

Minutes

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

14 May 2024



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MEETING COMMENCED: 11:35am.

PRESENT

Dr Derek Keeper, Ms Joanne Lawrence (arrived at 11:45am), Ms Sharon Richards, Ms Kerrie Elias, Ms Cherie Davis (11:39am).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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 the following apologies for the meeting:

Councillor Campbell
Councillor Symkowiak
Ms Colleen Richard
Ms Kate Busuttil
Dr Steven Ferguson

Manager Environment and Regulatory Services noted that Dr Simone Maher has resigned from the Committee due to new employment responsibilities, and thanked her for her ongoing support and contributions.

Note: In the absence of a quorum, the meeting was conducted informally in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

CAAC01 Confirmation Of Minutes - 13 February 2024 And 26 March 2024

RECOMMENDED

That the Companion Animals Advisory Committee: confirm and adopt the Minutes of the Companion Animals Advisory Committee Meetings held on 13 February 2024 and 26 March 2024, copies of which are attached and have been circulated.

Action Items:

The adoption of the Minutes to be postponed to the next meeting due to the lack of quorum.

CAAC02 Items Submitted By Committee Members**RECOMMENDED**

That the Companion Animals Advisory Committee information in this report is noted and any information requested be provided at the meeting or investigated with an update to follow in due course.

Action Items:

Nil.

CAAC03 Camden Animal Shelter Update**RECOMMENDED**

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

Action Items:

A report to be provided back to the Committee providing an update once the Development Application has been submitted.

CAAC04 Cat Management Plan**RECOMMENDED**

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

Action Items:

The Committee to receive periodic reports to advise on actions once they are implemented.

Governance Officer Panel & Committees to liaise with Ms Sharon Richards to receive information for a report for the Committee's consideration regarding writing to the State Members to amend legislation around colony cats.

CAAC05 Operational Update**RECOMMENDED**

That the Companion Animals Advisory Committee note the information provided.

Action Items:

Nil.

CAAC06 Forward Meeting Plan - 2024/2025**RECOMMENDED**

That the Companion Animals Advisory Committee endorse a forward meeting plan for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Action Items:

In the absence of a quorum, Governance Officer Panel & Committees to email Committee to schedule a meeting for August 2024 to which the balance of the Forward Meeting Plan can be adopted.


General Business

- Ms Joanne Lawrence noted an event called Dogs in the Park has an event listed for Camden in July and wondered whether Council Staff are working with them on this event. Manager Environment and Regulatory Services advised that Staff will check in with the Events Team. [Events Dates 2024 \(dogsintheparknsw.org\)](https://www.dogsintheparknsw.org)
- Ms Joanne Lawrence noted that she is working with Staff to produce a Pet Rental Resume to assist those trying to gain a rental property when they have pets.

MEETING CLOSED AT 12:30pm.

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