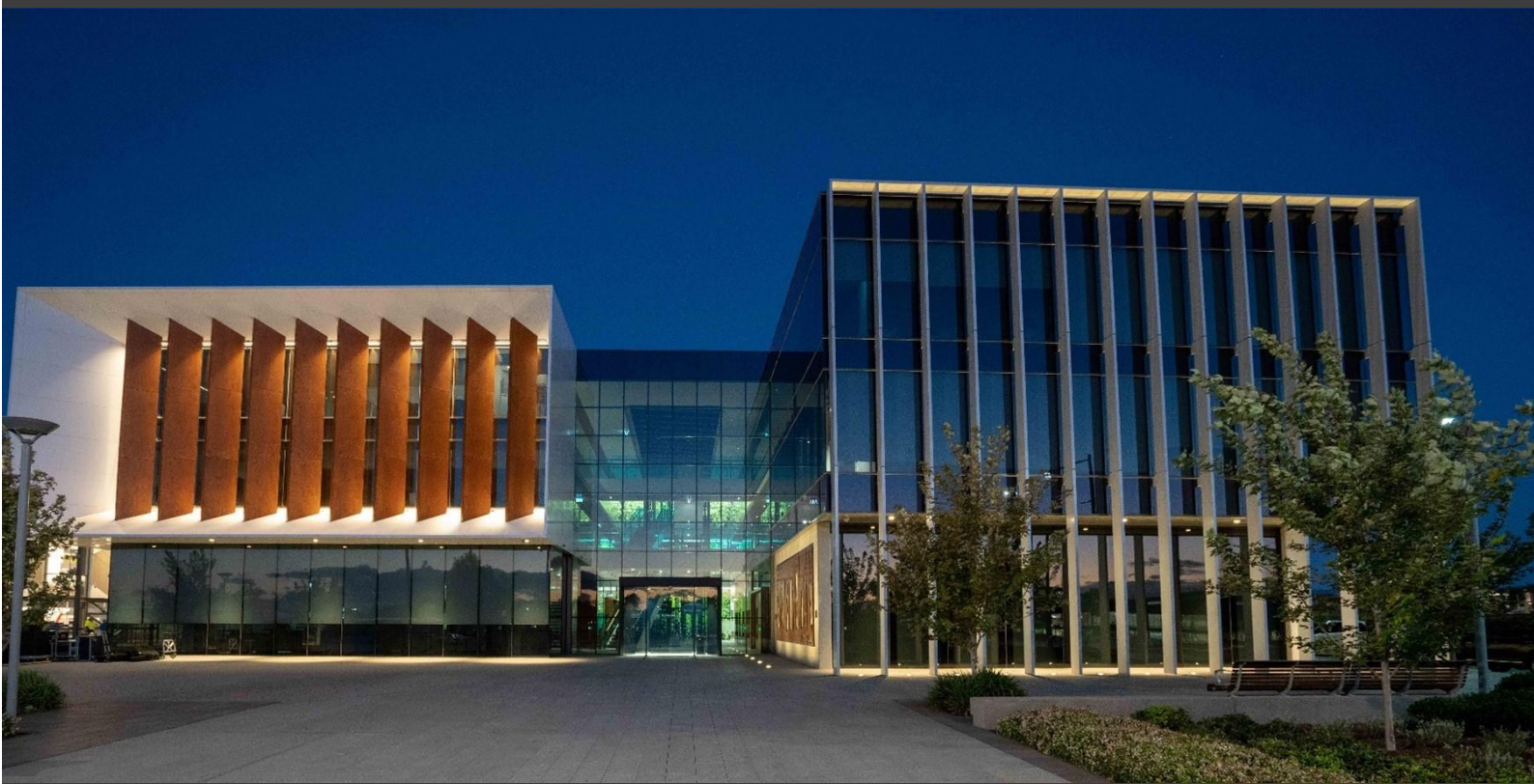


# Minutes

Companion Animals Advisory Committee  
Meeting  
Camden Council  
Administration Centre  
70 Central Avenue, Oran Park

8 August 2023



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**MEETING COMMENCED**

11:35am

**PRESENT**

Dr Steven Ferguson, Dr Derek Keeper, Ms Joanne Lawrence, Ms Sharon Richards, Ms Kate Kabrovski, Ms Cherie Davis, Ms Kerrie Elias and Ms Colleen Richards.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Manager Environment and Regulatory Services, Team Leader Ranger Services, Companion Animals Rangers and Governance Officer – Panel & Committees.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Manager Environment and Regulatory Services gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest noted.

**APOLOGIES**

The following apologies are to be noted:

Councillor Campbell  
Councillor Symkowiak  
Dr Simone Maher

**Note:** Due to the absence of both Councillors, the Manager Environment and Regulatory Services acted as the Chairperson for this meeting with the approval of Councillor Campbell.

**CAAC01 Confirmation of Minutes - 9 May 2023****RESOLVED**

That the Companion Animals Advisory Committee adopt and confirm the Minutes of the Companion Animals Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 May 2023, copies of which are attached and have been circulated.

**Action Items:**

Nil.

**CAAC02 Camden Animal Shelter Update****RESOLVED**

That the Companion Animals Advisory Committee note the contents of the verbal update.

**Action Items:**

- The advert for the role Client-Side Project Support Officer (Camden Animal Shelter) to be sent to the Committee.

**CAAC03 Cat Management Plan****RESOLVED**

That the Companion Animals Advisory Committee note the contents of the verbal update.

**Action Items:**

- Ms Kerrie Elias to pass on details to Manager Environment and Regulatory Services of owner of cat roaming in Oran Park, the cat being unchipped, for staff to investigate and follow up.
- Ms Sharon Richards advised she wants Council to lobby the Government to review the *Companion Animals Act 1998*. The Manager Environment and Regulatory Services advised the Committee as a whole is required to put forth this proposal and suggested that Ms Richards should table her suggestion at the next meeting for the Committee to review and consider.

**CAAC04 Operational Update****RESOLVED**

That the Companion Animals Advisory Committee note the information provided.

**Action Items:**

- Ms Kerrie Elias to pass along details to Council Staff regarding a litter of cats left at Harrington Park Coles for desexing information.
- A photo to be sent to those attending the meeting online of the new merchandise (confirming this occurred during the meeting in the Teams Chat function).
- The Manager Environment and Regulatory Services noted that an invitation will be extended to the Acting Manager Public Affairs to attend the next meeting. This will allow her to hear concerns/suggestions around the Paws in the Park event given it's a companion animals based event.

**General Business**

The Manager Environment and Regulatory Services enquired if Committee Members had any items to raise under General Business and the following items were noted:

- Ms Joanne Lawrence enquired regarding advertisement of desexing vouchers and noted that Council should consider locations adjacent to Centrelink and employment agencies that can assist people in that demographic.
- Dr Derek Keeper advised the Committee of research that is being undertaken of a potential contraceptive injection for cats. The research in other animals shows 60-70% in rendering cats sterile with 2 injections resulting in around 90%.


Council staff raised the issue around permanency of the injections and limited knowledge available. The Manager Environment and Regulatory Services


advised we can reach out to the company producing the injections to gain insight to the study. **(Action Item)**

- Dr Steven Ferguson noted that there is currently a parliamentary inquiry regarding veterinary workforce shortage with submissions available.
- Ms Sharon Richards noted that 307 community cats were desexed in neighbouring councils.
- Ms Kerrie Elias advised that she was contacted in regards to the Glow Walk at Harrington Park and was asked to enquire if additional lighting can be arranged. The Manager Environment and Regulatory Services advised that Kerrie could contact Customer Service or himself directly and they can direct the enquiry to the relevant team.
- Ms Kerrie Elias advised that the gate at Spring Farm dog park is broken. Council staff raised a CRM during the meeting to get this rectified.
- Ms Kate Kabrovski asked if there was any update regarding the canine parvovirus outbreak. Council staff advised that Council advised Rossmore Veterinary Hospital to keep us informed of any outbreaks and no updates have been received.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 12:44pm.**

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