



Minutes  
 Australian Cat  
 Federation Inc.  
 Annual General Meeting  
 Tuesday 11 June 2024  
 Crowne Plaza, Hawkesbury Valley



President – Judith Jordan	Vice President – Scoot Andresen	Secretary – Robbie
Walker Treasurer – Jan Sterry	CANT. – Julian Schuller	Cats NSW – Peta
Sperduty Cats NSW – Tony Hurry	Cats WA – Carole Galli	Cats WA – Kay
Woods FCCQ – Isobel Johnstone	FCCQ – Erin Brown	GCCFSA – Debs
Armishaw GCCFSA – Liz Andresen	GCCFV – Linda Kitson	QFA – Janis
Christison QFA – Barbara LaRocca	QICC – Julie Walker	TFA – Anne Harvey

**OBSERVERS**

Patricia Bunter	Carolynn Davis	Kerry Fowler	Chris Merritt
Wendy Mieglitz	Melinda Radus	Kingsley Schmidtke	Jade Till

Meeting opened at 0830

**1. OPENING & WELCOME**

President, Judith Jordan, welcomed everyone and provided housekeeping guidelines and breaks.

**2. APOLOGIES**

CAT – Lesley Morgan	COAWA – Annette Joesbury	COAWA – Jillian Reed
GCCFSA – Fiona Hawkins	GCCFV – Christian Nimmervoll	QICC – Rodney McGregor
TFA – Vanessa Sullivan		

**3. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- a. Corrections to the Minutes None advised
- b. Confirmation of the Minutes as correct  
 That the minutes be accepted as a true & correct record

**Moved:** FCCQ, Isobel Johnstone

**Seconded:** Cats WA, Carole Galli

**Approved:** Unanimously

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

**5. FINANCE**

- a. Financial Reports  
 As circulated to delegates at the meeting
- b. Honoraria  
 Honoraria is for the equipment, and maintenance of equipment, which is \$750.00. The Treasurer requested that this be paid to ACF Secretary, Robbie Walker.

**Moved:** Treasurer, Jan Sterry

**Seconded:** Cats NSW, Peta Sperduty

**Approved:** Unanimously

**Treasurer**, Jan Sterry, in recent years the Treasurer has only had 50% of their airfare reimbursed, per By-laws 6.I, clause 3.3

**Secretary**, Robbie Walker, advised that it was reduced to 50% when he held the office of Treasurer, I support the reimbursement going back to 100%.

**Cats WA**, Carole Galli, when I was secretary, the secretary always used to get paid \$1,500.00. In the same year, Robbie reduced the treasurer's, I reduced mine down to \$750.00. We might like to consider whether we want to increase the Secretary's reimbursement, prices have increased significantly.

**QICC**, Julie Walker, I remember the days the delegates received \$250.00, I cannot see how somebody who puts in so much work only gets 50% of their airfare paid, the Treasurer apart from Robbie's probably has the next highest workload.

**Moved:** Treasurer, Jan Sterry

**Seconded:** QICC, Julie Walker

**Approved:**

Unanimously

**Treasurer**, Jan Sterry, I also want to propose that 50% of the Vice Presidents airfare is reimbursed.

**QICC**, Julie Walker, Scoot is shaking his head, I would like Jan's proposal to state at the discretion of the officeholder, what we decide today may affect future Vice Presidents.

**Moved:** Treasurer, Jan Sterry

**Seconded:** Cats WA, Carole Galli

**Approved:**

Unanimously

## 6. REPORTS — OFFICERS & MEMBER BODIES

- a. President, Judith Jordan, as circulated. Thank you once again TFA for hosting the 2023 ACF National and of course Cats NSW for a fabulous two days. The two days ran smoothly, it just shows what good teamwork can achieve. I would like to encourage everyone to keep the nice collaborative team mindset moving forward.

**Moved:** Judith Jordan

**Seconded:** Cats WA, Carole Galli

**Accepted:** Unanimously

- b. Secretary, as circulated

**Moved:** Robbie Walker

**Seconded:** GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw

**Accepted:** Unanimously

- c. World Cat Congress Delegate

As circulated a few months ago, brilliant weekend, amazing show, some 600 odd entries a bit daunting to walk in to ARC the host club looked after everyone very well. The meetings themselves, I don't really think there was a lot of outcomes from them. The update from Leslie Lyons to Dominant Blue Eyes was interesting.

It is a very expensive organisation to be a part of, this year some of the expense was offset by the fact that I was judging had I not, I do not know what it would have cost ACF. I've queried this in the past, no one has the actual dollar value for sending a delegate, I still believe it is questionable, I know there are also a lot of people that believe that we cannot afford not to be a part of WCC. I think it is just something that we need to be mindful of as to what is the actual cost to be a part of WCC and what we do we get in return. It is not for me to decide, it is up to ACF.

**Moved:** WCC Delegate, Scoot Andresen

**Seconded:** GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw

**Accepted:** Unanimously

**QICC**, Julie Walker, I agree, we could still be a member of the World Cat Congress but not send a delegate. I can't see what real benefit it has for ACF. We can send a delegate if there's something on the agenda that is important. I think that I agree with Scoot.

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**Cats WA**, Carole Galli, technology has moved forward, I know that WCC is totally anti Zoom meetings, for some organisations it is too costly to attend. WCC could consider allowing people to zoom into the meeting and have a physical presence there. I agree that it's probably good to have that connection, having attended the WCC meeting in Tasmania, the most important thing that they discussed was where they were going to hold the next meeting.

I do not know that a lot comes out of the meetings, and I do question the cost of sending someone I know that it is good to have but these days there is so much communication electronically you can stay in touch whereas when it was established years ago, you could only get together.

**Cats NSW**, Tony Hurry, I just want to make a comment, I believe ACF should be attached and linked to WCC. But we have all had to question what we do get out of it. Their mantra is bringing harmony to the cat world, in recent years we have split up more. Do they ever review what they are achieving against what the aim is?

I think it is more important that we as ACF, get ourselves more united than what WCC seems to be doing and run our own ship and still be members under that WCC banner. And using electronic means promoting that through WCC.

**President**, Judith Jordan can we promote that from here to WCC?

**Cats NSW**, Tony Hurry, can we write to them with that suggestion?

**QICC**, Julie Walker, would it be more appropriate to put it on their agenda for the next meeting to discuss.

**Cats NSW**, Tony Hurry, we could dot point our suggestions in communication to put it on the agenda?

**CANT.**, Julie Schuller, I feel that a letter should be composed of points set out specifically because that's how most of the WCC business is achieved. One of the members sends a letter about whatever their concerns are, and then it goes on the agenda. It would be better to set out the whole scope of electronic communication objectives in that direction, rather than just put it on the agenda.

**Motion** "that ACF write to WCC outlining the suggestion that WCC investigate and discuss the option of some delegates attending via electronic media.

**FCCQ**, Erin Brown, if ACF start pulling out WCC and another couple of other bodies will that then put Royal Canin in the position where they are not going to do the research and share the information with us? If they feel the WCC is no longer there as their method of communicating with us.

**FCCQ**, Erin Brown, I think networking is important.

**Cats NSW**, Tony Hurry, I don't think anyone is suggesting we pull out WCC it is just saying can we review and do things better and promote that through WCC.

**FCCQ**, Isobel Johnstone, yes, I think networking is important, can we ask them to look at themselves and review what their aim is, what they are doing, how they are achieving it. We do need overall direction and guidance. from the overall cat world.

**WCC Delegate**, Scoot Andresen, I do agree with what Erin said the opportunity to sit down informally with other world representatives of other bodies from around the world is a golden opportunity that doesn't come about in any other form. It's a pretty hard thing to quantify, it is a very good opportunity for representatives to get together and talk about what's going on.

**Cats WA**, Carole Galli, I do not think it's just our budget which needs to be looked at. I can remember a few years ago, having a discussion with Penny Bydlinski, WCC is a very expensive weekend to run from WCC's perspective as well because they are subsidising people to attend, I think there needs to be some forward planning. How much longer can they go on with the amount of money they have in the bank, expending the amount that they do because they have very little income.

**Moved:** CANT., Julie Schuller

**Seconded:** Cats WA, Carole Galli

**Agreed:** Unanimously

- d. International Liaison Officer, as published.

**Moved:** ACF ILO, Robbie Walker

**Seconded:** TFA, Anne Harvey

**Accepted:** Unanimously

- e. Yearbook Editor

**Secretary**, Robbie Walker, there was no report received, Jan is to be congratulated on the amount of advertising income, this is the highest in over a decade.

**Treasurer**, Jan Sterry, yes, I only started in January getting advertising and photos to the back of the cover on the front and the inside., reintroduced the breeders directory, the advertising income was \$2,950 which pays for all but \$30.00 of the printing cost the freight up from Hobart \$365.00. We are looking at about a \$2000.00 profit.

I am not sure if I will have any involvement this coming year. If anybody has got any articles, if you see anything throughout the year that you think may be of interest, we want it to be more than just photographs.

**Secretary**, Robbie Walker, this was discussed several years ago, and it was agreed that member bodies should look at sourcing articles rather than leave it to a couple of people.

**CANT.**, Julie Schuller, whoever the next editor is, the secretary could write to the member bodies in December requesting they supply an article for consideration by the end of February?

**Cats NSW**, Tony Hurry, Cats New South Wales, have a cat chat, magazine, which is 30-35 pages you do muse. We could send it to the editor and give permission for them to use any of the articles.

**FCCQ**, Isobel Johnstone, the secretary could send a notice out now and the editor ask the secretary to send out a reminder in December, it can take time to source articles of interest.

**CANT.**, Julie Schuller, Royal Canin has interesting articles, we should approach them for an article each year.

**Cats NSW**, Tony Hurry, the Wildcat Conservation Center would like to have an article.

- f. Affiliate Reports:

The Cat Association of the Northern Territory (CANT) – as circulated

CAT The Cat Association of Tasmania Inc. published in Yearbook

**Secretary**, Robbie Walker, read out a letter received from TFA overnight.

**Annex One**

**GCCFV**, Linda Kitson suggested this be discussed in camera

**Agreed**

This was held over until later in the meeting.

Cats New South Wales (Cats NSW) – as circulated

Cat Owners Association of Western Australia (COAWA) – as circulated

Feline Control Council of Western Australia (FCCWA) (Trading as Cats WA) - as circulated

Cats WA, Carole Galli, Betty Payne has retired from active judging, she is 91 years old and was still judging until this year. Cats WA are going to be make her a judge emeritus, the judges guild is going to send a letter to her congratulating her, she has been a judge with ACF ever since it started, and she's always been with Cats WA (FCCWA).

Feline Control Council of Queensland (FCCQ). - as circulated

Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of South Australia (GCCFSA) - as circulated

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of Australia and Victoria (GCCFV) - as circulated

Queensland Feline Association (QFA) - as circulated

Queensland Independent Cat Council (QICC) - as circulated

Tasmanian Feline Association (TFA) - as circulated

**Moved:** GCCFSA, Debs Armishaw

**Seconded:** FCCQ, Isobel Johnstone

**Accepted:** Unanimously

## 7. ELECTIONS

President, Judith Jordan declared all positions vacant, no one against the Executive Officer positions therefore declared. Election of International Liaison Officer two nominee's candidates were asked to leave the room.

- a. President: Judith Jordan Nominated by GCCFV, FCCQ, GCCFSA
- b. Vice President: Scoot Andresen Nominated by GCCFSA, Cats WA
- c. Secretary: Robbie Walker Nominated by GCCFV, FCCQ, GCCFSA, Cats WA
- d. Treasurer: Jan Sterry Nominated by Cats WA, GCCFV, FCCQ, GCCFSA

**Secretary, Robbie Walker**, before we begin with the election of the ILO, I received an email the subject line was Constitutional concern having checked the nominations, both Lesley Morgan & Debs Armishaw were nominated correctly i.e. by member bodies.

- e. International Liaison Officer
- f. Lesley Morgan Nominated by GCCFV, Cats WA  
Debs Armishaw Nominated by GCCFSA

**Lesley Morgan was elected 5:4**

## APPOINTMENTS

- g. **Auditor** Tony Conolan, AJC Audit Services has agreed to continue as the auditor.

**Moved:** Treasurer, Jan Sterry

**Seconded:** GCCFV, Linda Kitson

Unanimously

**Approved:**

- h. Member Body Ordinary & Deputy Committeepersons

CANT.	Julie Schuller	Heather Havens
CAT	Lesley Morgan	
Cats NSW	Peta Spurduty	Tony Hurry
Cats WA	Carole Galli	Kay Woods
COAWA	Annette Joesbury	Jillian Reed
FCCQ	Isobel Johnstone	Erin Brown
GCCFSA	Debs Armishaw	Fiona Hawkins
GCCFV	Linda Kitson	Christian Nimmervoll
QFA	Janis Christison	Barbara LaRocca
QICC	Julie Walker	Rodney McGregor
TFA	Anne Harvey	Vanessa Sullivan

**Moved:** Cats WA, Carole Galli

**Seconded:** GCCFV, Linda Kitson

- i. Yearbook Editor  
**Cats WA**, Carole Galli, nominated Jan Sterry,  
**Seconded**, CANT., Julie Schuller  
Jan Sterry was appointed.

**Appointed Unanimously**

**FCCQ**, Erin Brown requested that the meeting be held in Camera.

**Meeting Agreed**

The first topic of the in-camera meeting dealt with the postponed CAT/TFA discussion

**Outcome:** Meeting directed ACF Secretary to write to CAT.

## 8. SUBMISSIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

### 8.I Motion from Cats WA

“that by special resolution Clause 70 & 89a. of the ACF Constitution be amended to read:

a) **Clause 70**

The President shall not be a ~~registered breeder or recognised judge of cats~~ member of any cat association or club and ~~should may~~ not ~~be~~ participate in the business of any cat club or association other than the Australian Cat Federation unless otherwise determined by the Annual General Meeting. This does not apply to Life Membership where the person has no current involvement in the business of the association or club. Unless otherwise determined by the Annual General Meeting.

b) **Clause 89a**

Insert new clauses (b) & (c) and renumber other points:

(b) to facilitate communication, discussion and decision making of the Australian Cat Federation.

(c) have the knowledge and skills to Chair an AGM and General meetings of the Federation

**Rationale:**

It is becoming more difficult to attract candidates for the position of President who are not involved in cat breeding or judging and who have the skills and knowledge to Chair meetings. Issues, particularly legislation around the management of cats, are becoming increasingly complex and restrictive. A knowledge of the issues facing cat breeding in Australian states and territories would be highly beneficial.

This change would increase the pool of eligible applicants.

**Motion was lost**

**For: 2 Against: 7**

Outcome, a vote of confidence for Judith Jordan as President

**Majority Agreed**

**Acclamation**

**CLOSE:** Meeting closed at 0953 (9.53am)

**Confirmed**

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Judith Jordan  
President, ACF (Inc.)  
11 June 2024

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Robbie Walker  
Secretary, ACF (Inc.)  
11 June 2024

## Annexes - Reports

President

Secretary

Treasurer

WCC Delegate

ILO

ACF Judges Guild Report

Affiliate reports:

CANT.           The Cat Association of the Northern Territory Inc.

CAT             The Cat Association of Tasmania

COAWA         Cat Owners Association of Western Australia

Cats NSW       Cats New South Wales

FCCWA         Feline Control Council of Western Australia Inc. (Trading as Cats WA)

FCCQ           Feline Control Council of Queensland Inc.

GCCFSA.       Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of South Australia Inc.

GCCFV         The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of Australia and

Victoria Inc. QFA   Queensland Feline Association Inc.

QICC           Queensland Independent Cat Council

TFA             Tasmanian Feline Association Inc.



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9 June 2024

## Australian Cat Federation Inc.

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RE: CAT Inc 2024 Report

Dear ACF President & Committee Members,

We write with concern on behalf of TFA regarding the CAT report printed in this year's journal.

We note that no other affiliates have a report in the Yearbook, TFA were asked to submit results and photos from our COY event only. As long term ACF Executive Members would be aware, TFA was formed as a huge number of CAT members were leaving CAT but still wanted to remain a part of ACF. Had TFA not have been formed, all those initial members would have gone to CCCT and would not have remained with CAT.

We are very disappointed that Ms Morgan has used her position as editor to make a direct attack on TFA in a nationally circulated magazine and consider it unconscionable that today bullying either directly or indirectly is tolerated. Since its inception TFA has withstood numerous attacks on it by CAT (Directly by Ms Morgan).

The ACF are aware that CAT as an incorporated group is unconstitutional and have been for some time. To our knowledge after Helen Farmer's resignation there is one person on committee. They do not have a quorum to make any decisions. They cannot legally manage their financial affairs and do not have a membership base.

The reason CAT have not run shows is unknown to us, however we are aware through some of our members who entered the last advertised CAT show in July 2022 was cancelled, due lack of entries. This was not surprising as the previous show run by CAT was unorganised, no ribbons and very limited prizes on offer. The promised ribbons which had been "held up by Australia Post" and undertaken to be posted unfortunately failed to arrive. Many TFA members supported this show as it was Rossy Roberts-Thompson last appointment. Rossy was a well-respected judge, and many people took the chance to wish her well at her last judging appointment.

TFA respectfully request that the ACF immediately investigate the operational status of CAT as required under ACF rules. By the printed publications own admission CAT have not held an AGM currently which is in breach of their own constitution.

Yours faithfully,

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Angela Hawkes

President



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## **ACF PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024**

Congratulations to all ACF Member Body's on what appears to have been another successful year of cat shows and administration, the latter which largely goes unseen and often not acknowledged or understood by exhibitors as state affiliate members.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation again to the Tasmanian Feline Association for not only running the 2023 National Show in Launceston last year but also for hosting the World Cat Congress at its first meeting back since before the pandemic. To host their first ACF National with the WCC was a huge task and on my observation, they did a fantastic job.

ACF have continued to meet regularly – with 2 meetings on Zoom and 1 in person meeting in June each year. Member State Bodies know the timetable and can bring matters to the meetings and engage in decision making. Accordingly, ACF is a democratic and truly representative body provided local members and clubs at state level are aware of and understand and actively participate in the process.

Throughout the past year meetings have again taken place regularly with the Executive of the Coordinating Cat Council of Australia (CCCA) and ACF to see where we might be able to standardise some breed standards and work together including over alternate years of National Shows with each supporting the other when it is their turn. While some exhibitors may be disappointed at National Shows becoming only one once a year, fiscally for both organisations and member bodies in these constrained financial times it is in my view a prudent move. This looks to be the last year of dual national shows with CCCA hosting in 2025 and ACF via the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of South Australia in 2026. Please continue to support the efforts of all National Show Committees. National Shows are often a source of publicity and a way of attracting the public into a large event and educating them about responsible cat management and breeding practices. If done well, it should assist in the continuation of our hobby and interest and raise the profile of National and State organisations which can only help when legislation and potential restrictions on our hobby arise.

We have sadly in May this year lost one of the stalwarts of ACF, Eleanor Anne Evans, affectionately known as "Nell". Nell held numerous positions in GCCFSA and with her husband John established and ran the Tandanya Cat Club in South Australia. Nell was a long-standing member of GCCFSA and ACF as well as holding positions within both including ACF Secretary and GCCFSA Secretary. Her historical knowledge and quick repartee and wit will be missed by all of those who knew her. I extend our sincere condolences again to her daughters Tiffany, Linda, and grandson Tariq.

My thanks are as always extended to the ACF Elected Executive and especially Vice President Scoot Andresen, Secretary and ILO Robbie Walker, and Treasurer Jan Sterry. I also extend thanks to the first and second committeepersons of each Member organisation and to our Judges and the Judges Guild for their efforts in not only training Judges but their continuing education and advice on any proposed breed standards.

Breeders around the country continue to experience mounting difficulties in relation to local and State Government Regulations making it more difficult than it ought to be to pursue our hobby. Having said that, there is a wealth of knowledge available between State member bodies in relation to how government regulations come into play and work and the consultative process that should occur before any major changes to such legislation are made. I encourage member bodies to exchange their ideas and information and experience with local councils and State Governments in this respect because there is much to be learnt and time perhaps saved rather than reinventing the wheel every time new legislative change is proposed.

At a national level we need to remain vigilant in relation to the importation and exportation of cats and in respect of any national legislation in relation to the treatment of feral feline cat populations. To an outsider it may be all too easy to see a domesticated pedigree or non-pedigree cat as a stray or feral cat and the differences lost on those making or advising the legislators.

As a cat fancy we need to be united, working with one another and not against one another to continue to pursue the breeding and exhibition and registration of cats and maintain a positive direction for all involved.

**Judith Jordan**  
**ACF President**  
**20 May 2024**

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## ACF Secretary Report 2024

The 2024 National Show hosted by Tasmanian Feline Association in Launceston, in conjunction with the first World Cat Congress held since 2019. Exhibitors from around Australia gathered in Launceston to see if their kitten/cat would be the 2023 Supreme Champion. The atmosphere in the show hall was fantastic with exhibitors catching up with fellow exhibitors, making new friends and a large public entry throughout the weekend. TFA are to be congratulated on the smooth running of the show and events and for a profit for ACF with lower numbers than mainland shows, they overcame hurdles associated with getting cats to Tasmania.

Unlike most ACF National weekends, there was no Judges Guild Seminar, this was replaced by an all-day seminar, with lunch hosted by ACF's long-term major sponsor Royal Canin. Presentations from Professor Jan Slapeta, Toxoplasmosis & Toxoplasma followed by the first international speaker Associate Professor Heather Lorimer who spoke on subspecies view, genetic diversity, and health implications. Royal Canin's presenter was Dr Justine Schellekens whose topic was "Does your litter tray talk to you? FLUTD & Haematuria detect." A regular presenter at WCC events was Professor Leslie Lyons who spoke on Genetic Updates and Advancements the most exciting announcement that they had finally discover the Silver gene. To finish the day the ever-effervescent Dr Richard Malic gave an exciting presentation on Feline Infectious Disease, with a major focus on FIP and the treatment thereof.

ACF and CCCA continue to have regular meetings via Zoom, one of the outcomes of the discussions is only one National show, commencing from 2025 with NSW CFA hosting the CCCA National in Sydney, 2026 will be hosted in Adelaide by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of South Australia Inc. It is hoped that by only having one National each year, the travelling expenses for exhibitors will decrease, an increase in entry numbers, lessen the burden on associations. The next meeting is scheduled for late June after both organisations have held their meeting.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water are responsible for the import of Bengals to ensure that each Bengal is 5 generations away from an Asian Leopard cat, they require an F5 pedigree showing the last 5 generations. As they are mostly dealing with Bengals that were bred overseas, they require official identification and pedigree documentation certified by The International Cat Association (TICA) or similar, demonstrating 5 generation (F5), the animal's microchip number and owner's name. They will also accept any pedigree that is from an official cat association of the country in which the Bengal was born – such as the New Zealand Cat Fancy Inc.

Regarding exporting a Bengal, each country into which the Bengal is being imported will set their own rules around what they require. The various pet travel organisations in Australia also request a 5-generation pedigree for exporting to other countries with the same regulations as Australia. The current requirement is a pedigree from an official cat association in Australia, this requires breeders or associations emailing the pedigree the Secretary of the association they are registered with, and the Secretary signs the export pedigree.

Our member bodies are under increasing pressure from both inside and externally, we know that to be democratic, associations need to understand what members value and consistently deliver experiences that exceed their expectations. But, to do this, we and our member body's committees need to understand what our members' needs, preferences and expectations are.

ACF must remain a strong, positive, democratic organisation as we move forward. ACF and its member bodies need to encourage and nurture the next generation to take up the challenge of maintaining the cat fancy's relevance and viability. We need to nurture, listen and guide our voluntary workers, these may be the judges of the future, which we need if the cat fancy is to grow and move forward. Many of our judges are looking to lay down their teasers and step aside gracefully for the next generation.

On behalf of ACF, I wish Cats NSW all the best for a successful 2024 ACF National. The energy and effort the committee has put into hosting this year's National is tremendous.

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to Judith Jordan, Scoot Andresen, Janet Sterry, and the member body representatives who have been proactive in ensuring ACF remains a strong, positive organisation

Robbie Walker  
Secretary

June 2024



**ACF TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Tuesday 11 June 2024**

**Income**

Our income for the 2023-2024 financial year was \$23,421.00, an increase on last year of \$1,149.00.

The National Show profit was down on the previous year but a profit none the less. May I congratulate TFA for putting on a fantastic show, it was not an easy feat considering their geographical location and smaller entry numbers - it just goes to show what can be done. It was a most enjoyable weekend.

Income from Titles remained fairly constant being \$2,250.00, an increase of \$5.00 from last year.

The Year Books last year made a small profit which was better than the previous year when they ran at a loss. The increase in the cost of a book from \$12.00 to \$15.00 has made a difference.

Advertising revenue for this year's Yearbook was \$2,950.00 and therefore we are expecting a healthy profit from their sale.

**Expenditure**

Our expenses for the 2023-2024 financial year were \$33,812.00, an increase of \$3,577.00 from last year. This was to be expected though given the hosting of the World Cat Congress. As mentioned in my report last year, we were never going to be able to host such an event without some expenditure on our part. The \$10,000.00 from Royal Canin did not go as far in 2023 as it would have done in 2020. Fundraising suggestions were called for in 2019 and 2022 but nothing eventuated.

2024 National show advance (CatsNSW)		\$5,000.00
Executive Travel & Accommodation		\$5,457.00
▶ President	\$1,666.00	
(Includes 2024 airfare)		
▶ Secretary	\$2,385.00	
(Includes 2024 airfare)		
▶ Treasurer	\$1,406.00	
2023 Yearbook printing		
2023 AGM & other meeting expenses		\$3,420.00
Insurance		\$3,025.00
		\$1,495.00

One of the sources of operating revenue for the Federation is the profit derived from National shows. As they will now be occurring biennially this is income we will lose every second year.

May I remind our member bodies again to promote our national titles which are a regular source of income for the Federation along with the sale of Year Books. The Breeders Directory was included in the Yearbook this year and a number of our members took up the opportunity to advertise.

Last but by no means least, my many thanks to our President, Judith Jordan; Vice President, Scoot Andresen; Secretary, Robbie Walker and to the member delegates for their considerable assistance throughout the year.

Jan Sterry  
ACF Treasurer



## WCC Delegates Report

World Cat Congress 2024  
Bangkok, Thailand.

The WCC meeting for 2024 and associated events were hosted ARC, a WCF member club in Thailand in March of this year.

Things started off with most of the delegates arriving in Bangkok on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>, the three attendees from Australia (Chris Merritt – CCCofA delegate, Robbie Walker – WCC Secretary and myself as ACF delegate) travelled on the same flight arriving in the early evening. We met up with the delegates from TICA and representatives from ARC and had a two-hour minibus ride to Pattaya where we caught up with the bulk of the other delegates for dinner. The following day was a sightseeing day which included a visit to the very impressive Buddha Mountain. The accommodation in Pattaya was quite incredible and fortunately I had been invited to judge at the show being held in conjunction with the WCC meetings, so accommodation and meal costs were covered by the host club.

The following day saw a late departure from the hotel, a stop for lunch and the trip back to Bangkok where we settled into another very nice hotel.

The morning of Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> saw an early departure for the WCF x WCC World Show venue. With nearly 600 entries (with many coming in from other Asian countries), 20 judging tables and three stages set up, it was an impressive venue. Judging got underway pretty well on time and all of the floor judging and specialty rings were completed by midafternoon, then came a long wait - for which we never really did get an explanation, until after 7:00pm when the Best In Show judging commenced. With something like 160 nominations to get through it was 10:30 that night before we were ready to leave the venue, about half of us opted to head straight back to the hotel (half an hour away) while the rest went to get a meal.

Day two of the show saw a later departure – just after 9:00am, and a “rinse and repeat” of the first day. The floor judging, specialty and champion rings were over by late afternoon, and we got a slightly earlier start on the BIS judging, which led to an earlier finish time of 9:45 in the evening. Then off to dinner and back at the hotel around 11:30pm.

On the first day of the show I had Maine Coons, Scottish Longhairs (folded and straight) and British Short hairs as well as a small specialty ring of around twenty cats of assorted breeds that I had to judge not to any standard, but rather to handle and assess them then pick the “one I liked the most”. I’m still not sure what that was all about, it didn’t make any sense at all, but there were several incredible Corin gene British shorthairs. Day two I had more Maine Coons and a group of around twenty Golden British in assorted colours.

The overall winner after the two days was and truly beautiful Scottish Fold Longhair with an equally impressive Cornish Rex as reserve.

The standard of cats overall was very high, and the grooming of the longhairs was something to behold. The real standouts for me were the Folds and the British.

For anyone with a Facebook account you can see hundreds of photos from the show and dinner going to the “WCF Thailand by ARC” page.

## WCC Delegates Report

Monday was seminar day with a range of topics covered. Of particular interest was Professor Leslie Lyons' talk about some of the latest developments in DNA research. There have been twenty new mutations discovered in cats in 2023/24 including one that causes muscular dystrophy in Maine Coons and others that cause some new forms of PKD. Leslie also elaborated on the potential dangers associated with the Dominant Blue Eye mutation that she alluded to at last year's seminar in Launceston, confirming that along with blue eye colour the mutation can cause hearing issues and deafness, she also noted that along with the blue eyes comes a white forelock of chin spot. It is also now known that there are at least three genes that can cause dominant blue eyes and four different mutations involved with the Corin colours.

Professor Lyons finished by reminding everyone about the publicly accessible genetic website located at [www.omia.org](http://www.omia.org)

The other topics presented included an introduction to Royal Canin, common health issues in tropical climates, cat nutrition and a very interesting talk by a local Thai breeder, through an interpreter on the Suphalak breed (the Solid Chocolate Thai cat) and the Thai breeds in general, with the Black, Blue, Chocolate, White and Pointed all being regarded as separate breeds of Thai cat.

That evening was the formal dinner which incorporated the WCF annual Asian awards. It was a quite amazing night, the scale and "class" of the event not like anything I have seen in the cat world before.

On Tuesday we returned to the venue of the seminar for the WCC business meeting, an outline of which is provided below.

After the opening of the meeting and going through the formalities of approving minutes etc. three delegates from the Royal Canin made a presentation on a new project that their company is working on. A broad overview of the project is that it is aimed at educating potential pet buyers and what they should be considering or thinking about when looking to purchase a kitten or puppy, using multiple media formats including television advertising.

Amongst the things that they are looking to address is the growth of online pet sales and the importance of buying from reputable/registered breeders and moving away from extremes in type amongst breeds where these lead to health or wellbeing issues.

They would like to see mandatory DNA health testing in breeds with known issues and that health becomes the main criteria that potential new owners look at when making choices about getting a new pet. They are looking to create an Accreditation Scheme where accredited catteries and kennels would benefit from ongoing promotional work done by Royal Canin.

Some of the above has already commenced in the Northern hemisphere with dogs and is moving onto cats. The project will be rolled to Royal Canin Australia in May and there is a possibility that we may be able to have the presentation at this year's judges seminar, though timing will be getting very tight to get something in place once Royal Canin Australia has the information in hand. Robbie Walker has contact details for those to speak with here in Australia and will follow up.

Professor Leslie Lyons spoke briefly to the meeting and reiterated that she feels that governing bodies should be looking at whether to continue to recognize/register the Scottish Folds and Manx breeds due to the health issues associated with their breed defining mutations. She also spoke about the fact that there are four separate mutations that cause taillessness in Manx and that further study could reveal that not all of them cause the health issues that are in the breed, if this were the case then the more dangerous ones could be bred out. Leslie also mentioned the importance of avoiding type extremes that lead to health issues within breeds.



## WCC Delegates Report

The meeting then moved into Executive Session where various financial matters were discussed.

Upon moving back to an open format Jan Van Rooyen from South Africa was re-elected as vice president.

Penny Bydlinski and Robbie Walker were re-appointed as Treasurer and Secretary with an understanding that Penny will be stepping down as Treasurer at the end of the WCC's financial year at which point Robbie will take on both positions.

Item 11.1, change to constitution, was passed. This means that in the future nominations for officers must be made in writing ahead of the annual meeting to allow time for the member bodies to discuss/investigate candidates prior to the meeting and allow proper direction to be given to meeting delegates.

Under matters for discussion there were two items.

The first, that "WCC as a whole" make a coordinated effort to tackle breed restrictive legislation. It was finally agreed after some quite heated discussion to simply put a statement on the WCC website that "The World Cat Congress, an organization consisting of the nine (9) largest feline registries in the world, promotes the health and welfare of all cats and the responsible breeding and ownership of them. WCC does not support breed specific legislation."

The second item was to discuss cooperation and reciprocity of pedigrees between WCC members. This came from TICA. As you may be aware TICA requested a private meeting with ACF and CCCofA to discuss concerns that they had about the recognition of TICA pedigrees, this was the reason for the discussion point being listed. At that private meeting it became apparent that TICA were under the impression that ACF and CCCofA had stopped recognizing all TICA pedigrees. Once the situation was clarified that this is not the case and that it is only "locally produced" TICA pedigrees and the reasons behind this, both TICA representatives were accepting of the current situation, asking only that ACF and CCCofA go back to their members and revisit the current non recognition of their club in Australia. As a result of these talks there was very little additional discussion at the WCC meeting it was agreed at the WCC meeting that members would be mindful of the mutual recognition of other WCC members as per the current WCC constitution.

The report from TICA on the naming and colour descriptions for Corin Gene cats was tabled with an apology that once they started looking into it things just got too hard and complicated and thus there were no recommendations regarding the standardization of the terminology used to describe these new colours.

Future meeting hosts are as follows:

2025 CFA, location TBA

2026 GCCF, location TBA

2026 possibly to hosted by FIFe

The meeting closed at around 2:30pm, at which time I left for the airport to catch my flight home, arriving back in Adelaide around lunchtime the following day, after what was a very full on few days.

Regards

Scout Andresen

ACF Delegate to the WCC



## 2024 ILO Report

The ACF National Show was hosted by the Tasmanian Feline Association, the first in Tasmania since 2007 in conjunction with the 2023 World Cat Congress which was the first time the meeting had been held since 2019 due to the COVID situation around the world. Exhibitors from around Australia gathered in Launceston to see if their kitten/cat would be the 2023 Supreme Champion. The atmosphere in the show hall was fantastic with exhibitors catching up with fellow exhibitors, making new friends and a large public entry throughout the weekend.

The membership of the World Cat Congress is comprised of the world's major cat fancies, including the founding members; Fédération Internationale Féline (FIFe), Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA), The International Cat Association (TICA), World Cat Federation (WCF) and Australian Cat Federation (ACF), as well as, New Zealand Cat Fancy (NZCF) which joined in 2001 and the three newest members; Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia (CCC of A), Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF), United Kingdom, and Southern African Cat Council (SACC), which joined in 2006. For further information please visit the WCC website [www.worldcatcongress.org](http://www.worldcatcongress.org) Representatives from the major world cat bodies attended, with many judge delegates judging at the National Show.

The ACF Judges Seminar was replaced by a full day seminar, with presentations from Professor Jan Slapeta, Toxoplasmosis & Toxoplasma followed by the first international speaker Associate Professor Heather Lorimer who spoke on subspecies view, genetic diversity, and health implications. Royal Canin's presenter was Dr Justine Schellekens whose topic was Does your litter tray talk to you? FLUTD & Haematuria detect. A regular presenter at WCC events was Professor Leslie Lyons who spoke on Genetic Updates and Advancements the most exciting announcement that they had finally discover the Silver gene. To finish the day the ever-effervescent Dr Richard Malic gave an exciting presentation on Feline Infectious Disease, with a major focus on FIP and the treatment thereof.

The 2024 WCC meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand between 21 March and 26 March hosted by the WCF Thai club ARC, this included a cultural visit to The Buddha Mountain or Khao Chi Chan which is a limestone hill in Na Chom Thian that has become a Pattaya landmark due to its large 109m by 70m golden Buddha laser engraving. It was created in 1996 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the coronation of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, and for Thai people and Buddhists for spiritual practice. The Khao Chi Chan Buddha image is the largest carved Buddha image in the world. We were also taken to a couple of other renowned temples in the region.

The show held in conjunction with the WCC meetings was held over two days, with an entry of over 600 cats, judge delegates were invited to judge, ACF was represented by Scoot Andresen who was ACF's delegate to WCC.

The WCC Seminar was hosted by Royal Canin Thailand, the presentations included, Blue Eyes, white spotting and hearing presented by Professor Leslie Lyons who also presented How To build a Copper Cat: the interplay of CORIN and the cat coat colour genes. Mr Preecha Vadhana a Suphalak breeder spoke about their history and breeding in Thailand which was followed by Svetlana Lalovic's presentation on Suphalak cats in Europe and the pre-recognition and standard proposal for WCF.

Tuesday was the WCC business meeting as stated previously ACF was represented by the Vice President, Scoot Andresen. Next years meeting will be hosted by CFA in the USA, as yet the location and date has not been decided, GCCF have offered to host the 2026 meeting.

Robbie Walker  
ACF International Liaison Officer  
June 2024



## AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC.) JUDGES' GUILD

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### ACF GUILD PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2023-24

Firstly, I would like to thank a few people for the work they have done throughout the year. I had hoped to be a better president than I have been due to my absence in late 2023 and then due to my recovery from a hip replacement. Julian Schuller, our tireless secretary who has picked up all the loose ends of the secretary's job and done an amazing job. And our committee members who have worked on various projects throughout the year to keep the Judges' Guild current with standards and best practice. Fiona Hawkins for reviewing our constitution.

We instituted zoom meetings in the past year to keep on top of issues which need not wait for our annual meeting and these meetings were very successful and well attended despite the time difference between the eastern states and the west.

I trust that this innovation will continue, and we move forward with a more modern approach which reflects the current times. For me, one of the things I am passionate about is training our new generation of judges to take over when we are no longer as capable as we once were. I look forward to a year where we actively encourage that new generation to come through.

Anne

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### CANT report for ACF 23-2024

The Cat Association of the Northern Territory has had another successful year. We have embraced Cat Shows online programme to manage our cat shows. Most Exhibitors are fine with the program, for the few that find it difficult we can enter the cats for them. Overall, we have found it to be a great time saver.

We are always looking for ways to boost our membership. We held a Cat Wellness seminar in March of this year, Dr Stephen Cutter had the attention of attendees as he spoke on cat care in the tropics. Naomi Day shared her 30 years plus experience with cat rescue in the City of Darwin. Naomi and her small band of helpers have made a difference in the lives of hundreds of cats that she has reunited with families or found forever homes for. the seminar was well received by the public and we did get one new member which was encouraging, we are planning on holding two seminars per year.

CANT welcomed the ACF decision to recognise British longhair cats as a breed. The British Longhair is solid cat with a good temperament. My granddaughter has just acquired one and she is head over heels in love with him.

CANT is a small club with a passionate committee. We are very fortunate to have Julie Schuller on our committee Julie is an all-breeds judge and has a wealth of knowledge that she is happy to share.

We reluctantly are losing Lee Oliver who has been our treasurer for many years. Lee is retiring off the committee at our next AGM meeting after 40+ years. Lee is well known for her knowledge of Burmese cats through her breeding program. Not sure how we going to cope without her as Treasurer is only one of the positions Lee holds. Lee is resigning with our blessing, and we wish her well for the future. Lee is not leaving town and will maintain her membership so we can still enjoy her company.

Heather Havens  
President.



## 2024 Report

Sadly, CAT was unable to stage any shows last year, for precisely the reason we predicted at the end of 2019, when the ACF affiliates voted to accept a second Tasmanian member body of ACF Inc. We felt it would certainly be to the detriment of the cat fancy in Tas, given that our total population is around 500,000 - less than that of Cold Coast or Newcastle/Hunter Valley and that is not enough to sustain three registries. (Though ignored at the time, ironically the same "population argument" was this year used to support our stance on an item at the recent WCC meeting.) The ACF affiliates (with a couple of exceptions) debated this *very* speedily and in a matter of four days in the immediate run-up to Christmas, a hefty majority was in favour of recognition. To CAT, the outcome was inevitable, and we were unable to run a show last year. Despite having venues and judges booked and paid for, we were not prepared to gamble on the membership's funds when the whole idea seemed unsustainable.

Of course, we still provide registration facilities, but I am sorry to have to say that we have declined to renew memberships of a number of (now ex) members who were in proven breach of our code of ethics. There are things on which CAT is not prepared to compromise and integrity is foremost, even if it has cost us members.

ACF and the Tasmanian cat fancy has lost a much-needed treasure in our former VP Helen Farmer, (see page 10) which had something of a domino effect. It hurts to have to write this on behalf of a foundation ACF member which has always broken all ACF show records in "real time dollars" and indeed, along with FCCWA and CCCFSA has provided ACF's financial security *over* many, many years: in fact, since the birth of ACF.

As we go to press, our ACM has yet to determine who will be who in the CAT 2024 zoo, but as sure as death and taxes, I will be occupying some position as well as that of registrar. So please contact on my mobile, or address whatever enquiries to 0438 338 341 or [lesley.comyn@bigpond.com](mailto:lesley.comyn@bigpond.com)



## Cats NSW Affiliate Report 2024

This year we presented a full show calendar, made up of Cats NSW and affiliate shows with good exhibitor entry all year, including at the ACF National Show 2024.

We grew our membership to 172, with a number of members recently joining us from other organisations, together with some new faces to the Cat Fancy.

We registered 626 kittens across three groups.

We obtained a new sponsor this year, Tofu Litter Australia, who have given a very generous sponsorship package. We secured sponsorship from various other organisations. We retained Eye Envy and Royal Canin. We would like to thank all of our sponsors for their continuing support this year and into next year.

Our Shorthair judges course is continuing with our group one judges extending their education.

Thanks go to our committee and delegate members who attend meetings monthly to discuss and organise the running of our association, volunteers who keep the clubs' engine running quietly in the background.

By the time this report is read, we will have completed 2 years of preparation, 2 weeks of last minute headaches, 2 days of setting up and 2 days of extreme exhibition, 52<sup>nd</sup> ACF National Cat Show 2024. We expect that it was a complete success!!

*Helena Sugar*

Helena Sugar  
President  
Cats NSW Inc



## **CatsWA Report 2024**

CatsWA has had a successful year with an active show calendar as well as a strong judges training program. There are currently 3 trainee judges completing their final group to qualify as All Breeds. This has been a big commitment for them to undertake.

Betty Payne has just advised that she is retiring as an active judge but she will continue as a Tutor in our judges training program. Betty has been a judge for FCCWA and CatsWA and also ACF with her career spanning 60 years. Betty remains a valued Life Member of CatsWA and will be awarded the title of Judge Emeritus. I still value Betty's advice on all matters relating to CatsWA.

We have settled into our new office which is much warmer in the colder months. Much of our work is done online now so the office is used mostly to store records and show equipment.

Membership remains strong with several new members setting up to breed. This is counterbalanced by several older breeders who have retired.

You all may be aware though the dreaded social media that there have been two large relinquishments to the RSPCA in WA. Neither of these were members of CatsWA and both surrender 30 plus Burmese cats and kittens each. Fortunately the cats appeared to be in good condition with many available for adoption almost immediately. From information to hand it appears both were breeders who wanted to retire and over time their numbers of cats had increased. At least one person had health issues and it was in the best interests of the cats to be rehomed. CatsWA at no time received any requests for assistance to rehome cats.

CatsWA has applied to host the National in 2028. This is on the proviso that CCCA don't hold their show here in 2027. Due to distance and cost of transport it is likely that this will be a smaller show with perhaps only 200-250 cats, however it does give WA exhibitors a chance to attend a National. Due to high costs this is not feasible for many when the shows are on the East coast.

CatsWA wishes ACF and all the member bodies a peaceful and successful year ahead.

Carole Galli  
President  
CatsWA





## COAWA Presidents Report

I am pleased to present the Presidents Report to the ACF Executive. Cat Owners Association have hosted our first Show Events for the 2024 season. Very well supported shows with Top Judges and popular exhibits taking top honours.

Great to see our members creating an exhibitor-friendly atmosphere for all. Our association continues to grow, and we welcome all our new members.

We also would like to extend a warm welcome to Nancy Lowthe, well recognized

All Breeds Judge of W.A. for choosing to join us.

Our Adcom Committee has started well this year and continue to bring new strengths to

Our meetings and events, their contribution and involvement are appreciated.

Our financial status remains in a positive position.

Most importantly we promote and encourage the Responsible Breeding Ethics and Ownership to our Felines and Care of them.

Helen Keeling  
Chairperson  
COAWA



2023/24 has been another busy year for FCCQ.

Our shows for the year have been held at the Strathpine Community Hall, which has proved to be an excellent venue. The hall is a good size and easy to work in. It is well placed for many of our exhibitors who live on the northside of Brisbane but not so convenient for either Robbie or me as we both have long drives to get there. We aim to have relaxed and enjoyable shows bringing back that cat shows should be a pleasant day out, giving our exhibitors the opportunity to enjoy both their cats and the time spent with their friends. We have a committee who have been supportive but most of the credit must go to Robbie Walker, our Show Manager

We have several trainees; both new and a couple who are ready to extend their license to the next group. The cat fancy needs new blood to come in so I hope we will see more people showing interest.

It has also been our privilege to watch Ben Dyett developing his show programme and for him to run his trials at our shows. We are fortunate to have Ben and Carissa as members - they are always there to help.

We held our Cat of the Year luncheon in December at the DogsQld Club House. The rosettes were beautiful, and the product very well received by the winners. We are most fortunate to have Advance as a major sponsor. We had an excellent lunch, and it was lovely to be able to chat with our members before we started the new show year.

We have been advised that one of our local government bodies has new bylaws coming in December which will make it extremely difficult for our breeders and with the changes being considered in the Victorian Animal Care and Protection Bill, our hobby is in a very dangerous position. If each one is not active and aware, then apathy and lack of involvement will destroy the purebred cat world. We also need to take responsibility for our breeding activities, because this is where we are judged by the authorities and the public. We have reached the stage of being the protectors of individual breeds not just exhibitors and breeders – and if we don't take on that responsibility, we are going to see breeds disappear altogether.

With the many outside pressures being placed on our hobby, we all need to look at how we can all contribute to helping the cat fancy survive and be seen as being responsible and caring. It takes workers to run a show, and there is truth in the saying "Many hands make light work" - being an exhibitor is no longer enough.



## GCCFSA Delegate report for 2024 ACF AGM

Firstly, GCCFSA would like to acknowledge the loss of our long-term stalwart Nell Evans. Nell will be missed personally, professionally and for her knowledge of all things to do with cats both at our state level and at a national level.

Thank you to all the members of GCCFSA who work hard to ensure that GCCFSA continues to run effectively, especially the Secretary and Treasurer. Thanks to the Registrar/s and Coordinators that look after membership, registrations, breed programs, sponsorship, stewards and judges.

There is currently steward and judges training being undertaken within GCCFSA, as part of getting more people to help at shows, and for Judges to extend their licenses.

Sponsorship took a bit of a hit with Proplan cancelling their contract, however a number of people stepped in to get other sponsors for which GCCFSA and its members are grateful. Also, thanks to Judith Jordan for her time as our sponsorship coordinator, and to Fiona Hawkins for stepping into the position when no one else did. Your time is valuable, and it is appreciated that you have used that time to help with promoting GCCFSA, its members and shows to sponsors and showcasing our hobby.

The show season has been relatively good, with a good turnout of exhibitors. Though it is still being left to a few people to undertake a lot of the hard work at shows, we are getting older, and it would be good if more people chose to assist on show day and prior rather than just turn up to be an exhibitor. To coin a phrase "a job shared is a job halved", so think about putting up your hand to help. It doesn't have to be a huge undertaking every little bit helps.

The 2026 ACF National planning is underway, with venues being determined, a call for EOI's to assist in the running of the National, with a number of members stepping up, and early discussions with Canterbury All Breeds Cat Club (NZ), on the possibility of sharing some judges.

The end of the year awards was again held in December 2023, and it was Judith Adams last awards dinner and presentation as the organiser. Judith, thank you for all the time and effort you have put in over the years. It is appreciated.

Thanks

Debs Armishaw

Delegate

GCCFSA



## 2024 GCCFV Chairman's report

Once again, I thank the committee for the efforts over the last year. I would especially like to thank Gay Hubbard for stepping in to secretary role. The committee has worked well together, and we have established some new processes and initiatives. These include use of debit card for transactions (rather than using personal cards); availability of a square payment device so members can pay by card at events; new registration forms, breeders self-assessment for AO purposes

This is despite the committee being under strength in numbers and having Suzanne Hauff resign through the latter part of the year. We thank Suzanne for her contribution. Thanks also to Christian who has stepped down from Treasurer position, but remains as Assistant Treasurer

It is good to see a couple more people stepping up to run on committee this year, but still disappointing though that we did not have more nominees for positions that were available

Special thanks as always to our registrars Wendy and Gay who have continued to process a steady flow of registrations.

2023 was again a successful year for shows – again staging stage 6 council and 4 club shows – and this year we are seeing a return of agricultural shows with an inaugural show at Foster and later in the year a return to Ballarat. The Cat of Year dinner was staged in December and was very successful and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Gay for her organisation of the event and extra prizes.

We thank the support of our members and exhibitors. Our Membership remains steady at over 190



## **QUEENSLAND FELINE ASSOCIATION Inc – Annual Report to ACF Inc 2024**

QFA Council reluctantly presented a reduced show calendar over the past 12 months mainly due to pressure on the generous volunteers who have regularly run so many shows for QFA over the decades (often as well as their own club shows). However, on a positive note, in March the QFA 2-day show returned for the first time since pre-COVID – this was a very successful show that was very well supported by exhibitors. QFA is fortunate to still have 6 Clubs that run their own shows in the metro and regional areas. Thanks go to all who have acted as Show Managers, Show Secretaries, stewards and other show helpers over the past 12 months.

QFA is looking forward to 2025 as we have a volunteer show Manager & show Secretary who have agreed to run 6 metro Council shows to boost our metro show calendar to its full capacity giving more opportunity for exhibitors to gain points towards titles and QFA COTY awards.

QFA acknowledges and thanks its long-term major sponsors – Royal Canin and Oz-Pet Litter and for 2024 we welcomed a new major sponsor in Petcover Pet Insurance. We also acknowledge our many other sponsors and generous supporters and exhibitors without whom shows could not continue.

QFA's 2023 COTY Awards & Christmas lunch in December was very well attended in a lovely new venue.

Queensland Councils compete with 3 other associations for breeder applications and loyalty, but registration numbers keep our Registrar busy. QFA is proud to be a registering body that requires its breeders to desex all 'pet' kittens prior to placing them in their new homes.

Thanks as always go to our Executive committee and club delegates and all our loyal breeder and non-breeder members.

We would like to congratulate TFA on the running of their beautiful and successful 2023 National Show in Launceston combined with the World Cat Congress meetings and seminar. Over the last 12 months we have watched and admired the huge amount of planning and prep put in by Cats NSW towards their hosting of this year's ACF National Show – what a great entry.

QFA extends best wishes to ACF and all member bodies for the coming year.

Janis Christison  
President  
Queensland Feline Association Inc  
June 2024



## **Attachment FIO**

### 2024 QICC Report

Good morning and welcome, I would like to acknowledge and say a very big thank you to the Committee for all your work throughout the year and to also acknowledged the help we have received from some of our associate members.

Our sponsorship has been tirelessly worked on throughout 2023 to make sure that we have sponsorship for our 2024 show season, thanks to our Secretary Sherin, who has made this possible on top of all her other work.

Also, many thanks go to our Membership Officer Donna, who is at every show to ensure the paperwork is correct and to help the Judges with the new Catshowsonline system.

Thank you to all the people involved show Secretary's and show Managers who ran our shows this year, and of course to everyone who has kindly been a steward for us it is much appreciated.

Once again QICC has had a successful show year making a profit.

We had the opportunity to have an International Judge last year which was exciting and has opened the door for more this year which we are excited about.

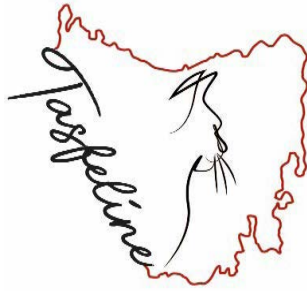
Our members numbers have also grown throughout the year which is always nice, it's good to see new faces and people who are taking an interest in the Cat Fancy.

2024 show season started off well and was a great success. This year we have the opportunity to have a few overseas Judges on board which is an opportunity we look forward to for our exhibitors.

Once again thank you to the dedicated Committee I have the opportunity to work with in 2023 and I wish you all the best for 2024.

And all the best to the new incoming Committee Members for 2024.

Sherie Oakley  
President QICC



## Attachment FII

### Tasmanian Feline Association - Affiliate Report 2023/2024

The Tasmanian Feline Association has certainly experienced a very busy period since our last report, we thank the ACF and our sister affiliates for your continued support.

Our 2023 standout event was hosting the ACF Nationals in conjunction with the World Cat Conference in Launceston. We were delighted to receive such positive feedback from the event, thank you to our hardworking committee, small but mighty. I congratulate you for running the event to turn a profit for the ACF.

Our Cat of The Year 2023 event held in Campbelltown was well attended. Congratulations to all section winners. This year we introduced a new ongoing award for TasFeline breeders, which was very hotly contested. Congratulations to the winning breeders, G1 - Spellbound, G2 - Carbonel Cats and G3 - Metanoia Bengals.

Our Group 4 candidate judges are progressing, and participants continue to put their new skills to good use in the stewarding arena. We also have an influx of new members including young people wanting to be involved as Junior Members and in stewarding. This is promising and we are very aware that as an Association we are bucking the trend and growing.

Our Association would not be in the position we are without it's hard-working committee and members. We are fortunate to have an effective team that work well together. Our committee and members are active in raising TasFeline's profile in the community, through regular shows as well as fundraising through regular events particularly through Bunnings. Our committee and members having genuine frontline conversations with public about owning pedigree and domestic cats, their health and wellbeing. I honestly believe this has been instrumental to our growth as an Association. I am proud we continue with the original vision for TasFeline, including nurturing a progressive and inclusive community for all our current and future members.

Our sponsors make putting on shows possible. We are incredibly grateful for their continued support – Thank you to Petcover, Purina Proplan, Catmate, Eye Envy, Lickimat, Orivet and Di-Vetalac.

Our AGM was held in February, well attended by members and several committee positions were vacated. A special thankyou to Fiona Ransley our outgoing President. Fiona's diligence and commitment to Tas Feline was inspiring to all our committee and members alike.

We are actively involved organising our next big event, the International Cat Gala at Hobart City Hall, Hobart over the weekend 20-21 July 2024. The event is growing into a mega one, with stallholders, vendors, and interstate support snowballing. Our purpose with this event is to reach as many cat enthusiasts and general public as possible, thereby raising community awareness of pedigree cats and their breeders.

Once again, we have several TasFeline members making the trip to support the ACF Nationals in Sydney, I wish them all the best in showing their beautiful cats.

Angela Hawkes

TasFeline President