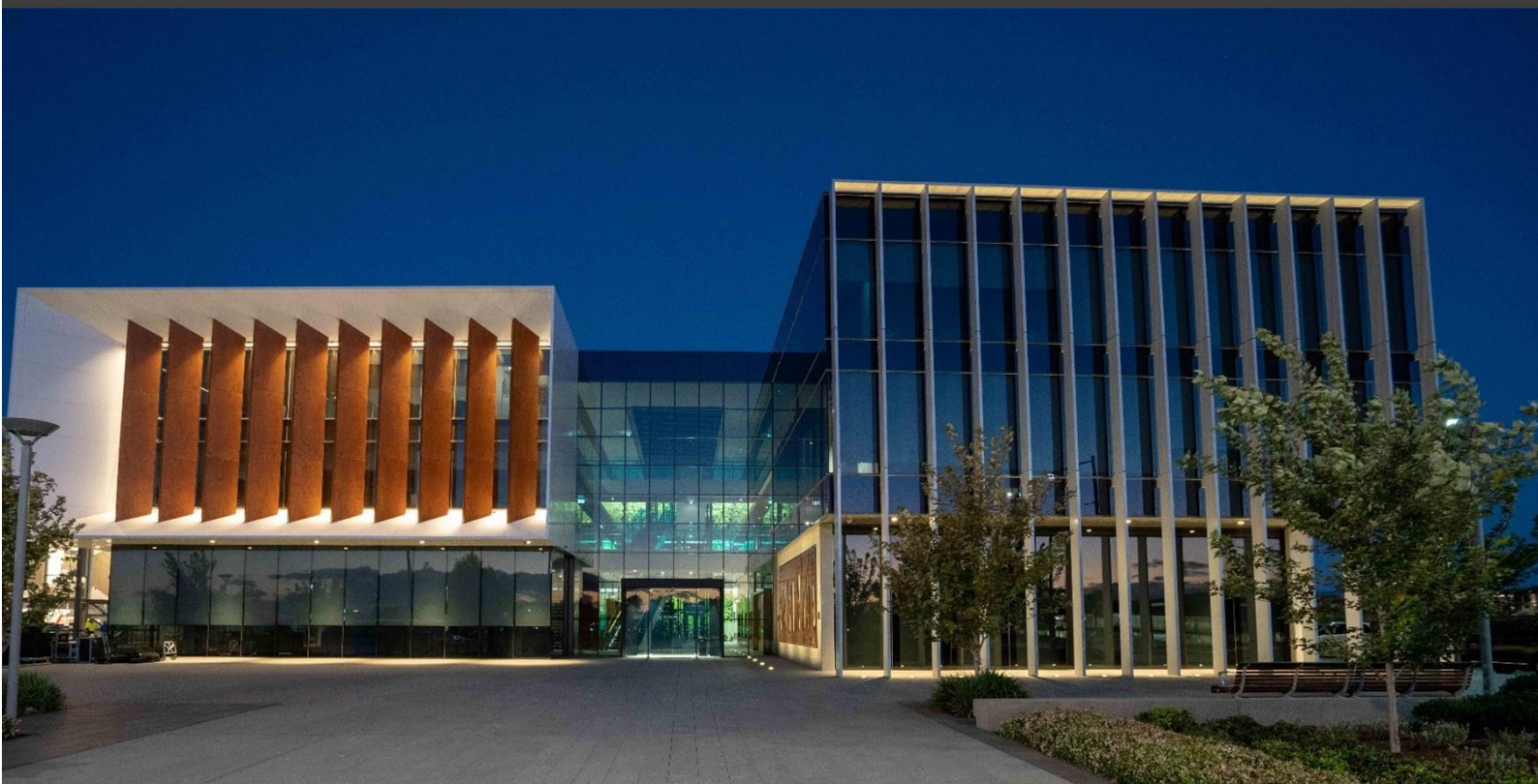


Minutes

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

12 November 2024



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MEETING COMMENCED: 11:35am.

PRESENT

Dr Steven Ferguson, Dr Derek Keeper, Ms Joanne Lawrence (arrived at 11:44am), Ms Sharon Richards, Ms Kate Kabrovski (arrived 11:55am), Ms Cherie Davis.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Acting Manager Environment and Regulatory Services, Companion Animals Rangers, Client-Side Project Support Officer (CAS) and Governance Officer – Panel & Committees.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Acting 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 Committee noted that an apology was received by Kerrie Elias.

CAAC01 Confirmation Of Minutes - 13 August 2024

RESOLVED

Moved by Dr Derek Keeper, seconded by Ms Sharon Richards.

That the Companion Animals Advisory Committee confirm and adopt the Minutes of the Companion Animals Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2024.

Action Items:

Nil.

CAAC02 Camden Animal Shelter Update

RESOLVED

Moved by Dr Derek Keeper, seconded by Ms Sharon Richards.

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

Discussion/Action Items:

A presentation was provided by Client-Side Project Support Officer (CAS) with an updated concept plan as the original has come over budget. Council's Executive Leadership Group has decided to proceed with DA lodgement despite the plan coming in over budget. This will occur in early 2025.

The Committee will be provided with correspondence once the DA has been lodged to allow for Committee Members to provide submissions.

Client-Side Project Support Officer (CAS) advised the following for the updated plan:

- No number changes to both cats and dogs areas. Cats have their own vertical enclosures with a window type seating at the front.
- Undercover area to be added to the dog meet and greet area to meet the requirements of the DA.
- Client-Side Project Support Officer (CAS) thanked Dr Steven Ferguson and Dr Derek Keeper for their expertise and feedback on future surgery areas for the DA to included areas for onsite desexing.

The Committee noted that the bottom pharmacy area could be removed and put into the surgery area with a lockable cupboard/storeroom for medications and that room be utilised for other needs of the site.

The Committee enquired whether the tender will go out for one company to undertake the whole project or whether the project is broken up. Client-Side Project Support Officer (CAS) advised this would taken on notice and an update would be provided back to the Committee.

CAAC03 Cat Management Plan

RESOLVED

Moved by Dr Steven Ferguson, seconded by Ms Cherie Davis.

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

Discussion/Action Items:

Nil.

CAAC04 Operational Update

RESOLVED

Moved by Dr Steven Ferguson, seconded by Ms Cherie Davis.

That the Companion Animals Advisory Committee note the information provided.

Action/Discussion Items:

The following update was provided by staff:

- Submission being prepared for change in legislation, therefore Staff are holding off writing to State Government. The link to the submission is <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=3011#tab-timeline>
- 5 dogs adopted in August, 10 dogs adopted in September and 10 dogs adopted in October.
- 5 cats adopted in August, 2 cats adopted in September and 4 cats adopted in October.

- 1 cat euthanised in October and 2 kittens passed away after being brought in unwell.
- Impound numbers – 15 dogs and 3 cats however 3 litters of kittens are expected to arrive soon.
- Cat desexing – 15k total budget and 9k worth of vouchers have been issued.
- 2 new vets have come into the desexing program.
- Event at Bunnings Gregory Hills (Adoption Drive) 10am to 1pm on 16 November 2024.
- A local daycare has reached out to have a visit about responsible pet ownership.

MEETING CLOSED AT 12:17pm.

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