked to run the Top 7 Shootout, but holding these so many months after the end of the season diminished their impact. Tania reported that the ENSW Zone presentation dinner was very well received and emphasised the importance of giving back to the local campdraft community, suggesting that zone initiatives should be driven by the Management Committee Members from each zone. She stated that healthy zones contribute to a healthy association and recommended zone sponsorship outside the standard model and budget. Kay Radke agreed that more emphasis should be placed on zones, and Hugh Philips stressed the need for better organisation within them. Erica asked for thoughts on a cutoff date for awards and whether ribbons should be posted directly from the office rather than being sent to the committee that hosts the Top 7 Shootout. Les Hopkins noted the high cost of posting ribbons and suggested holding an event by June or July, though finding a committee within each particular zone to host it at their campdraft in that timeframe could be challenging. He added that Management Committee Members needed to be more proactive. Andrew Stallman agreed that zones required focus and that Management Committee Members should actively encourage these events. Annie Williamson commented that the presentation dinner was better received than the Top 7 Shootout in ENSW. Shelley Curr proposed nominating a Management Committee Member to organise zone awards regardless of the method. Robert suggested Erica bring back a proposal from her subcommittee for the next meeting. Hugh added that ACA's presence in remote zones was very well received and that there was strong positivity in the north around ACA.

Fiona Radke reported that she had spoken with Nathan Bradley the previous night and he had asked who had attended. Nathan expressed disappointment that he could not attend due to work commitments, with rain causing delays. It was noted that some members who are too busy to attend meetings are also not contributing within their zone. The suggestion was raised that maybe those members could be asked to



manage the Top 7 Zone Shootout within their zones. Robert stated that this could be proposed, but the likelihood of it being carried out is unlikely.

Les confirmed that he had spoken to all members who were not attending and asked them to consider their position on the Management Committee ahead of next year's nominations. Shelley suggested increasing awareness that anyone could nominate for the MC and recommended more publicity. Zach Wass noted that having the finals date set should allow members to plan ahead to at least make the finals meeting. Robert agreed that more publicity around the requirements of a Management Committee Member was needed. Scott Haley questioned whether the Management Committee should be more stringent in applying the Constitution. Les proposed that the office create a marketing campaign to promote nominations to the Management Committee, focusing on expectations of elected members and their attendance and contribution at meetings.

NCCA Matters

Presented by Jason Comiskey

The NCCA continues to work with delegates from its member organisations to discuss and maintain the NCCA rule book and policies. Currently the council has sent out for discussion and review in the situation of 2 or more head of cattle in the arena.

The Australian Sports Commission recognises national sporting organisations to help them achieve the Australian Government's sporting objectives. The NCCA's current recognition agreement is due to expire and is currently in the process of completing its application to reapply for recognition. To maintain our status of a national sports organisation we need to demonstrate that we meet the 8 recognition criteria.

The NCCA is also currently investigating the option to move the NCCA Champion Rider Event from the Nutrien Classic to another venue so as to maintain its current sponsorship agreement with Prydes.

I would like to sincerely thank the ACA office staff, Les and the ACA delegates for their prompt attention and assistance with all NCCA matters.

In regard to the Champion of Champions Campdraft, having in recent times been held in conjunction with the Nutrien Classic at Tamworth, Pete Comiskey queried if the event was not supported by the other 3 Associations where is an alternative event to host the event. Discussion followed regarding the potential impact if other associations did not support relocating the event to Willinga, NSW, and how this might affect its success. Consideration was given to ensuring support for competitors and strategies to achieve this. The possibility of returning to Warwick under Pryde's sponsorship was raised. NCCA has reported that Pryde's had expressed a preference to move the event away from Warwick to increase exposure.

It was noted that Nutrien would not support the event and Barastoc held exclusive sponsorship rights, at the Classic. With Pryde's sponsoring the NCCA event Barastoc indicated it breached their sponsorship rights. Andrew Stallman queried whether Condamine or Chinchilla could be alternative venues. Jason advised that timing constraints could delay the event by almost twelve months, though Chinchilla might accommodate the schedule. Pete explained that a breakdown in communication between NCCA and Nutrien regarding sponsorship changes at the Classic had created the issue.

Andrew asked whether an alternative sponsor could be secured instead of Pryde's. There is potential for this however Pryde's have confirmed for the 2026, being an NCCA event the onus is on NCCA to negotiate sponsorship. Fiona Radke requested clarification on the financial contribution, NCCA had confirmed approximately \$20,000 was received, with 15% allocated to charity and the remainder used for prize money and venue hire. Pete suggested that prize money was a key incentive for rider participation and indicated



that as an association ACA would have no concerns regarding competitors. Jason stated he was not concerned about other associations failing to bring teams but noted that holding the event at Tamworth would mean competitors continued to ride for prize money.

The next general meeting for NCCA was in the next fortnight and a decision should be made at that point as to the most appropriate venue moving forward.

ACARESNOV25-50 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Bill Carey that the NCCA report is received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates

Dates for the next Management Committee Meeting will be determined.

The next Management Committee Meeting will be held at Paradise Lagoons on Monday 20 April 2026, in the members room upstairs. Further details will be forwarded closer to the date.

10:42am Robert Daly called the meeting to a close.

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