



Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Welcome

7:47am 09 June 2026, Paradise Lagoons, Australian Campdraft President Robert Daly welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Condolences

The Management Committee Members and observers paid respect to Barney Davison, Debbie Johnson, Steph Smart, Brian Philp, and Jim Cooney observing a minute's silence.

Apologies, Proxy Votes, and Attendees

Apologies and Proxy Votes Received presented by Les Hopkins

Management Committee Member	RSVP	Proxy
Andrew Stallman	Yes	Josh Phelps
Annie Williamson	Yes	Kay Radke
Ben Stanger	Yes	
Bill Carey	Yes	Dane Bateman
Charles Smith	Yes	
Cheri Stanger	Yes	
Brian Elliott	Yes	
Dan Condon	Yes	Ben Hall
Fiona Radke	Yes	James McAuley
Glenn Evans	Yes	Dane Bateman
Harvey Walters	Yes	
Hugh Philp	Yes	Josh Phelps
Jack Morris	No	
Jack Southern	Yes	
James Moorhead	Yes	
Jenni Ievers	Yes	Gayle Shann
Jim Daley	Yes	
Jono Battle	Yes	
Katie Birney	Yes	
Kylie Moffatt	Yes	
Nathan Bradley	Yes	Ben Hall
Scott Haley	Yes	Kay Radke
Tania Moorhead	Yes	Robert Daly
Tony Kehl	Yes	
Wade Clein	Yes	
Wendy Wockner	Yes	
Zachary Wass	Yes	Tom Gleeson



Attendance – Management Committee Members, Staff and Other Persons

Management Committee Member	Executive Position/Zone
Robert Daly	President
Jason Comiskey	Vice President
Kay Radke	Vice President
Shelley Curr	Treasurer
Les Hopkins	Secretary/Operations Manager
Mat Durkin	Central Western New South Wales Zone
Erica Hanrahan	Central Zone
Gayle Shann	Central Zone to arrive
Mac Shann	Central Zone to arrive
Norma Shannon	Central Zone
Pete Comiskey	Central Zone
Dane Bateman	South East Zone
Allister Butcher	South West Western Australia Zone
James McAuley	Southern Zone
Lloyd Davidson	Southern Zone
Ben Hall	Western Zone
Tom Gleeson	Western Zone
Josh Phelps	Western Zone
ACA Office Team	Position
Siobhan Davison	Office Manager
Emily Castrigno	Campdraft One Lead
Other Observers	
Kathleen Gleeson	Observer
Stewart Wallace	Incoming Management Committee Member

ACARESJUN26-01 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED James McAuley that the apologies and proxies as presented in the agenda be received and accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Management Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday 11 to Wednesday, 12 November 2025

7:52am Mac and Gayle Shann entered the room.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting, held Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 November 2025 are included as Appendix A.

Recommendation

ACARESJUN26-02 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting, held Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 November 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

High School Cup Guidelines Policy

ACARESJUN26-03 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Dane Bateman that the drafted COR027 High School Cup Guidelines policy as shown in Appendix B be adopted by the Management Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Disciplinary Bylaw

ACARESJUN26-04 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Erica Hanrahan to amend 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

General Business

8:01am the meeting moved forward to Finance and Administration: Mort St Lease - Office

Appointment to Casual Vacancy

The following ACA Members would like to be appointed to Casual Vacancies on the Management Committee, following the 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM):

- Bill Carey is from South East Zone, where no vacancy exists, therefore it is proposed that Bill Carey be appointed to a casual vacancy in Eastern New South Wales Zone.
- Brooke Grove is from Western Zone, where no vacancy exists, therefore it is proposed that Brooke Grove be appointed to a casual vacancy in Southern Zone.

- Cheri Stanger is from Northern Zone, where no vacancy exists, therefore it is proposed that Cheri Stanger be appointed to a casual vacancy in Northern Territory/North West WA Zone.
- Harvey Walters is from Northern Zone, where no vacancy exists, therefore it is proposed that Harvey Walters be appointed to a casual vacancy in Northern Territory/North West WA Zone.
- Les Hopkins is from Central Zone, where no vacancy exists, therefore it is proposed that Les Hopkins be appointed to a casual vacancy in Central Western New South Wales Zone.
- Mat Durkin is from Western Zone, where no vacancy exists, therefore it is proposed that Mat Durkin be appointed to a casual vacancy in Central Western New South Wales Zone.
- Stewart Wallace is from Central Zone, where no vacancy exists, therefore it is proposed that Stewart Wallace be appointed to a casual vacancy in Northern Territory/North West WA Zone.
- Zach Wass is from Western Zone, where no vacancy exists, therefore it is proposed that Zach Wass be appointed to a casual vacancy in Northern Territory/North West WA Zone.

ACARESJUN26-11 MOVED Mac Shann SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the following be appointed to the Management Committee to a casual vacancy:

Bill Carey be appointed to Eastern New South Wales Zone.

Les Hopkins and Mat Durkin be appointed to Central Western New South Wales Zone.

Cheri Stanger, Harvey Walters, Stewart Wallace, and Zach Wass be appointed to Northern Territory/North West Western Australian Zone.

Brooke Grove be appointed to Southern Zone.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Robert Daly informed the meeting that past President and long serving Management Committee member Hugh Philp had resigned and read a message from Hugh to the room.

ACARESJUN26-12 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED Les Hopkins that Hugh Philp's resignation is accepted and received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.25pm Moved into Committee, with Les Hopkins assuming the role of minute taker.

1:28pm The meeting moved out of committee. Siobhan Davison assumed the role of minute taker.

Campdraft One Update Presented by Emily Castrigno

A presentation as shown in Appendix C in the agenda was given.

1.44pm The meeting moved to Judges.



Outward Correspondence

General Correspondence

Outward Correspondence sent as of last meeting, held Tuesday 11 and Wednesday, 12 November 2025, is outlined in the table below.

Reference	Date	Description/Recipient
LH69	2025 11 13	Letter to Stewart Wallace from OM Re Suggestions re Open Judging
LH71	2025 11 13	Letter to JCU Human Research Ethics Committee Re Welfare One
LH72	2025 11 26	Letter to Secretaries From OM Re ACA Affiliation Pack 2026
LH73	2026 11 26	Letter to Affiliated Committees From OM Re 2025 ACA & NCCA Rule Updates
LH74	2025 11 28	Letter to Chair COC Sub Committee Fiona Radke From OM Re Request for Clarification of Complaint Handling Process
LH75	2025 12 19	Email to Anne Lasini From Office Manager Re Response to Email received for Photo Credit
LH76	2026 01 28	Letter To Diamantina Rodeo and Campdraft Association From OM Re Letter Of Support
LH77	2026 02 04	Email to Deb Standing From OM Re ACA Calendar Dates
LH78	2026 02 13	Letter to FB Drilling From OM Re Letter of Engagement Silver Sponsor
LH79	2026 02 27	Letter to Diamantina Rodeo and Campdraft Association From OM Re Letter Of Support
LH80	2026 03 02	Email to Sandra Grimmond From OM Re Ben Wirth Membership
LH82	2026 03 26	Letter to Worn Out West From OM Re Letter of Engagement Northern Zone Sponsor
LH83	2026 03 26	Letter to Elders Insurance Longreach From OM Re Letter of Engagement Western Zone Sponsor
LH84	2026 04 22	Letter to Kennedy Rural & Livestock From OM Re Letter of Engagement Central Zone Sponsor
LH85	2026 04 22	Letter to Jono Battle Equine From OM Re Letter of Engagement Southern Zone Sponsor
LH86	2026 04 22	Letter to North Australian Helicopters From OM Re Letter of Engagement NT/ NWWA Zone Sponsor
LH87	2026 04 14	Letter To Glencoe Sports Association from OM Re Letter Of Support
LH88	2026 05 19	Letter to Dion Lane of AEN Re FM Broadcasting Letter of Authority
LH89	2026 05 20	Email from OPM to Kimberley Sammon Re Request to Hold Perpetual Barrel Race

Judges Correspondence

Judges Correspondence sent as of last meeting, held Tuesday 11 and Wednesday, 12 November 2025, is outlined in the table below.

Successful Trial	Unsuccessful Trial	Successful Open	Unsuccessful Open
Matt Bauer		Dean Warren	
		Hayden De Boni	
			Karl Burton
		Nathan Cusack	
			Nick Clysdale
		Sam Greenup	
		Stuart Frame	
		Ty Blokland	
		Zach Wass	

ACARESJUN26-26 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Allister Butcher that the Outward Correspondence and Judges Correspondence, be received.



CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Inward Correspondence

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Inward Correspondence received as of last meeting, held Tuesday 11 and Friday, 12 December 2025, was included as Appendix D in the agenda.

Reference	Date	Description/Received From
INC467	2025 11 13	Email from Professor Sabina Knight To Office Manager Re Letter of Support
INC468	2025 11 18	Letter from Warwick Show & Rodeo Society To OM Re Incident Report
INC469	2025 11 28	Letter from Fiona Radke Re Request for Clarification on Complaint Handling Process
INC471	2025 12 19	Email from Anne Lasini Photograph Credit
INC472	2026 01 23	Email from Teegan Mills Re Letter of Support for Diamantina Rodeo & Campdraft Association
INC473	2026 01 02	Email from Deb Standing Re Calendar dates for Pittsworth Campdraft
INC474	2026 02 11	Letter from Emma Starkey Re Notice of Resignation
INC475	2026 02 22	Email from Sandra Grimmond Re Ben Wirth Membership
INC477	2026 03 11	Email from Complete Performance Solutions Re Stakeholder Support Form Camooweal Committee
INC478	2025 03 16	Email from Complete Performance Solutions Re Stakeholder Support Form Millmerran Show Society
INC480	2026 03 11	Email from Complete Performance Solutions Re Stakeholder Support Form Quilpie Show Society
INC481	2026 03 24	Email from NCCA Secretary Re SCA Member Suspension
INC483	2026 04 07	Email from NCCA Secretary Re ABCRA Member Suspension
INC484	2026 04 07	Email from NCCA Secretary Re GCA Member Suspension
INC485	2026 04 07	Email from NCCA Secretary Re GCA Member Suspension
INC486	2026 04 07	Email from NCCA Secretary Re NST Policy Enhancement Program
INC487	2026 04 07	Email from NCCA Secretary Re SIA NIF Summary of Changes Draft 3
INC490	2026 03 24	Letter from Kate Twist Re Copy of 1979 ACA News
INC491	2026 04 28	Email from The 2026 Western Qld Novice Series re Sponsorship
INC492	2026 04 28	Email from Deb Standing Pittsworth Campdraft re Incident at April Campdraft
INC493	2026 04 30	Email from Dale Chicken Re Management Committee Resignation
INC494	2026 04 30	Email from Simon Knight Re Management Committee Resignation
INC495	2026 05 11	Email from BJ & Amelia Rea Re Proposal to Address Late Scratchings and Refund Structures
INC497	2027 05 18	Letter from Rathdowney Campdraft Committee Re Request to Hold Perpetual Barrel Race

INC467 Email from Professor Sabina Knight To Office Manager Re Letter of Support

Email from Professor Sabina Knight requesting a letter of support from ACA that de-identified member and rider data will be provided to the James Cook University research team for the purpose of the research.

FOR NOTING

INC468 Letter from Warwick Show & Rodeo Society To OM Re Incident Report

Incident report from Warwick & rodeo Show Society regarding injury sustained by volunteer whilst working the cattle in the backyards at Warwick Gold Cup Campdraft.

FOR NOTING



INC469 Letter from Fiona Radke Re Request for Clarification on Complaint Handling Process

Letter from Fiona Radke requesting clarification on Complaint Handling Process.

FOR NOTING

INC471 Email from Anne Lasini Photograph Credit

Email regarding photo credit of image used on End of Year report to members.

FOR NOTING

INC472 Email from Teegan Mills Re Letter of Support for Diamantina Rodeo & Campdraft Association

Letter of support request from Diamantina Rodeo & Campdraft Association for grant application.

FOR NOTING

INC473 Email from Deb Standing Re Calendar dates for Pittsworth Campdraft

Email concerning competing dates of ACA affiliated events within the same local area.

FOR NOTING

INC474 Letter from Emma Starkey Re Notice of Resignation

FOR NOTING

INC475 Email from Sandra Grimmond Re Membership rights

Email regarding membership of a person who has been convicted of a criminal offence.

FOR NOTING

INC477 Email from Complete Performance Solutions Re Stakeholder Support Form Camooweal Committee

Request for supporting signatures for grant application.

FOR NOTING

INC478 Email from Complete Performance Solutions Re Stakeholder Support Form Millmerran Show Society

Request for supporting signatures for grant application.

FOR NOTING

INC480 Email from Complete Performance Solutions Re Stakeholder Support Form Quilpie Show Society

Request for supporting signatures for grant application.

FOR NOTING

INC481 Email from NCCA Secretary Re SCA Member Suspension

FOR NOTING

INC483 Email from NCCA Secretary Re ABCRA Member Suspension

FOR NOTING

INC484 Email from NCCA Secretary Re GCA Member Suspension

FOR NOTING

INC485 Email from NCCA Secretary Re GCA Member Suspension

FOR NOTING

INC486 Email from NCCA Secretary Re National Sports Tribunal Policy Enhancement Program

Email forward from NCCA from Dr Michelle Gallen regarding the third Policy Enhancement Program. The program is designed to support recognised National Sporting Organisations for people with Disability (NSO/D) to gain independent policy advice that will assist in adopting, reviewing, and enhancing a range of dispute resolution and integrity policies, and ensuring these are tailored to the unique requirements of each sport and aligned with the National Integrity Framework (NIF).

FOR NOTING

INC487 Email from NCCA Secretary Re SIA NIF Summary of Changes Draft 3

Email regarding Sport Integrity Australia, National Integrity Framework, (NIF) Summary of Changes Draft 3.

FOR NOTING

INC490 Letter from Kate Twist Re Copy of 1979 ACA News

Copy of ACA News received, it was archived, along with copy already in archives.

FOR NOTING

INC491 Email from The 2026 Western Qld Novice Series re Sponsorship

Email requesting sponsorship from ACA for Western Qld Novice Series.

FOR NOTING

INC492 Email from Deb Standing Pittsworth Campdraft Re Incident at April Campdraft

Email reporting incident between water truck and member vehicle incident at Pittsworth Campdraft.



FOR NOTING

INC493 Email from Dale Chicken Re Management Committee Resignation

FOR NOTING

INC494 Email from Simon Knight Re Management Committee Resignation

FOR NOTING

INC495 Email from BJ & Amelia Rea Re Proposal to Address Late Scratchings and Refund Structures

Email requesting updates to Rule D Nominations and Fees, proposing the following changes:

- At time of nomination and payment, committees retain 50% of the nomination fee as a non-refundable deposit.
- The remaining 50% is eligible for a refund in accordance with the current scratching rule.

FOR DISCUSSION

This item was discussed within Rules.

INC497 Letter from Rathdowney Campdraft Committee Re Request to Hold Perpetual Barrel Race

Email from Rathdowney requesting permission to hold a new adult Perpetual Barrel Race under ACA Affiliation.

FOR NOTING

ACARESJUN26-27 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Mat Durkin that the Inward Correspondence, as presented in the agenda, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Officers Reports

Operations Manager Report presented by Les Hopkins

The election process was completed for both the Executive and Zone Councillors, all of which will be ratified this evening at the Annual General Meeting. Several of our Zone Councillor's are in casual vacancies which negated the need for any elections. I spoke with each councillor individually and they were happy for this to occur.

Four current councilors did not seek re-election. These were Dale Chicken, Evan Acton, Shae Pratt, and Simon Knight. We thank them for their time on the Management Committee, especially Evan, who has been a long serving member. The two new councillors are Stewart Wallace and Brook Grove.



The only nominations received for the Executive were from the incumbents. This meant that there was no need for a ballot as the nominees were elected unopposed. The following people were elected to be the Executive.

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

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

At the last meeting a resolution was passed to any card transaction fees incurred by the Association through membership, horse registration and/or rookie horse nomination be passed onto the card holder. This was completed and as such there has been a saving of approximately \$18,040 to date. For committee 'connect' accounts using the card facility to accept nominations the office is still investigating the best process of passing these fees directly onto the competitors who nominate for committee events, there would be an associated cost involved in doing this. However, the office was able to code the committee connect accounts, so the fees and charges incurred due to nominations paid via card were retained by the ACA platform prior to the automatic daily bulk transfer of the nomination's payments into committee bank accounts. This negates the need for the office to invoice and follow up on outstanding invoices, which was extremely time consuming. Evidence of this is shown in the Accounts Receivable Ageing Report each month.

Emily the Campdraft One Lead has conducted two more A Day with the ACA training days with Secretary's and members. We have, however, placed any further of these days on hold while we wait to see what impact the current fuel crisis has on our budget. Emily will provide a briefing on these days during her presentation.

Team member, Emma Starkey, has resigned for a different career path. Emma was a valued member of the team and will be missed. I want to thank Emma for her dedicated service during her time with us and wish her the absolute best in her future endeavors.

The office advertised the vacancy; however, the Executive has decided to place recruitment on hold while assessing the budgetary impact of the fuel crisis. The position will be filled once the situation becomes clearer.

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

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

None were forthcoming.

ACARESJUN26-28 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Mat Durkin that the Operations Manager report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2:47pm the meeting moved to the Code of Conduct Sub Committee Report.



Finance Reports presented by Treasurer Shelley Curr

Financial reports of the ACA are included for the Management Committee as shown in the agenda in Appendix E.

Executive Summary

The global fuel crisis has not impacted the budget as severely as anticipated, and the contingency 'Fuel Crisis Budget' remains untriggered so far.

As at last Thursday 04 June ACA currently have:

- 6547 Annual Memberships, which is to 88% of the budget.
- 697 Casual Memberships, which is 58% of the budget.
- 119 Committee Affiliations, which is 85% of the budget.
- 525 Horse Registrations, which is 75% of the budget.

The change in the Sponsorship year is expected to reduce overall profit by approximately \$187,000. We expect to offset some of this through App Advertising and subscription income.

Operational efficiency gains

- Passing on card fees has yielded savings of approximately \$18,040, to date.

Overall, no line item currently in the budget is causing a significant negative effect to date, but the Sponsorship year shift represents a meaningful headwind. See attached Budget to Actual with notes for detailed figures.

Notes on Appendix E

Budget to Actual with Notes: Contains the detailed variances, including the Sponsorship year impact, Advertising offset, and other line items. Please review for any additional variances not captured in the summary above.

Observations and Implications

Revenue mix risk: The \$187,000 sponsorship headwind could reduce profit for the year unless offset by higher advertising income or cost reductions. Monitor advertising revenue closely and pursue additional sponsorship opportunities or revised sponsorship terms if needed.

Growth opportunities: Recent years has seen horse registrations gradually decline over the past few years, and this year looks to be following that same trend. It is a good chance to ramp up some targeted promotion around why registering your horse is worth it—especially at a Zone level. Highlighting how it helps riders compete in Zone Horse Titles and adds to the overall competition could really encourage more grassroots competitors to get involved.

ACARESJUN26-17 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED James McAuley that the payment of accounts (nil cheques) and the Direct Debits, Electronic Funds Transfers and Credit Card Payments from the Saturday, 1 November 2025 to Tuesday, 31 March 2026 be ratified.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



ACARESJUN26-18 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED James McAuley that the Financial Report as of Sunday, 31 May 2026 showing a Credit Balance of \$1,802,058.80 as presented by the Treasurer be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance and Administration Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Robert Daly

Invoices to be Ratified

The Management Committee are asked, that the invoices, as shown in the recommendations below, be approved for payment.

ACARESJUN26-19 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Jason Comiskey that invoice INV-EBO-015370, from Electronic Business Pearls Australia Pty Ltd, being for Request for Change to App Development Project, to the value of \$528.00, dated 16/03/2026 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESJUN26-20 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED James McAuley that invoice INV-EBO-015372, from Electronic Business Pearls Australia Pty Ltd, being for Request for Change to App Development Project, to the value of \$902.00, dated 16/03/2026 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESJUN26-21 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Allister Butcher that invoice INV-0028, from the National Campdraft Council of Australia, being for ACA NCCA Membership Contribution, to the value of \$9,622.00, dated 03/03/2026 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bendigo Term Deposit

The term deposit of \$807,989.85 with Bendigo Bank that matured on the 08 April 2026 was rolled over and reinvested for another three (3) months at 2.75%. The review date will be the 08 July 2026. The Term Deposit Statement is shown in in the agenda as Appendix F.

ACARESJUN26-22 Les Hopkins SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the term deposit and interest received with Bendigo Bank is rolled over on the 08 April 2026 for a term of three (3) months.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Westpac Term Deposit Bond Guarantee

The term deposit of \$17,403.51 with Westpac for the Bond Guarantee that matured on the 28 February 2026 was rolled over and reinvested for another eight (8) months at 3.20%. The review date will be the 28 October 2026. The Term Deposit Statement as shown in agenda as Appendix G.

ACARESJUN26-23 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Pete Comiskey that the term deposit and interest received with Westpac for the Bond Guarantee is rolled over on the 28 February 2026 for a term of eight (8) months.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACA Westpac Bank Authority

That Campdraft One Lead Emily Castrigno is approved as an Online Banking Administrator, signatory to Westpac account number 468955 and is granted a debit card for use for ACA expenses.

ACARESJUN26-24 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Shelley Curr that the following changes be made to the Westpac accounts held by Australian Campdraft Association Incorporated:

Account Name: Australian Campdraft Association Inc
Account Number: 468955
Method of Operation: Any to Sign
Signatories: Miss Emily Castrigno

That a Debit Card be issued from:

Account Name: Australian Campdraft Association Inc
Account Number: 468955
Debit Card Holder: Miss Emily Castrigno

Westpac Online Banking Administrator:

Remove: Miss Emma Starkey & Miss Kelly Duncan
Add: Miss Emily Castrigno & Mr Leslie Hopkins

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2:18pm The meeting moved to the App Development Sub Committee Report.



Mort Street Lease – Office

The lease shown in Appendix H on 134 Mort Street Toowoomba City for the office is due to expire on the 23 August 2026. The option of renewing for another three (3) year term is available with no increase in yearly rent over that term.

ACARESJUN26-05 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Josh Phelps that the Executive negotiates with the lessor new terms of agreement for the Lease of 134 Mort St Toowoomba City for the best outcome of the association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8:25am The meeting moved to the Real Estate Sub Committee Report.

Animal Welfare Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Josh Phelps

Sabina Knight will be here this week and will be represented with the JCU Principle, please show them your support.

Given the lack of Campdrafting traffic, documented Animal Welfare issues have been just how we like them, non existent. Allowing us to continue in our pursuit of collecting data regarding the Welfare One document.

Sabina Knight and her team from JCU is continuing to gather research material. The Animal Welfare Sub Committee implores that Management Committee members advocate on her behalf over the course of the study to aid her with her research.

It is in the interest of all stakeholders to assist in this initiative wherever possible.

Proposed contributions to Welfare One to date are as follows:

- James Cook University (The effect Campdrafting has on the social vitality of regional and rural communities throughout Australia)
- Mark Burnell (Australian Horse Industry)
- Peter Hughes - Testimonial
- Ian Francis - Testimonial
- Rick Young, NAPCO
- Mort & Co

As a judge the importance of holding a meeting prior to the commencement of a campdraft with committee members in particular the President and those moving the cattle through the yards is something which everyone judge should adopt. This process allows the committee to respond effectively ensuring all aspects of duty of care towards animals, member and the general public is taken into account. For example is an animal has passed away it should be covered and quietly removed with consequence.

ACARESJUN26-37 MOVED Josh Phelps SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the Animal Welfare Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



3.32pm The Meeting moved to Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee report.

App Development Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Shelley Curr

Development is in the soft launch phase, and we will assist with installing the app on all members' phones.

App uptake as of 04 June: 3,598 Total Invitations Sent; ACA Members with unique emails.
1,881 Total users made up of the following:
1,440 Apple Users
201 Android Users
240 Subscriptions

Overall, we are incredibly pleased with how the app is looking and operating. We acknowledge that there will be areas for improvement and will address these as funding becomes available from app generated income. No paid advertisement campaigns yet, only advertisement through social media and Campdraft One. We are looking into setting up detailed analytics so we can see number of views on each app page.

I would like to personally acknowledge and thank the App Development Sub Committee for their hard work and input; it would not have happened without you. I would also like to thank the Executive and Management Committee for their support.

A special mention to Emily, who has educated us in the world of development terminology. Emily has also been the main contact for the developers and the liaison between all platforms involved; without her, we would have had to hire someone to perform this role. Thank you, Emily.

We also acknowledge that there is still work to be done things that will need tweaking and revenue pathways to actively pursue, being advertising, traders, and stallholders.

ACARESJUN26-25 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the App Development Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

App Presentation by Emily Castrigno

Please open your ACA App and follow along on the projector screen.

2:35pm The meeting moved to Outward Correspondence.



Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Erica Hanrahan

Since our last meeting, our Sub Committee has been working tirelessly chasing quotes, local suppliers and getting ideas. We have all worked really hard to try elevating the overall look of the rider title buckles along with the prizes that go with them. We decided to make the move to try source the prizes from local suppliers to keep cost down and support the local district that is hosting the National Finals this year.

The following prizes will be presented on Saturday evening:

Championship Title Buckles made by Montana Silversmith for the Open, Open Lady, Novice, Maiden, Master, Lady, Associate and Juvenile Rider, along with Trophy Bits.

Just Country have also donated vets to all Runners Up along with \$150 vouchers for the Juvenile Title first to tenth place.

First to Tenth place in the Open Rider Title receive an Ariat Voucher to the value of \$300, along with all other titles third and fourth place getters.

Champion Open Lady and Lady Rider receive a Wagon Wheel Wreath.

First to Tenth place for the Juvenile title receive a Just Country Voucher to the value of \$150.

The Riverina Champion Open Horse Riverina receives one (1) tonne of horse feed and a horse rug. With second to tenth place also receiving bags of feed.

Royalish Champion Novice receives a Trophy Cup and a horse rug.

One Moore Daddy Rookie Horse receives a Trophy Cup and a horse rug.

Sire' Progeny Awardee receives a Trophy Lamp.

All other placegetters are presented with ribbons.

Cattle Donor Award recipients will be represented with a Trophy Clock.

If anyone would like further details, please let me know. This is a great outcome without compromising on quality.

ACARESJUN26-38 MOVED Erica Hanrahan SECONDED Allister Butcher that the Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3:36pm The meeting moved to The Next Management Committee Meeting Dates.

Code of Conduct Sub Committee Report

Presented by Les Hopkins on behalf of Chairperson Fiona Radke

The Code of Conduct Sub Committee met in May to deliberate on a case, the ruling has been sent to the member, with another still pending. The Sub Committee continues to carefully review all matters brought



before it, ensuring that all protocols and processes are followed in accordance with the ACA Disciplinary Bylaw.

I would like to sincerely acknowledge the Sub Committee members for their ongoing contribution and dedication, and to commend their professionalism, integrity, and commitment in managing these matters with care and diligence.

ACARESJUN26-29 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Pete Comiskey that the Code of Conduct Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.48pm The meeting moved to the Rules Sub Committee Report.

Judges Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Jason Comiskey

In late November, the Georgetown Judges Seminar was held, with over 40 participants attending. This seminar proved extremely popular, with attendees travelling long distances to participate. Thank you to facilitators Hugh Philp and Ben & Cheri Stanger for giving your time to ensure the event could take place. Caldervale also successfully held a seminar this year. Although it had fewer members in attendance, it was very well received by those who participated. Jock Weston and I were facilitators.

Whilst Rolleston was ready to go ahead in March, weather postponed the seminar, with a new date yet to be determined. It had also proven to be a popular venue, with approximately 30 members ready to attend previously. Thanks to Josh Phelps and Stewart Wallace, who, along with myself, offered to facilitate this seminar.

There has also been expression of interest from the Border Zone and Eastern NSW Zone.

The number of members willing to attend Judges Seminars is encouraging, and we have numerous applications to review from the previously held seminars. The office is frequently being asked when the next Judges Seminar will be held by members from all zones. If you have an enquiry, please touch base with a Sub Committee member, and we will do our best to organise a seminar in your zone.

ACARESJUN26-13 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Mat Durkin that the Judges Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1:47pm The meeting moved into committee to review and deliberate on the listed Judges applications, with Les Hopkins assuming the role of minute taker.

Open Judge Applications

Open Judge Applications were received from:

ACA OPEN JUDGE APPLICATIONS



Name	Proposers	Seminar Attended	Events Judged
Scott Hurley	Craig Sheppard, Kevin Ryan, Daryl Hurley, Kimberly Sammon, Luke McEwan	Toogoolawah 2023 Rohan Marks & Sean Dillon	Maiden Manumbar 2023 (200) Maiden Cooyar 2023 ACA (300) Novice Boonah 2024 ACA (400) Maiden Gatton 2024 ACA (200) Maiden Kilcoy 2024 (200) Novice Toogoolawah 2024 ACA (250) Open Cooyar 2024 ACA (250) Maiden Toogoolawah 2025 ACA (250) Maiden Cooyar 2025 (300)
Harry Steiger	Will Durkin, Ben Stanger, Cameron Lee, Jane Lee, Rohan Marks		Novice Rich River 2019 (115) Maiden Western District 2019 (90) Ladies Bacchus Marsh 2020 (65) Restricted Open Hamilton 2022 ACA (61) Three Round Open Hamilton 2022 ACA (160) Novice Hamilton 2022 ACA (240) Restricted Open Skipton 2022 (45) Open Skipton 2022 (100) Novice Eumamurrin 2024 ACA (180) Novice Corryong 2024 (175) Maiden Goondiwindi 2024 ACA (160) Maiden Cobram 2024 (140) Maiden Corryong 2024 (130) Novice Dirranbandi 2026 ACA (220)
Cheyenne O'Brien	Theresa Lansdowne, Brett Meyer, Jason Comiskey, Peter O'Neill, Toni O'Neill	Moranbah	Maiden Weetalaba 2023 (276) Novice B Alpha (187) Novice Retreat Creek 2025 (197)
Debra O'Brien	Theresa Lansdowne, Brett Meyer,	Moranbah	Futurity Springsure 2000 (60) Maiden B Retreat Creek 2025 (172)



	Jason Comiskey, Peter O'Neill, Toni O'Neill		
Aaron Willis	Will Durkin, Ben Hall, Dan Condon, Ben Stanger, Nick Hancock	Nebo 2023 Hugh Philp, Stewart Wallis, Bryan Symonds	Maiden Winton 2024 (170) Maiden Burke & Wills 2024 ACA (180) Novice Richmond 2024 (260) Maiden Boonderoo 2025 ACA (160) Novice Winton 2026 ACA (180) Novice Greenvale 2026 ACA (190)

Trial Judge Applications

Trial Judge Applications were received from:

ACA TRIAL JUDGE APPLICATIONS				
Name	Proposer	Proposer	Seminar Attended	Facilitators
Adam Clothier	Jock Weston	Jason Comiskey	Caldervale 2026	Jock Weston & Jason Comiskey
Aaron Prior	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Angus Rains	Jock Weston	Jason Comiskey	Caldervale 2026	Jock Weston & Jason Comiskey
Bill Hawkins	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Bill Prior	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Bruce Knight	Jock Weston	Jason Comiskey	Caldervale 2026	Jock Weston & Jason Comiskey
Brooke Quartermaine	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Bree Sexton	Jock Weston	Jason Comiskey	Caldervale 2026	Jock Weston & Jason Comiskey
Christine Bensted	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Claudia Steele	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp

Dan Want	Jock Weston	Jason Comiskey	Caldervale 2026	Jock Weston & Jason Comiskey
Erin Garde	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Glen Connolly	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Glen Duncombe	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Jessie Myles	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Jordyn Olditch	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Keely Smith	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Kevin Taylor	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Lachlan Bensted	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Peter Garde	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Renee Bester	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Renee Core	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Shawn Clarke	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Shae Pasetti	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Shelly Taylor	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Sam Terry	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Troy D'Addona	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Timina LeBrocq	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Teighan Williams	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp
Tony Smith	Ben Stanger	Hugh Philp	Georgetown 2025	Ben Stanger, Sheri Stanger & Hugh Philp



Mat Durkin and Mac Shann left the room to count the votes.

ACARESJUN26-14 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Josh Phelps that the following Open Judge applications be accepted; Aaron Willis, Harry Steiger, and Scott Hurley.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESJUN26-15 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Josh Phelps The following application to become and Open Judge are held over until further information regarding events judged is forthcoming; Cheyenne O'Brien and Deb O'Brien

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESJUN26-16 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Josh Phelps that the following Trial Judge application be accepted; Aaron Prior, Adam Clothier, Angus Rains, Bill Hawkins, Bill Prior, Bruce Knight, Brooke Quartermaine, Bree Sexton, Christine Bensted, Claudia Steele, Dan Want, Erin Garde, Glen Connolly, Glen Duncombe, Jessie Myles, Jordyn Olditch, Keely Smith, Kevin Taylor, Lachlan Bensted, Peter Garde, Renee Bester, Renee Core, Shawn Clarke, Shae Pasetti, Shelly Taylor, Sam Terry, Troy D'Adonna, Timina LeBrocq, Teighan Williams, Tony Smith.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.13pm the meeting moved out of committee, Siobhan resumed the role of minute taker.

2:14pm the meeting moved to Officers Reports - Finance Reports presented by Treasurer Shelley Curr.

National Finals Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Dane Bateman

The Sub Committee met earlier this year discussing topics relating to this years finals to make the process of the invitation events more efficient regarding nominations. It was decided that both the Rookie Horse and the Top 30 Shootout draw would be taken from those that have nominations in other events of the finals. This worked well with easy confirmation of horse and rider combination for the Top 30 and the top eight (8) Rookie Horses in the standings competing in the Rookie Horse Syndicate event.

Following discussions with the 2026/27 host committee, Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Campdraft Committee President Angus Rains indicated if consideration could be given to include a Maiden and Junior event to enhance engagement with local members and provide an opportunity for broader family participation. It was also acknowledged that Longreach was likely to maintain its traditional timing in late May/early June, with consideration being given to operating two arenas to improve scheduling and capacity.



Discussions opened around increasing grassroots participation at the National Finals, with Robert Daly seeking input from the Management Committee on how to make the event more accessible and appealing to the wider membership.

Topics discussed ranged from barriers to participation, including high nomination costs, the extended duration of the event, and the perception that the Finals primarily cater to elite competitors rather than the broader membership. It was noted that reduced nomination fees, shorter timeframes, and increased opportunities for lower tier competitors could improve attendance. The introduction of a Maiden event was strongly supported as a means of engaging grassroots riders, with suggestions that it could be run as part of the Finals program. If time constraints were an issue, the Maiden may be drawn from a Novice event. Consideration was also given to limiting entries or structuring the Maiden to manage participant numbers.

The concept of utilising double points, including round points and zone based incentives, was widely supported as a mechanism to increase participation and strengthen the zone titles engagement, with some members suggesting that zone presentations be conducted during Finals week. Alternative event formats were also discussed, including replacing the Top 30 shootout with zone based competitions along with the inclusion of Maiden and Junior events. Concerns were raised regarding program length, horse allocation across multiple arenas, and maintaining the balance between showcasing elite competition and supporting grassroots involvement.

It was acknowledged that Finals host committees should retain flexibility in structuring the event, particularly in relation to nomination fees, prize money, and additional events, while being supported by clear policy guidance from ACA. The importance of managing financial viability for host committees while encouraging greater member participation was emphasised. There was general agreement that policy amendments, including provisions for Maiden events and flexible program design, should be considered to better align the Finals with member expectations.

Overall, the Committee supported initiatives that would reduce cost and time barriers, introduce more inclusive competition opportunities, and strengthen zone engagement, with a view to making the Finals more relevant and accessible to the broader membership base.

ACARESJUN26-09 MOVE Dane Bateman SECONDED Gayle Shann that to amend the Nationals Finals Policy Formats first point from this:

- ACA National Finals must only include an Open, Restricted Open, Novice, Ladies, Juvenile, Rookie, and Top Thirty Shoot Out events.

TO

- The ACA National Finals must include an Open, Restricted Open, Novice, Ladies, Juvenile, Rookie, and Top Thirty Shoot Out events.

And ADD immediately after the above point:

- The host committee may run a Junior event.
- The host committee may run a Maiden event. In the case of a Maiden event all horses will be limited to two (2) first round starts excluding the Ladies, Juvenile, Junior, and invitational events.



CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion moved to proposed changes to how points are allocated at National Finals. Currently the points are allocated to both the season ended for which the finals re held and the current season in which the National Finals event is held while double points may be used at the discretion of the Management Committee.

It was proposed that awarding points for both rounds and additional double points for the three round aggregate winner to both the National Title and Zone Title maybe beneficial in promoting final. It was noted that this approach may encourage increased participation from Maiden and Novice riders outside the Top 10 in the standings. Analysis indicated that the introduction of double points would have minimal impact on overall standings, with little change to the top ten competitors and no change within the top five across most titles. While it was acknowledged that a three (3) titles were affected by double points in the 2024/25 finals within the Top 5, members generally agreed the incentive value outweighed the limited impact on rankings. Clarification was provided that double points would apply to the season to which the Finals contribute, with single points applied to the year in which the event is held. Consideration was also given to the administrative implications, including financial cost for changes to the Campdraft One, impacts on points allocation on the last day of the finals , and presentation arrangements. Further discussion will be required to address these matters.

ACARESJUN26-10 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Tom Gleeson to change the current wording of Rule Q. National Finals:

Q. National Finals

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

To

1. *For the National Finals draft, all horses must maintain the status they held at the end of the competition year prior to the finals.*
2. *Riders must be financial ACA members.*
3. *Horses must be ACA registered.*
4. *Points earned at the National Finals draft will be allocated for the competition season for which the National Finals is being held, as well as for the new competition season, as noted below:*
 - a. *Single points will be allocated to both rounds of all events.*
 - b. *Double points will be allocated to aggregate totals towards the National Titles. Double points will be allocated to the season ending only.*
 - c. *Double points will be allocated to aggregate totals towards the Zone Titles.*



- d. *Single points will be allocated to the new competition year in which the Finals are held.*

CARRIED
AGAINST Ben Hall, Mat Durkin
AGAINST by PROXY Dan Condon Nathan Bradley

12:51 The meeting recessed for lunch.

1:18 am The meeting resumed.

1:20pm Tom Gleeson excused himself from the meeting.

1:20pm Kathleen Gleeson left the room.

1:21pm The meeting moved to General Business.

Real Estate Investment Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Robert Daly.

The Management Committee discussed alternative investment options for the association's funds with real estate investment. It was noted that current office and associated costs were approximately \$80,000 per annum, and while purchasing a property outright for approximately \$800,000 was discussed, this option was not considered the most suitable long term strategy. It was noted that as an NFP, the organisation is exempt from capital gains tax, making commercial property investment an attractive opportunity. It was discussed that reallocating existing funds, from the current term deposit, in combination with financing, could facilitate the acquisition of a larger property to accommodate office space, storage, and additional leasable areas to generate income.

Potential returns were considered, including estimated rental yields of 4–5%, which could offset loan interest costs, and broader growth expectations of around 7–8% historically, with suggestions that external factors could support future increases. Risks were acknowledged, particularly in relation to liability and debt, though these were viewed as manageable given the associations' equity position and the potential to restructure assets and liabilities. Stamp duty implications were also discussed, with current advice indicating the organisation is not exempt; however, this is under further investigation, including the possibility of constitutional amendments to support eligibility.

It was generally agreed that continuing to pay rent represented a lost financial opportunity, and that ownership of a suitable commercial property could provide both operational benefits and income generation through leasing surplus space. There was consensus that a property meeting operational requirements, including office space, archival storage, parking, and suitable location, and further leasable space would be a sound strategic investment.

ACARESJUN26-06 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED Josh Phelps that the Real Estate Sub Committee investigates the options of purchasing a commercial investment property the with a loan of approximately



\$600,000 to add to the current term deposit of \$800,000 to the specifications discussed above as recorded, in the Toowoomba region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESJUN26-07 MOVED Josh Phelps SECONDED Erica Hanrahan, that the Real Estate Sub Committee are endorsed to commence discussions with Homestead Agribusiness to provide professional support and guidance in relation to the association's real estate investment strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8:48am The meeting moved to NCCA Report.

Rules Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, James McAuley

I hope 2026 has been a great start, with plenty of rain and fat cattle for the upcoming season. My congratulations to Paradise lagoons, for hosting the 2026 ACA National Finals, after a testing start of the year regarding fluctuating fuel prices.

The Rules Sub Committee have been working tirelessly with the office and the NCCA, as well as the ACA Executives and the ACA office staff, to ensure our rule book is updated with current times and to simplify our rules for all members in the best possible ways. There has not been a lot going on regarding the rules front over the quiet Christmas break of Campdrafting, but it is sure to change as we get further into the season.

One topic I will remind competitors, judges, committees, and members is the following:

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

I have been contacted by members, expressing their concerns, that some judges and competitors are flirting with the line in which this rule lies. Thankfully it has not been breached for a while, however, I would certainly ask judges and competitors to consider and remind themselves of the rule, and the vibe that a breach or contains. For example, husbands judging wives, wives judging husbands, parents judging their children, children judging their parents, judging a horse that comes off the truck that the judge has driven to a campdraft. All I am asking is simply, be aware and mindful of how it looks. The ACA has a massive judges panel, and split Maidens and Novices campdrafts, to reduce this risk.

We are living through some testing times currently, mainly the fuel prices and the cost of living. However, the time for panic is very unnecessary, and has not stopped committees being smashed with massive nominations and waiting lists, which is terrific to see. The show must go on, and I encourage committees to try and run, as this tough patch has not deterred competitors nominating in anyway form.

The ACA Rules Sub Committee will meet with the council in a couple of weeks in Toowoomba at the Showgrounds and will present a small agenda for consideration, I look forward to the discussion and keeping the members updated. I would encourage members to contact myself or anyone on the Rules Sub Committee if they require any information or clarification on the topics of rules.



ACARESJUN26-30 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Dane Bateman that the Rules Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rule Clarification

Campdraft One Lead Emily Castrigno seeks clarification on Horse Registrations Rule C.2:

ACARESJUN26-31 MOVED Kay Radke SECONDED James McAuley that the wording of Horse Registrations rule C.2 be change from:

- C.2 Registration is current for the life of the horse, provided the owner or lessee is a full financial member of ACA.

TO:

- C.2 Registration is current for the life of the horse, provided the owner or *rider* is a full financial member of ACA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESJUN26-32 MOVED Kay Radke SECONDED James McAuley that the wording of Championship Awards Rule K.1.J is change from:

- K.1.J. End of Year Zone Awards will be presented for the following categories: Open Horse, Novice Horse, Open Rider, Novice Rider, Lady Rider, Master Rider, Maiden Rider, Associate Rider and Juvenile Rider (Points gained at the National Finals are not included for these awards).

TO

- K.1.J. End of Year Zone Awards will be presented for the following categories: Open Horse, Novice Horse, Open Rider, Novice Rider, Lady Rider, Master Rider, Maiden Rider, Associate Rider and Juvenile Rider.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Horse Owner wording in Rule Book

Brought forward from the Code of Conduct Sub Committee a review of COR012 ACA Rule Book has been made regarding the wording around a horses 'owner'. Not all horse owners nominate and compete on their horses many have a designated agent that does. This should be reflected in the wording of the rules to ensure no confusion occurs as to where the responsibility lies if a horse is brought forward to the Code of Conduct for review regarding nominations or behaviour, which in turn could incur the suspension of a horse from competition.

ACARESJUN26-33 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Lloyd Davidson that the ACA delegates recommend to the NCCA at the next meeting to consider changing the current wording of the following rules:

Classes of Horses



To 8.1.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.

And 8.1.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 **and/or rider's** expense.

NCCA DRUGS AND WELFARE POLICY FOR HORSES USED IN CAMPDRAFTING

To 3.e. The cost of these tests will be borne by the governing associations except where such a test is positive, in which case the cost will be borne by the owner. In the event that a committee discovers or receives a complaint regarding inhumane treatment, abuse or any drug administration not in accordance with the above rules, the governing associations shall be notified and a hearing to consider disciplinary action against the responsible party (s) shall be scheduled.

And 3.e. The cost of these tests will be borne by the governing associations except where such a test is positive, in which case the cost will be borne by the owner **and/or rider**. In the event that a committee discovers or receives a complaint regarding inhumane treatment, abuse or any drug administration not in accordance with the above rules, the governing associations shall be notified and a hearing to consider disciplinary action against the responsible party (s) shall be scheduled.

NCCA CODE OF PRACTICE FOR COMMITTEES OPERATING A CAMPDRAFT GENERAL REQUIREMENT FOR ALL CAMPDRAFTS Horses

To 1. Owners of horses are responsible for ensuring the safety of the public is not compromised by horses that show dangerous behaviour. Owners must take all necessary action to isolate, or control such horses.

And 1. Owners **and/or riders** of horses are responsible for ensuring the safety of the public is not compromised by horses that show dangerous behaviour. Owners must take all necessary action to isolate, or control such horses.

To 2. It is the horse owners responsibility to ensure, as far as possible that horses and riders are matched to each other for the activities being undertaken.

And 2. It is the horse owners **and/or riders** responsibility to ensure, as far as possible that horses and riders are matched to each other for the activities being undertaken.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Recommendation

That the following rules wording be amended from: 'and/or rider' after the word 'owner':

	A.12	All horses are to be run in the first round as nominated by the owner.
To		
	A.12	All horses are to be run in the first round as nominated by the owner and/or rider .
And		
	A.15.C	Unregistered horses must be accompanied by a veterinarian's certificate stating their age, obtained at owner's expense.
To		
	A.15.C	Unregistered horses must be accompanied by a veterinarian's certificate stating their age, obtained at owner's and/or rider's expense.
And		
	C.2	Registration is current for the life of the horse, provided the owner or lessee is a full financial member of ACA.
To		
	C.2	Registration is current for the life of the horse, provided the owner, rider or lessee is a full financial member of ACA.

Robert Daly asked that the recommendation to amend the ACA rules, A.12, A.15.C, and C.2 be revisited after NCCA reviewed the NCCA Rules as noted above.

INC495 Email from BJ & Amelia Rea Re Proposal to Address Late Scratchings and Refund Structures

Email requesting updates to Rule D Nominations and Fees, proposing the following changes:

- At time of nomination and payment, committees retain 50% of the nomination fee as a non-refundable deposit.
- The remaining 50% is eligible for a refund in accordance with the current scratching rule.

The Management Committee considered the proposal from BJ and Amelia Rea regarding changes to address the late scratchings and the current refund structure and agreed that the matter would not be progressed at this time, with no amendments to Rule D. Nominations and Fees supported. Feedback from members and experienced committee representatives indicated that the existing seven day scratching rule was generally sufficient.

Concerns were raised that retaining fifty (50) percent of nomination fees as a non refundable holding deposit was excessive, and there was general agreement that the current rule did not warrant amendment. Alternative approaches were discussed, including the use of waitlists and improved management of repeat offenders at a committee level. It was also acknowledged that secretaries carry a significant administrative burden, and that shortening nomination timeframes or utilising waitlists and the timeframe in when invoices were sent out for payment may assist in managing late scratchings.



It was further recognised that committees have discretion in applying existing rules, and members would likely be dissatisfied with stricter refund conditions. Overall, the consensus was that the current rules remain appropriate, with no immediate need for change.

ACARESJUN26-34 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Shelley Curr that a letter be sent in reply to BJ and Amelia Rea's email 'Proposal to address late scratchings and refunds structures', that after consideration from the Management Committee no changes or additions would be made to Rule D. Nominations and Fees

CARRIED
AGAINST Norma Shannon

Sponsors Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Shelley Curr

The below points are in reference as shown in Appendix I in the agenda.

Alignment of Sponsorship Year:

- We received approval from Finance & Administration to align the sponsorship year with the financial year. This change should simplify budgeting and better fit most business models and sponsorship arrangements.

Zone Sponsorships:

- All zone sponsorships have been secured, with the exception of Western Australia, and Border Zone. We are continuing to pursue a sponsor for these Zones.

Zone Buckles: Buckles for all zones have been ordered, and invoices have been issued.

Ongoing Activities:

- We are actively pursuing sponsorships and advertising opportunities across the entire ACA.

Next Steps and Timeline:

- Finalize WA and Border Zone sponsorships, continue outreach for new sponsors and advertising slots, and provide a status updates.

Risks/Mitigations:

- If WA and Border Zone sponsorship is not secured by end June, consider interim local partners or a contingency plan.

ACARESJUN26-12 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Jason Comiskey that the Sponsorship Sub Committee report is received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1:45pm The meeting moved to Judges Sub Committee Report.



Voluntary Secretary Support Sub Committee Report

Presented by Kay Radke on behalf of Chairperson Annie Willilamson

Everything is running smoothly; there has not been any more issues with the LinkUS phone app.

Weekends on call are varied, some are quiet, other weekends there are several calls with general enquiries. Jenni levers has now joined the roster, which has been great to share the weekends around further. Norma Shannon has been training on Campdraft One with Emily, and Emily is still working on Campdraft One training with Katie Birney.

We have also been offering on ground support when one of us is attending a scheduled draft.

We would like to possibly start a Secretary Support group by zone, with secretaries from each zone not only support each other, but to be able to communicate & work together to eliminate or minimize issues such as competitors that are continually scratching, making multiple changes once a draw is done and take a stand against abusive behaviour.

ACARESJUN26-35 MOVED Kay Radke SECONDED Mat Durkin that the Voluntary Secretary Support Sub Committee report is received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.33pm Mat Durkin excused himself from the meeting and left the room.

Youth Camp and Starter Clinic Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson Allister Butcher

Request for funding for Starter Clinics and Youth Camps has been quiet. We currently have an application from Esk for their annual Youth Camp, which is due to be held next month, with nearly forty (40) youth members interested in attending.

The ACA Office team continue to encourage those committees who are interested in holding clinics to access the funding towards either a Youth Camp or Starter Clinic. To date the following committees have hosted clinics without funding requests; Boonderoo, Dirranbandi, Gidgeefield, and Goondiwindi.

With a budget for Camps and Clinics of \$15,000 ACA have the funds available to assist committees in hosting Starter Clinics and Youth Camps across the country. Camps and Clinics provide participants with the foundations of the rules and expectations of members participating at ACA affiliated events, and as the fastest growing horse sport in the country participation in clinics is encouraged.

Recommendation

ACARESJUN26-36 MOVED Allister Butcher SECONDED Lloyd Davidson that the Youth Camp and Starter Clinic Sub Committee report is received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3:36pm The meeting moved to Animal Welfare Sub Committee Report.

General Business

Chairperson Robert Daly will call for General Business.

Kay Radke advised that Roll of Honour recipient John Plant would like to express his appreciation for this recognition.

Mac Shann brought forward the notion of a Prize Money Incentive Jackpot, he would like the Mangmetn Committee to consider this and come back tot the next meeting with comments on how it may be implemented.

The proposal is to introduce a 'jackpot' prize pool within an event. All competitors enter as usual, but those who opt into the jackpot would pay a higher nomination fee, while others pay the standard fee. This does not affect placings or points—the event results remain the same for everyone.

Instead, there would be separate prize money pools: one for standard nominations and another for those who paid the higher fee, with prize money distributed accordingly.

Discussion clarified that:

- The event and placings are shared by all competitors.
- Only the prize money distribution differs based on nomination level.
- The concept would require systems capable of handling multiple prize pools, which may not currently be supported.

Gayle Shann asked that consideration is given to the Rookie Horse title and to bring these to the next meeting. Gayle suggested it is an important award for the horses first season and maybe it should be changed to being a title the same way the other titles are run, rather than the syndicate sponsorship system it currently falls under.

Josh Phelps mentioned that a community member is developing a campdraft board game and proposes including the ACA logo on the game as a form of endorsement, with no financial arrangement, but rather an in kind relationship where ACA may help promote the game upon release.

The idea was supported for further consideration, with a recommendation to refer it to the Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee for review. It was also noted that the proposal should be submitted to the office to ensure compliance with the ACA Style Guide, with collaboration from the creators graphic designer and ACA Marketing Officer.

Allister Butcher reported that the SWWA Zone campdraft committees that had considered affiliating with the ACA have now held their AGMs and chosen not to for the time being. This outcome is disappointing, particularly given that clear examples had been provided demonstrating both the financial advantages and operational efficiencies of affiliating with the ACA.



Les Hopkins thanked Allister Butcher for making the effort to attend meetings regularly from Western Australia, noting he was an example to all. Allister's continued support and promotion of ACA in South West Western Australia is appreciated.

NCCA Matters

Presented by Jason Comiskey

8:49am Jason Comiskey assumed the role of Chairperson for the duration of the discussion.

The NCCA continues to work with delegates from its member organisations to discuss and maintain the NCCA rule book and policies as well as governance as a Nationally Recognised Sport.

As my previous report mentioned The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) provides recognition status to National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) and National Sporting Organisations for People with Disability (NSODs) to help achieve the Australian Government's sporting objectives. ASC recognition establishes a minimum standard of governance and operation and is a key step in NSO/Ds being eligible for ASC investment.

Following the assessment of the NCCA's submission, the ASC has advised that the NCCA has met the requirements of recognition, with the exception of the governance criterion. Specifically, the ASC has identified the NCCA's constitution does not currently meet the requirements specified in the recognition criteria.

The changes to the NCCA constitution would monumentally change how the NCCA board has historically operated, and to continue to be an NSO the board has recently voted to amend the constitution to reflect the changes specified by the ASC to ensure director independence. I have successfully negotiated with the ASC that the NCCA have 3 years to comply with said changes.

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

Regards

Laura Comiskey

NCCA Secretary

The Management Committee discussed ongoing changes within the NCCA aimed at aligning with National Sporting Organisation (NSO) requirements, noting that incorporation had been completed in previous years and that a new constitution had been developed. The proposed changes would remove the ability for associations to appoint delegates from their office bearers and introduce an overarching governing structure above the NCCA. Concerns were raised regarding potential loss of autonomy, increased compliance obligations, and the influence of external bodies on the governance of campdrafting.

9:03am Stewart Wallace entered the room.

The Committee considered the potential implications of not remaining aligned with an NSO, including reduced access to funding opportunities, insurance considerations, and risks relating to animal welfare and regulatory compliance. It was acknowledged that while the current State Government may continue to support funding, future changes in government could impact this. Members also noted that remaining within

the NCCA and broader national framework provided stability, collective representation, and support for the sport.

Discussion highlighted that there would be a three-year transition period to implement the proposed changes, providing an opportunity to monitor the impact and reassess ACA's position if necessary. While concerns were expressed regarding governance, compliance requirements, and external oversight, the general consensus was to continue engagement with the NCCA and support the proposed changes in the interim. It was agreed that maintaining membership would preserve ACA's influence and position within the sport, with the option to review participation should the framework become overly restrictive.

It was further agreed that a formal response be prepared on behalf of ACA, acknowledging concerns while indicating a willingness to support the constitutional changes during the transition period. This position would be presented at the next NCCA meeting scheduled for 27 June.

9:28 The meeting recessed for morning tea.

10:03 The meeting resumed.

ACARESJUN26-08 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Pete Comiskey to respond to the constitutional changes of NCCA noting that ACA are supportive of the NCCA in its current structure, however, are concerned with the changes to the constitution of the NCCA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:16 The meeting moved to National Finals Sub Committee.

Next Meeting Dates

The date for the next Management Committee Meeting will be set after further consultation, with August identified as the preferred month. Possible locations include Brisbane or Toowoomba, and feedback on preferences will be sought via email from Les Hopkins to members.

During discussion, no members indicated opposition to Toowoomba when asked, although Brisbane was also noted as a popular option.

Meeting Close

Chairperson Robert Daly closed the meeting at 3:38pm.