

AUSTRALIAN BUSHMEN'S CAMPDRAFT AND RODEO ASSOCIATION LTD
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2021 ABCRA AGM REPORT

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Dear Members,

The ABCRA AGM was held on Wednesday 1 December 2021 at the Wests Leagues club Tamworth. The earlier AGM in the year that was planned was once again affected by the Covid lockdown and couldn't be held. With the change to the 1st December, it meant that we couldn't facilitate the original program of committee forums, judges panel meetings, and a dinner to celebrate our 75th Year as an organisation. We will be working towards these activities in the New Year when restrictions will allow.

The Council met and conducted the election to fill the two board positions vacant after completion of the set term.

Please join the ABCRA in congratulating our two elected board members, Chris Wyhoon and Tammy Connor who will serve a 3 year term.

Our President, Mr. Matthew Weber, welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for coming. Mr. Ron Berkley, Financial Director, presented the financial report for the ABCRA, and once again the association has presented a very positive financial result with surplus funds generated of \$90,000 through very trying times with very few events completed. This has been accomplished by the introduction of the iCompete database management system that has delivered cost savings by reducing employment costs within the main office and delivering an events management system for committees free of charge saving committees considerable cost.

The system has also provided better event information for decision making at a board level and enabled us to provide better information to our insurer. By working closely with our insurer we have been able to reduce our premiums and maintain the cost to committee's. The association has been able to maintain member charges with little or no increases over the last 3 years and provided discounted memberships if paid by the due date of 1 May.

Roberts & Morrow auditor for the Association, Carolyn Cooper said "there have been excellent improvements in reporting and operation since the introduction of the iCompete system which has benefitted the organisation from a management and financial perspective providing information to the Management and the Board for better decision making."

The Board announced that starting from the 1st January 2022 the ABCRA will be providing a fund to compensate committees for Cattle losses through injury or death whilst in the care of committees. This will be funded by collecting a levy initially of \$1.00 per run which will be reviewed annually based on the size of the reserve fund and the level of claims made. This initiative will give committees and cattle donors great confidence in the mitigation of a substantial loss in the event of death or injury of cattle at campdraft events. With the average value of cattle now in excess of \$2000 per head committees and cattle donors duly concerned can rest a little easier. Zones & Committees will receive an information package soon regarding how this will operate.

The meeting closed at 3 pm with all business on the agenda completed.

We are all looking forward to the next 12 months with plenty of competitions and activity for the association members. Merry Xmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

**Kind Regards,
Craig Young
Executive Officer.**



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Members,

It has been another very trying year as we just got back to some normality with events starting to run we got hit with a second wave of COVID-19.

Let's hope that we can now move forward as we learn to live with COVID.

I would like to thank the office staff for their efforts over the last twelve months to keep the office running smoothly. These girls play a big part in keeping the association going.

I would also like to thank Mr Craig Young for his efforts we once again have made a profit in the last financial year which is a small miracle considering how many events were run.

Craig has a very thankless job but his dedication to our association puts us in good stead for years to come.

I would like to also thank the board for all their efforts this was the first twelve months of the new board structure which I think has worked well. I would personally like to thank Mr Adam Maher who sadly is not standing again. Adams time on the board has been very productive and his fresh set of eyes and views will be missed.

I would like to welcome the two new board members who have been voted in for a three year term. The two new board directors are Tammy Connor and Chris Wyhoon.

I would like to thank Fiona Morris for all her efforts over many years and wish all the best in retirement. Fiona will be sadly missed and I am sure most people in the association have had something to do with her over her long time in the office.

Lastly I would like to wish all committees best of luck for their up coming events I hope they are all very successful. Best of luck to all of our competitors throughout the next year.

**Kind Regards,
Matt Weber**

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

EASTERN ZONE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Once again Covid 19 has affected the running of most of our Eastern Zone events. Events that actually ran in the Eastern zone to date, are as follows:

7 x rodeos, 4 x campdrafts, 3 x Team sorting and 7 x training days (includes one still to run on 27.11.21)

A total of 54 scheduled Eastern Zone events - campdrafts, rodeos, team sorting and training days have been cancelled to date. As a result of the large number of cancellations, the Eastern Zone Executive made the decision not to present Zone awards this year and to carry forward any points gained in this point year to the 2022 point score year and present 2022 awards only.

The Eastern Zone one the largest Zones in the ABCRA with 19 financial committees. In 2022 the Zone Executive will endeavour to hold more Zone meetings to keep our zone proactive and present any proposals from our committees to the ABCRA Board for consideration.

Eastern Zone Committees remain dedicated to holding events and are looking forward to easing of restrictions and getting back to a full contingent of events in 2022. Covid 19 has not been all bad news, with many grounds in our zone having undergone renovations and improvements including new amenities as a result of the Government Grants on offer and we look forward to putting them to use in 2022. Congratulations to our Zone Committees and volunteers for your dedication to the sport and your community.

The Eastern Zone managed to squeeze in a Judges Seminar in between Covid19 lockdowns which was held on 5th June, 2021 at Dungog RSL with our AGM following on in the afternoon. Ben Rossiter was the facilitator for our judges seminar, with a good number in attendance and some excellent discussion taking place.

The Eastern Zone wishes to thank Craig Young for his attendance and support at our Judges Seminar and AGM. Also thank you to the ABCRA for assisting our Committees with the additional compliance requirements that Covid 19 has presented to us.

Regards,
Christine Jones

NORTH QLD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Our 2021 season got off with a rocky start thanks to Covid-19 health regulations, losing our Annual Easter rodeo at Einasleigh and a Charters Towers rodeo in April. However the Mt Garnet rodeo committee braved the uncharted waters and kicked off the season with a bumper rodeo crowd on May day weekend. Bartlett Park rodeo committee in Townsville followed suit with their rodeo and also attracting an enormous crowd.

On the weekend of the Bartlett Park rodeo we incorporated a judges clinic facilitated by the knowledgeable Jeff Edwards which was a great success. The clinic was run in an open forum setting and provided current judges and interested members with an understanding and interpretation of rules. The clinic was also designed to encourage and recruit members in to a judging role.

Collinsville rodeo committee ran a dual affiliated "4B" event program before the Big Mareeba Rodeo in July. For the first time and due to health regulations, the Mareeba rodeo program was reduced to a one day event program instead of the two day program with the State of Origin challenge which we all know and love, however it was still a huge success with excited fans filling every seat in the grandstands and enjoying the final rounds throughout the evening.

Then it was back to Bartlett Park Townsville for another great day of rodeo before Ingham rodeo committee produced another tremendous September rodeo in the wonderful under cover arena and this year added \$2000 in prize money for the Will Murdoch memorial junior bull ride.

Our circuit headed north west in to Savannah country where the brilliant Georgetown rodeo committee, who had to postpone their rodeo due to Covid, bounced back shortly after and produced our final rodeo of the year.

Unfortunately our zone was unable to have a zone finals rodeo this year but we did finish in style with 200 people celebrating the past and present in a decorated Bartlett Park arena with an awards presentation and zone reunion where Lorraine Wellby and Campbell Hodson took home the All Round trophy saddles and buckles.



COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Bartlett Park committee kicks off our 2022 rodeo season with a full events program on New Year's Eve followed by a couple of months spell for the wet season before easter at Einasleigh. I would encourage all our ABCRA competitors to take a rodeo holiday in beautiful North Queensland during the 2022 winter months and join us for some warm weather and great rodeo competition.

Kind Regards,
Kyle G Milgate

SOUTHERN ZONE COUNCILLOR REPORT

As this is my first report as an ABCRA Councillor I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Ray Jeffery for entrusting me with the opportunity to represent the Southern Zone. I would like to also thank Lara Miller the Southern Zone Secretary for the countless hours of work she voluntarily dedicates to our Zone, and the same can be said for Jeff Rowson our Treasurer. Last but not least, Mark McAuley the President of the Southern Zone, who has worked tirelessly to open the lines of communication within our Zone. In his first term back as President of the Southern Zone he has shown a passion and desire to steer our Zone through very trying times.

Covid-19 hit the country like nothing we have ever witnessed before!

During the last twelve months only two Rodeos were held within our Zone. Gundagai conducted a Junior Rodeo in November 2020 and Tumut held a Rodeo in April 2021.

With the relaxation of Covid restrictions we have already seen a lift in spirits from keen committees to hold their next events. Jindabyne have confirmed they will be running on the 28th of December 2021 as have Queanbeyan who will be holding their annual Rodeo on the 12th of March 2022. I am certain there will be plenty more committees willing to run their events once they have the confidence Covid restrictions continue to ease.

Council have not had a lot of work to do during these times, one thing we were asked to do was to vote on changing the date of the National Finals Rodeo. Through consultation with all Southern Zone Committees and Executives it was decided that we would vote against the date change, the reason behind this was that it would be detrimental to our Zone. Unfortunately the

motion was passed, and we will as a Zone support the change for the betterment of the ABCRA.

In closing I would like to thank Craig Young, the ladies at Head Office and the Board of Directors for all their efforts in a year we would all like to forget. 2022 cannot come fast enough!

Jeff Edwards

MID NTH COAST ZONE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Well I thought we were heading for a more normal year of events, how wrong was I. Our Zone was able to get one event into the current point year being the Macleay Challenge fundraiser campdraft. We also held a Campdraft Judges clinic which was facilitated by Tim McCarthy and well attended by current judges and those interested in becoming judges. I would like to thank Craig Young for making the effort to attend our Zone AGM his trip over the mountain was out of the norm as the usual direct road was closed due to land slips. Craig's knowledge and understanding of the ABCRA and the new systems was beneficial to all those in attendance. Thanks to all at head office for the help you provide to members and committees.

Barry Lee

BORDER ZONE COUNCILLOR REPORT

On behalf of the Border Zone I submit this report for 2021.

The Border Zone conducted 7 very successful affiliated events during the year. Unfortunately, there was 9 events that were unable to run during the year due mainly to Covid Restrictions. It is good to see that we are now up and running again under the NSW Health guidelines. We look forward to many more events being able to run and being able to attend events on either side of the border from mid-December with QLD Health restrictions easing for NSW visitors.

I would like to thank head office and the Board for their hard work to ensure that we have been able to recommence competition under the new guidelines and look forward to being able to attend some events moving forward.

Steven O'Brien

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

NORTHERN ZONE COUNCILLOR REPORT

What a year it has been! I was fortunate enough to take over from Jim Southeron this year as the Northern Zone Councillor. I have had the pleasure to work with President Alex Pope and Vce President Diana Brown who both bring great skills to these roles. It has also been very satisfying to work with the Committee members of this Zone throughout the year that has been full of ups and downs.

The upside definitely being beautiful rain that the Northern Zone has received. We would like to extend a big thank you to the cattle donors for the season. With cattle prices so high it is very generous of livestock owners to donate cattle to use at our events.

Managing the ongoing Covid 19 situation has made running events extremely challenging, however this zone has still managed to run ten campdrafts and three rodeos which is a credit to the organising Committees. Well Done!

The Covid 19 intrusion has resulted in the point score year being extended to the 31st July 2022 with National Finals now later. This is something new that will hopefully result in a fantastic event for our sports.

I am sure all our cowboys and cowgirls are keen to hit the road and get back into competing in the New Year. E hope 2022 will see our sports return to normality and we all catch up at a rodeo or draft very soon. Please feel free to contact me if there are any areas with which I can help. Thank you for 2021, and I look forward to catching up at one of our many events during 2022.

*Kind Regards,
Kristy-Lee Oversby*

WA ZONE COUNCILLOR REPORT

The WA Zone was fortunate to have not be dramatically affected to a large extent by COVID shutdowns which allowed the state to continue to run events during this year, with huge success.

There were some committees which decided that the risk of snap lockdowns and the government restrictions were too large and decided to postpone until there is more certainty in running a successful event.

It was extremely unfortunate when the state government, did enforced these lock downs, they did it extremely quickly, which meet some shows were cancelled and had major losses. We feel the massive disappointment and frustration for those committees, and we hope that we will see you back in the 2022 season.

For those committees which run, despite the risks, there were some huge success stories with larger than normal crowds. The new committee of Outback Rodeos Inc which held their first Coolgardie Rodeo, having a crowd in excess of 4500 for their rodeo, it was great to see. The huge support from the committee and sponsors makes for a promising future for that club. With the long-term running clubs having maximum crowd numbers in Boddington and Boyup Brook they delivered exceptional events, and the addition of large screens to show replays of the events, shows how far we are coming as a zone in trying to create professional events.

The Northern part of the state, running events in Pannawonica, Onslow and Broome, each growing and leading the way for other events to join in to the ABCRA rodeo and campdrafting calendar. In the future there may assistance in there being a northern WA zone with new committees coming on board. A meeting was held in Broome with interested parties about coming across to the ABCRA. This was successful and we are hoping to continue to build this area in the coming years.

To the other committees that ran, despite the risk of uncertainty, and had successful events, from rodeos, camp drafts and Stockman's challenges. Thank you.

The WA Junior Rodeo committee continued to run its events and it has been paying great dividends with the skills in our junior ranks improving. This year the committee had a fundraising drive with rodeo calendars and raised a large amount of money to help run events, training days and purchase equipment for their events. I would like to thank all involved and the sponsors that came on board that funded all the costs of the calendars.

I would like to thank the people behind the scenes that work endlessly our in the WA Zone, not paid, but for the love of the sport and the drive and determination to see the sport survive and grow in WA.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Some have put 20 years into the zone and countless hours into it, with only a thank you, and at times not even that. You know who you are, Thank You.

To the younger members to our Zone and association, become involved, assist a rodeo committee, or the zone. You are the future, and we need you to step up, and continue this into the future.

Paul Casey

NORTH WEST ZONE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,
The North West Zone hosted 15 events in the 2020/21 points year. Unfortunately, some 25 events were forced to cancel due to the pandemic or when it wasn't the pandemic it was the rainfall that we greatly needed.

Without a doubt, this has been the best season we have had in some time! The price of cattle is booming and with that, I would like to take this opportunity to remind competitors to take the initiative to look after the livestock at all events. It is becoming increasingly difficult for committees to source livestock and without them, our events cannot run. I encourage all competitors and committees to strive to maintain the great animal welfare standards that our association is known for.

On behalf of our Zone, I would like to thank the head office staff for their assistance throughout the year. They are always a pleasure to deal with and their attention to detail doesn't go unnoticed! Thanks must also go to our Zone Executives Peter Dawson and Shelley Steiger for all of their efforts. I am looking forward to a busy year of competition in 2022!

**Regards,
Peter Kelly**

CENTRAL WEST ZONE

The Year of 2021 has been unusual and interesting for members and Committees with the Covid 19 Pandemic throwing many curve balls for all to negotiate in both personal and business endeavours. Members who have been able to

a covid safe event in this period have been very fortunate. Not many events have been run in our Zone, Coonamble June long weekend was able to go ahead, adverse weather conditions preceding the event saw a change to the start but the Committee truck to the task and pulled off another well run combined Campdraft and Rodeo.

Marra and Trangie were also able to run along with Oberon in November. Congratulations to these Committees for all their hard work and on the conduct of their events and to the competitors for their assistance with Covid safe matters.

Many thanks are extended to the Executive, James Morse-President, Marina Colwell - Sec/Treasurer.

Pete Garlick and Troy Fitzpatrick- Vice Presidents, Glen Peterson and David Armitage as Zone Campdraft Finals Committee members. The Zone is looking to hold their inaugural Campdraft Finals in 2022, seasonal conditions and cattle availability permitting.

I would like to thank all the cattle donors, sponsors and volunteers who contribute to our sport for their time and assistance, your efforts are sincerely appreciated by the Zone. To the Directors, Craig, and the office staff, I thank you for your assistance and support with any matters raised. Looking forward to a great year of competition in 2022.

Amanda Spinks

AGM MINUTES

THE AUSTRALIAN BUSHMEN'S CAMPDRAFT & RODEO ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ken Chillingworth Room, West Leagues Club
Phillip Street, Tamworth NSW 2340

Wednesday 1st December 2021

MINUTES

Meeting Opened: 2.05pm

PRESENT IN PERSON: Matthew Weber (**President**), Ron Berkley (**Treasurer**), Jason Besant (**Vice- President**), Lachlan Maxwell (**Vice-President**), Jim Southeron (**Director**), Amanda Nicholson, Christine Jones, Dean Taylor, Kayleen Southeron, Lesley Apps, Alex Pope, Amanda Spinks, Barry Lee, David Gorton JNR, Lorraine Menser, Matt Owen, Peter Kelly, Roy Tanner, Scott Davis, Heath Nichols.

PRESENT AUDIOVISUALLY: Chris Wyhoon (**Director**), Darren Sutherland, Harry King, Jeff Edwards, Kylie Milgate, Paul Casey, Glen Peterson & Steven O'Brien.

IN ATTENDANCE: Craig Young (Executive Officer), Jo Clarke (Office Manager), Carolyn Cooper (Roberts and Morrow ABCRA Auditor)

ABCRA Staff
Jaimee Quayle, Natasha Achurch, Anita Mosch.

APOLOGIES: Ian Winks, Brian Hill, Bill Kelly, Shelly Stieger, Pat Gillis, Vicki Evans, Emily Tanner, David Gorton Snr, Ken McCallum.

1. DECLARATIONS OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

2. APOLOGIES

AGM 1.12.21/1 MOTION	"That the apologies as recorded be accepted".	
Moved: Barry Lee	Seconded: Christine Jones	CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PROXIES

No Proxies declared.

4. MINUTES:

AGM 1.12.21/2 MOTION	"That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Bushmen's Campdraft and Rodeo Association Limited, held on Wednesday 2 nd December 2021, as circulated, are a true and correct record".	
Moved: Dave Gorton JNR	Seconded: Barry Lee	CARRIED

5. ANNUAL REPORTS:

5.1 Presidents Report

AGM 1.12.21/3 MOTION	"That the President's report tabled and presented be received"	
Moved: Matt Weber	Seconded: Lachie Maxwell	CARRIED

5.2 Treasurer's Report

AGM 1.12.21/4 MOTION	"That the Treasurer's report tabled and presented be received".	
Moved: Ron Berkley	Seconded: Jason Besant	CARRIED

5.3 Financial Statements- Auditors report

AGM 1.12.21/5 MOTION	"That the Financial Statements for the 2020 – 2021 financial year as circulated be received".	
Moved: Ron Berkley	Seconded: Scott Davis	CARRIED

5.4 Campdraft Cattle reserve fund

The ABCRA President announced the commencement of the Reserve fund that will be provided to committees for the mitigation of the financial loss of Cattle where injury or death occurs in their care. The Association passed the establishment of this fund at a previous AGM. The Reserve is self-funding and collected by a levy added to the entry fee. The levy has been set at \$1.00/run and will be reviewed by the board on a needs by basis. The ABCRA zone council fully supported this initiative.

5.5 Members Representative Councils

Heath Nichols reported on behalf of the Rodeo MRC.

Glen Peterson reported on behalf of the Campdraft MRC.

5.6 Zone Councillor Reports

AGM 1.12.21/6 MOTION	"The Zone Councillor reports published be received"	
Moved: Matt Weber	Seconded: Barry Lee	CARRIED

6. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

In accordance with Clauses 68 & 69 of the Constitution, Mr Matthew Weber has been elected unopposed.

7. DECLARATION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with Clause 67(e) of the Constitution the elected Directors are as follows:

The term of office of the elected directors starts at the commencement of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

The four candidates that were eligible to stand for election for the two positions for a term of three (3) years;

Tammy Connor, Chris Wyhoon, Amanda Nicholson, Diana Brown.

The President thanked all candidates for their willingness to stand and participate in the future of their association.

Tammy Connor & Chris Wyhoon were the elected Directors.

ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE DATES

7.1 Dates for approval at the 2021 AGM from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

Date application list presented.

Amendments:

- Bendemeer Campdraft Change is approved for 19th/20 Feb 2022.
- Geurie Rodeo 26th March approved.

Date Clashes to be resolved:

- Queanbeyan and Coolah clash need to be addressed- Heath Nichols to contact committees.
- West Wyalong date should be 5.3.22, and will clash with Barraba 5.3.22
- K Ranch 8th January will clash with Walcha Timed event weekend.

Dates Submitted at the AGM

- AQHA 2/3 April
- Walcha CD Club 9/10 April
- Big River CD 1/2/3 April 2022
- Koobah 14th/15th May 2022
- Coonamble Campdraft 10/11/12/13th June
- Coonamble Rodeo 11/12/13 June
- Koobah Dash for Cash 2/3 July 2022
- Glen Innes campdraft & Jnr Rodeo 18/19/20 November
- Koobah Golden Guitar 5/6 Nov 2022

AGM 1.12.21/7 MOTION	"That the presented date applications be accepted subject to any clashes unresolved"	
Moved: Scott Davis	Seconded: Kayleen Southeron	CARRIED

8. ALLOCATION OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.5
POINT YEAR	ABCRA Championship Rodeo	NSW Championship Rodeo	NSW Championship Campdraft	ABCRA Championship Campdraft <u>conditions apply</u>	NSW Championship Junior Rodeo
2021	Stroud NSW- cancelled	Quirindi NSW	vacant	Copmanhurst NSW- cancelled	Stroud NSW
2022	Scone	Southern Zone	vacant	Copmanhurst NSW	Vacant
2023	Vacant	Vacant	vacant	Vacant Walcha expressed an interest	Vacant

Copmanhurst clashes with Coolah Draft.

9. LIFE MEMBER & HONOUR ROLL INDUCTION

Bruce Green (d) will be inducted Life member and Honour Roll recipient, to be presented at the Rodeo Round Up Jan 2022

10. MEETING CLOSED at 2.53 PM

The President thanked all attendees and declared the meeting closed at 2.53 pm.

These minutes when signed are accepted by resolution as a true and correct record of the ABCRA Annual General Meeting on 1st December 2021.

Chairman **Matt Weber**



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