

## **ANCC Review Committee Report 2006.**

This committee present two proposals to the 2005 ADM. Both of these proposals were excepted in principle and consent was give for the necessary changes to the Constitution/Rules & Regulations , than presentation too and validation by the 2006 ADM. These two proposals where “Membership” to the ANCC and the “Restructure” of the ANCC.

### **Membership to the ANCC.**

*“The ANCC only accept membership from a state council and that clubs currently directly affiliated to the ANCC be required to affiliate through membership of their state council.”*

All changes have now been made to the Constitution to reflect this statement. There have been many changes to the document but we now feel that the Constitution is a much clearer and more concise document, which now gives a clear frame work for the continued operation of the ANCC. The Constitution now has clear definitions of its members, how those members communicate with the ANCC and what the ANCC excepts from its members.

There have been a number of other minor changes, which have included recognition of Territories as well as States, correction of spelling, punctuation and capitalisation. The most noticeable of these changes has been the inclusion of clauses or the rewording of clauses , to reflect changes in technologies. Most of these changes are related to the publication of the ANCC standard book on line. Changes were also needed for the publication of the Stud register online. An additional requirement of membership has also been included, this being the requirement of “Members” to maintain an email account.

The changes required to the Constitution where much greater than this committee had anticipated and as such have taken the most part of the year to complete. However this committee is now happy with the changes and is looking forward to the ANCC “Members” accepting these changes and the revised Constitution & Rules & Regulations being approved for use.

Attached is a copy of the revised ANCC Constitution and the “General Rules” of the ANCC. A log of these changes has also been included for both documents.

These changes now need ratification by the ADM.

## **Restructure of the Council.**

The Review Sub Committee (RSC) has been unable to complete this task.

The RSC made a choice to complete the first of its two proposals and has been unable to complete this proposal to its satisfaction. This is due in part to the much larger than anticipated work load that the "Membership" changes required.

However we still wish to proceed with this reform. We felt that the size and importance of these changes requires the full attention of the committee, similar to the commitment shown to the "Membership" issue.

Following is a copy of the original purpose;

*"We believe that the following system will benefit the fancy, ensuring that the ANCC has members that have something they wish to contribute rather than people selected by their state to make up numbers, or worse, vacant seats at the delegates meeting. We believe that this would realise a broader scope of interested people to fill ANCC positions. By having people that are more willing and committed to serve on the ANCC there will be more effective communication with state bodies, who are in a far better position to deal with the needs of the fancy at a grass roots level.*

*The following proposal would also only require a state council or its equivalent to send one delegate to the ADM. This may make it easier for the smaller states to find a single willing candidate, rather than two as is the current requirement.*

*Following is the proposed model.*

- *1 representative per State:  
This person shall be elected/appointed by a process determined within each state.*
- *6 Elected/Councillors:  
These people shall be elected by way of ballot. All adult members (over 18 years of age) of cavy clubs affiliated to the ANCC, through their state council, shall be eligible to vote. Each eligible person shall be entitled to one vote only and members holding memberships in more than one state can only cast one vote. This vote is to come from the state considered to be the home state or the state of residence. Vacancy of these elected positions which accrue during the term, shall be filled by a process yet to be determined.*

*The ballot will be controlled by a returning officer or committee similar to current ANCC committee format used by the SRP or this investigation*

*committee. It is the feeling of this committee that this person should be ineligible to stand for the six councillor positions, thus avoiding any possible conflicts of interest.*

*All elected Councillors shall serve for a term of two years. From these elected Councillors the ADM will elect its Executive members, being the Secretary, Treasurer and the Chairman. State representatives will be ineligible to fill these executive positions. This is so as not to disenfranchise the state delegates in any way, rather it is to empower them and ensure that their primary focus is on representing their state without having conflicts of interest.*

*For example the chairman will not get a deliberate vote, only a casting vote if required. As the chairman does not have a deliberate vote, we consider it would be most inappropriate for a state not to have a vote. If for example the chairman was there as the Victorian delegate it would mean the Victorian delegate could not vote and thus Victoria would not get a vote, unless a casting vote was required. That may then create a conflict of interest. Further, the secretary and the treasurer have management responsibilities that may conflict with a states position on a matter, creating a potential conflict of interest. An example of this would be recommending that an increase in fees is required.*

*The new make up of the ANCC would have 12 members, with 11 votes and the Chairman having a casting 12<sup>th</sup> vote.*

- *Chairman. (Casting Vote Only)*
- *Secretary (Voting Member)*
- *Treasurer (Voting Member)*
- *3 Councillors (Voting Members)*

*6 State Representatives (Voting Members)”*

This is only one model and this committee has already heard several indications from around Australia that some individuals disagree with its format. We however are mindful that this proposal was accepted in principle by the 2005 ADM and it was passed with 100% majority of active votes. This committee would like to invite those that feeling strongly about this issue to join its ranks. We need input from all side to achieve the best out come for the greater Australian fancy.

The RSC would like to seeks further submissions to this proposal. The current Cavy forum (ANCF) would be considered by this committee as being suitable and an informal approach has been made to the ANCF and an in principle agreement for the hosting of such a discussion/submission forum has been reached.

This committee would like the ADM approval to use the ANCF for taking public submissions on the ANCC restructure.

This committee would like to make the “Reform” proposal its major task for presentation to the 2007 ADM.

## **New Projects for 2006 - 2007**

There have been a number of further issues that have come to the attention of the RSC which it feels are worthy of further investigation, review or immediate change these are;

### **3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- (e) *To provide information and advice on all matters pertaining to cavies.*

This clause was discussed and we considered changing it but felt that this was outside this committees current terms of reference.

Our concerns are as follows;

Would the ANCC provide recipes for cavy if it was approached? This objective implies it would. The RSC doesn't have issue with people eating cavies but we believe from the ANCC point of view, the use of the word 'fancy' in **3 (a)** as defined by the Macquarie Dictionary means "the breeding of animals to develop points of beauty and excellence" and we don't believe the majority of people represented by the ANCC would consider the marketing of cavy as a meat product proper. Cavies are more akin to the Dog/Cat/Horse fancy rather than the cattle, pig fancy.

We would like to change **3 (e)** to;

- (e) To provide information and advice on all matters pertaining to care, breeding, health, hygiene and exhibition of cavies.

### **9. STUD REGISTRATIONS**

The RSC would like to investigate and report to the ADM on the current set of rules used for this scheme.

We have no agenda at this stage for change but feel a review of this scheme is warranted. It is this committees understanding that there are stud registration on our list that where listed 20 or more years ago and these studs have never shown since this date of registration. While we understand that you don't have to show or even breed to have and maintain a stud, we feel however, that it is important that our list of studs is current and active. We see little point in producing and maintaining a list that contains a good 80% inactive studs. This large number of inactive studs is making selection by new members very difficult. A simple renewal fee could be charged every 10 years for continuation of the stud registration, for example. We would also like to be able to take submissions on this point.

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Once again I would like to thank my fellow members for all of the hard work that has been put into this report.

I also hope the recommendations made in its content are greeted with enthusiasm and are passed with the full agreement of the council.

Yours in Cavies,

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