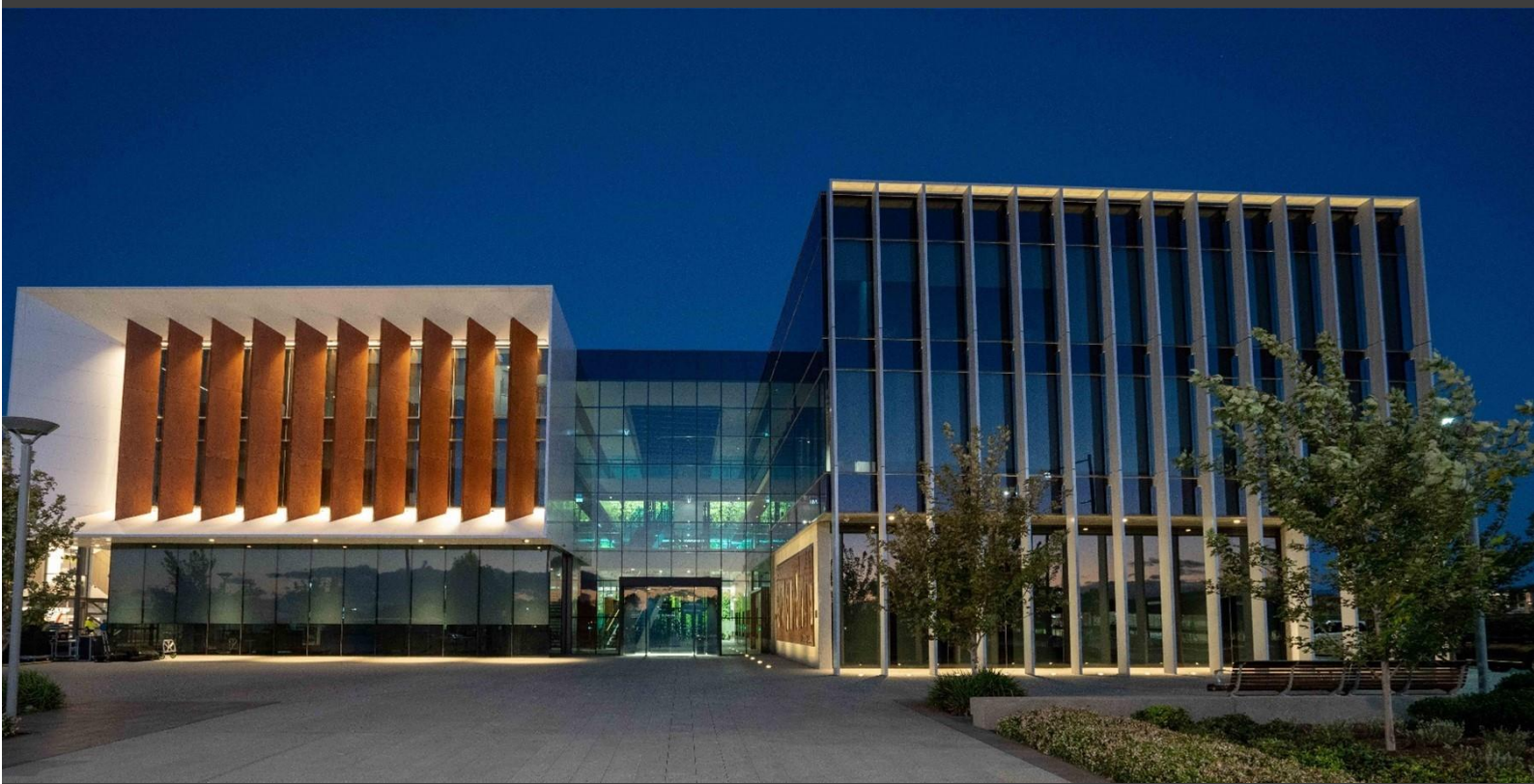


Minutes

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

9 May 2023



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MEETING COMMENCED: 11:35am

PRESENT

Councillor Campbell, Dr Simone Maher, Dr Derek Keeper, Ms Joanne Lawrence, Ms Sharon Richards, Ms Cherie Davis and Ms Colleen Ritchard.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Manager Environment and Regulatory Services (Chairperson), Business Support Officer, two Companion Animals Rangers and Governance Officer – Panel & Committees.

Note: Cr Campbell stated that she was unable to act as the Chairperson due to illness. The Manager Environment and Regulatory Services acted as the Chairperson for this meeting at Cr Campbell's request.

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 AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The following apologies are noted:

Kerrie Elias
Kate Busuttil
Councillor Symkowiak
Steven Ferguson
Kate Kabrovski

CAAC01 Confirmation of Minutes - 14 February 2023

RESOLVED

That the Companion Animals Advisory Committee adopt and confirm the Minutes of the Companion Animals Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 February 2023, copies of which are attached and have been circulated.

Discussion/Action Items:

Ms Colleen Ritchard requested she be noted as an apology for the meeting on 14 February 2023.

CAAC02 Camden Animal Shelter Update**RESOLVED**

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

Action Items:

The Manager Environment and Regulatory Services to consider feedback received regarding the food preparation area compared to where the dog housing is located.

CAAC03 Operational Update**RESOLVED**

That the Companion Animals Advisory Committee note the information provided.

Action Items:

The Companion Animals Ranger to provide statistics to the Committee relating to the desexing and microchipping programs.

The Manager Environment and Regulatory Services to enquire about the use of other advertising locations to promote adoptions and responsible pet ownership, including in Camden town centre and Bunnings Warehouse.

CAAC04 Cat Management Plan**RESOLVED**

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

Action Items:

The Manager Environment and Regulatory Services to provide the collated feedback on the draft plan and a copy of the Draft Cat Management Plan to the Committee Members.

CAAC05 Forward Meeting Plan - 2023/2024**RESOLVED**

That the Companion Animals Advisory Committee endorse a forward meeting plan for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Action Items:

The Committee to retain the quarterly meeting schedule.

General Business

- Ms Joanne Lawrence advised that she was presented with a petition for off leash times whilst at the Paws in the Park Event. Cr Campbell advised that no change has occurred to times since roughly 2008 and Councillors are aware of this. However, new signage went up to establish more responsibility for dog owners. The Manager Environment and Regulatory Services advised that the

Manager Open Space and Sustainability is the person who should be contacted regarding this issue. **After the meeting, it has been clarified that the responsible Manager is the Manager Economic Development and Activation.**

- Ms Joanne Lawrence enquired about the timing of Paws in the Park and asked the Committee if they agreed that the event could finish at 3pm rather than 1pm. The Committee agreed with Joanne and the Manager Environment and Regulatory Services advised he would pass this feedback on to the Events Team.
- Ms Joanne Lawrence noted that she believed the sponsor for Paws in the Park event endorses backyard breeding, which is contrary to Council's Companion Animal Program. The Manager Environment and Regulatory Services advised he couldn't comment on that but would seek clarification from the Events Team.

MEETING CLOSED AT 1pm.

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