

The first ten years

ANZCCART celebrated its tenth birthday on 6 May this year, an anniversary commemorated by this issue of its quarterly newsletter. The first issue of *ANZCCART News* was published in Spring, 1988.

You will notice the new layout and style of the newsletter – long overdue, some readers will say! *ANZCCART News* has been described as the flagship publication of ANZCCART and has a high reputation in Australia and New Zealand as well as in other countries. Its content covers a wide range of interests and issues and is principally intended for scientists and technicians working with animals in research, teaching or testing, members of animal ethics committees and government animal welfare administrators. It is also read by members of animal welfare organisations and interested members of the public.

Since the first meeting of its Board in May, 1987, there have been many people associated with ANZCCART, as members of the Board, of Council or as contributors to conferences, workshops and publications such as this. These contributions have been honorary and have been given with the aim of fulfilling ANZCCART's objectives and reasons for being (see below). ANZCCART would not have succeeded without the time and effort provided by many people over the years.

Particular mention should be made of the three Chairpersons over this period. The first was Professor Alec Lazenby, then Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, who represented the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (AVCC). Following the 1990 Review, it was agreed that the Chairman should be an independent person. Associate

Professor Loane Skene filled this role admirably from December, 1991 until August, 1995. A law graduate, initially with the Law Reform Commission of Victoria, she is now in the Faculty of Law at the University of Melbourne. Biomedical ethics remains one of her research interests.



Associate Professor Loane Skene

Professor Malcolm Nairn, Vice-Chancellor of the Northern Territory University, acted as Chairman until Dr Elizabeth Close assumed the Chair in January, 1996. Dr Close is a Senior Lecturer in French and Romanian at Flinders University in Adelaide and was a member of the NHMRC's Animal Welfare Committee for some years, as well as Chairman of the Flinders University Animal Welfare Committee for more than ten years. She has brought this experience and a

strong personal interest in animal welfare to the position.

Special mention must be made of the support given to ANZCCART from its foundation by Associate Professor Margaret Rose from the University of New South Wales. This has comprised assistance with the newsletter, including writing many articles and providing advice and assistance with conference programs and organisation. Others who played leading roles in the formation and establishment of ANZCCART include Professor Warwick Anderson, National Health and Medical Research Council. (NHMRC), Dr Alan Donald (CSIRO) and Mr Chris Puplick (lay member).

ANZCCART is an umbrella organisation, comprising representatives of a wide range of organisations, including State, Territory and National Governments, major research and teaching organisations and scientific societies. As such, it relies on its network of members for its effectiveness.

The first Executive Officer, Mr Denis Daly, did much to establish the organisation and give it national standing. His advice and assistance is still provided from time to time and is always useful.

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