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ABOUT ANZCCART

The Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching (ANZCCART) was established in 1987 in response to concerns in both the wider and the scientific communities about the use of animals in research and teaching, and was incorporated in 1993 as a non-profit company. ANZCCART is an independent body that has been developed to provide a national and international focus for these issues. Through its varied activities ANZCCART seeks to promote effective communication and cooperation between all those concerned with the care and use of animals in research and teaching.

MISSION STATEMENT

ANZCCART will provide leadership in developing community consensus on ethical, social and scientific issues relating to the use of animals in research and teaching.

Key objectives

To achieve its mission, ANZCCART will promote:

excellence in the care of animals in research and teaching;

responsible scientific use of animals; and

informed discussion and debate within the community regarding these matters.

ANZCCART seeks to achieve these objectives, first by providing an ongoing focus to the social, ethical and scientific issues involved, second by providing a forum for discussion of these issues and third by facilitating access to relevant specialist advice and resources.

Further, through its publications and activities ANZCCART is a source of information for the general public about how animals are used in research and teaching in Australia and New Zealand.

ANZCCART operates on a purely advisory basis and its membership represents the interests of government, funding organisations, research and teaching institutions, professional organisations and the community.

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PREFACE

The value of an organization is best judged by the extent to which it achieves its major goals. For ANZCCART, this is: *to provide leadership in developing community consensus on ethical, social and scientific issues relating to the use of animals in research and teaching*. To do so, ANZCCART seeks to promote i) excellence in the care of animals used or supplied in research and teaching, ii) responsible scientific use of animals, and iii) informed discussion and debate within the community regarding these matters.

The year 2005 proved to be one of substantial change for ANZCCART. With the resignation of the Director, Dr Rory Hope, due to reasons of ill health and the resulting need to find a replacement, the level of activity seen for ANZCCART was less than in previous years. After an extensive search, the Board was pleased to be able to appoint Dr Geoff Dandie as the new Director / Chief Executive Officer of ANZCCART, effective on a part-time basis from the 1st of June, 2005 and full-time from August 2005. ANZCCART was very grateful to Dr Hope for his dedication and generosity in agreeing to continue in the position on a part-time basis during this transition period.

In spite of these limitations, 2005 was another very good year for the organization with a highly successful conference being held in Wellington New Zealand from the 26th – 28th of June, at the Offices of the Royal Society of New Zealand. The theme of this meeting was “Animal Ethics Committees and animal use in a monitored environment: is the ethics real, imagined or necessary” and thanks to the efforts of Mrs Gill Sutherland (Executive Officer, ANZCCART New Zealand) and members of the New Zealand Board of ANZCCART, this meeting was an outstanding success and attracted over 90 registrants, that included a even mix of delegates from both Australia and New Zealand as well as others from as far as the UK and South Africa. Full details of the conference are presented later in this report. Two editions of ANZCCART News were also published during the second half of 2005.

2005 also saw some significant changes to the ANZCCART board. With the retirement of Professor Mike Rickard (CSIRO nominee and past Chairman of the ANZCCART Board) and his concurrent step down from the Board of ANZCCART, we were pleased to welcome Dr Christopher Prideaux (Deputy Director, CSIRO Livestock Industries) as Mike’s replacement. This change also meant that Professor Roger Dean (AVCC Nominee) became the Board’s Deputy Chair. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Professor Rickard for his outstanding services to ANZCCART over many years and welcome Dr Prideaux to the Board.

A significant aspect to the activities of ANZCCART during the final four months of 2005 was a renewed drive to raise the professional and public profile of the organization in Australia and New Zealand and elsewhere. This meant travelling to major centres in Australia and New Zealand to re-establish contact with members of the ANZCCART Board and Council in particular. Aside from the major need to enable the new Director getting to know the people most directly involved with ANZCCART and vice versa, this had the added benefits of seeing ANZCCART’s national and international profile increase. This resulted in ANZCCART being invited to participate in the ratification and implementation of the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy (AAWS) and invitations to a number of very relevant national and international conferences, workshops and meetings.

Allowing for the obvious limitations imposed by both time and budget, ANZCCART will continue to use such opportunities to build and foster an expanding network of cognate people and organizations. This is a major strategy in our commitment to be an increasingly relevant organization that is working for its stakeholders, to provide advice on the care and use of animals in research and teaching based on the highest quality, scientifically validated information available and to promote education and informed debate of the ethical issues involved.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Owens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie Owens
Chairman

MEMBERS OF BOARD, COUNCIL AND STAFF OF ANZCCART

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Chairman

Professor Julie Owens BSc (Hons), PhD	ARC	Continuing
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Professor Julie Owens BSc (Hons), PhD	ARC	Continuing
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Dr. Rory Hope BSc (Hons), PhD (Adelaide) Until June 2005

Dr. Geoffrey Dandie BSc (Hons), PhD (Monash) From June 2005

Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Julie Nixon BA (Sydney)

ANZCCART Council¹

Chairman

Professor Julie Owens BSc (Hons), PhD	ARC Continuing
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Noel Standfast	Queensland Department of Primary Industries
Ray Yates	AATA

¹ See Appendix 5 for a list of acronyms and their meanings.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND STAFF OF ANZCCART NEW ZEALAND

ANZCCART in New Zealand operates as a Standing Committee of the Royal Society of New Zealand appointed by the Council of the Society under Section 27(1) of the Society's 1997 Act. Members of the New Zealand Board of ANZCCART are appointed by the Council of the Society after consultation with the interests represented within the financial membership. The Royal Society of New Zealand has a seat on the Board of ANZCCART Australia.

ANZCCART NEW ZEALAND BOARD

Chairman

Sue Jackson BE	Appointed by the Royal Society of New Zealand
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Members

Pat Cragg BSc (Hons), PhD	University of Otago
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Donald Love BSc (Hons), PhD	University of Auckland

Executive Officer (part-time)

Gill Sutherland MSc (Hons)

Full members of ANZCCART New Zealand

New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee
New Zealand Pastoral Agriculture Research Institute Ltd (AgResearch)
Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research Ltd
Royal Society of New Zealand

Associate members of ANZCCART New Zealand

Agricultural Chemical and Animal Remedies Manufacturers Association of New Zealand (AGCARM)
Animal Science Technicians' Association of New Zealand
AgriQuality Ltd
Department of Conservation
MAF Biosecurity Authority
National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Ltd (NIWA)
New Zealand Veterinary Association
Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
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BOARD REPORT FOR 2005

This report records the activities and achievements by ANZCCART in Australia and New Zealand during the calendar year 2005.

The Board

Membership of the Board of ANZCCART is shown on page 3.

In May 2005, Professor Mike Rickard (CSIRO) resigned from the Board and therefore as Deputy Chairman. This coincided with his retirement from CSIRO. Professor Rickard was succeeded by Dr Christopher Prideaux as the CSIRO representative and Professor Roger Dean, Vice Chancellor and President, University of Canberra was elected to the position of Deputy Chairman.

Dr Pat Cragg, Senior Lecturer in Physiology, University of Otago, Dunedin, continued as the alternate to Mr Steven Thompson (CEO, Royal Society of New Zealand) representing the Royal Society of New Zealand on the Board throughout the year.

At the invitation of the Board, Mrs. Elizabeth Grant (Chairman, NHMRC Animal Welfare Committee) remained on the Board throughout the year.

ANZCCART's Director, Dr Rory Hope, acted as Secretary to the Board until May 2005. The incoming Director, Dr Geoff Dandie assumed the role of Secretary to the Board from the 1st of June, 2005.

In August 2005, ANZCCART launched a new and updated web site that allowed for greater ease of access to information and improved search engine capacities. The Board and Director of ANZCCART expressed their gratitude to the web development team at the University of Adelaide for developing the new web site shell within a matter of only a few days and so greater expedited this process.

In December 2005, The Board of ANZCCART was delighted to be able to welcome ACT Health as a member of the ANZCCART Council.

The Board met on five occasions during 2005:

Tuesday 22nd March, 2005 (Teleconference)

Members present: Prof Julie Owens (Chair), Prof. Mike Rickard, Prof Roger Dean, Mrs Elizabeth Grant and Dr Rory Hope. Apologies were received from Dr Pat Cragg.

Monday 16th May, 2005 (In association with the AVA conference, Gold Coast / teleconference)

Members present: Prof. Julie Owens (Chair), Mike Rickard, Mrs Elizabeth Grant (by telephone), Prof. Roger Dean (by telephone), Dr Pat Cragg (by telephone). Mrs Gill Sutherland (Executive Officer, ANZCCART New Zealand) and Dr Geoff Dandie (In-coming Director, ANZCCART) also attended as observers. Apologies were received from Dr Rory Hope (Director).

Tuesday 5th July, 2005 (teleconference).

Members present: Prof. Julie Owens (Chair), Dr. Pat Cragg, Dr Chris Prideaux, Mrs. Elizabeth Grant and Dr Geoff Dandie. Apologies were received from Prof Roger Dean.

Monday 10th October, 2005 (teleconference)

Members present: Prof. Julie Owens (Chair), Prof Roger Dean, Dr. Pat Cragg, Mrs. Elizabeth Grant and Dr Geoff Dandie. Apologies were received from Dr Chris Prideaux.

Tuesday 13th December 2005 (teleconference)

Members present: Prof. Julie Owens (Chair), Prof Roger Dean, Dr. Pat Cragg, Dr Chris Prideaux and Dr Geoff Dandie. Apologies were received from Mrs. Elizabeth Grant.

The Council

Members of the ANZCCART Council are listed on page 4. Apart from the changes to the Board noted above (Board members are also Council members) the membership of ANZCCART Council remained unchanged during 2005.

Administration

Dr. Rory Hope retired as Director and Company Secretary at the end of 2004, but he agreed to remain in this position on a part-time basis until a new Director was appointed.

Dr Geoffrey Dandie took over as Director and Company Secretary from the 1st of June, 2005.

Mrs Julie Nixon continued as Administrative Assistant throughout 2005.

The University of Adelaide continued to provide ANZCCART with office accommodation and other services and facilities. Accordingly, the ANZCCART office remained located in Room B03, Mitchell Building, North Terrace campus of The University of Adelaide.

2005 Annual General Meeting

The AGM for 2004 was held on Monday 16th May, 2005 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The annual general meeting was opened by the Chairman of ANZCCART, Prof. Julie Owens at 12 noon the 16th of May 2005. She welcomed the following people:

Robert Baker (Australian Veterinary Association Proxy), Mary Lou Conway (Department of Primary Industries, Water & Environment Tasmania), Pat Cragg (Royal Society New Zealand), Geoffrey Dandie (Observer), Roger Dean (AVCC), Elizabeth Grant (National Health and Medical Research Council), Julie Nixon (ANZCCART), Mike Rickard (CSIRO), Gill Sutherland (ANZCCART New Zealand) and Noel Standfast (Queensland Department of Primary Industries, Animal Welfare Unit).

Apologies and Proxies

Apologies and proxies in favour of the Chair, Julie Owens were received from: Kate Blaszk (Bureau of Animal Welfare), Andrew Brennan (Lay Member), Ian Cowie (Dept. of Local Government and Regional Development WA), Peter Holdsworth (AVCARE), Deborah Kelly

(South Australian Department of Environment and Heritage), Stephen Tate (Bureau of Animal Welfare) and Ray Yates (Australian Animal Technicians' Association). Apologies were received from Rory Hope (ANZCCART), and Kevin Doyle (Australian Veterinary Association).

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the annual general meeting for 2004 held at the Canberra Convention Centre, on Tuesday, 4th May 2004 were approved with a minor amendment. A correction was made to the name of the NHMRC committee from "Scientific Advisory" to "Research" committee.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were none

Consideration of the Annual Report for 2004:

The twelfth annual report in draft form was circulated amongst the Council members. Julie Owens noted that there were some minor matters that were being finalized, specifically the qualifications of some of the Council members.

Board Report.

Julie Owens thanked Rory Hope for writing the preface. She noted that there had been three Chairs throughout the year, Prof. Roger Holmes, Prof Mike Rickard and herself. She thanked Rory Hope for his work as Director in 2004, and informed the Council that he had tendered his resignation at the end of 2004. She also thanked Julie Nixon and Selina Watson for their administrative assistance throughout the year and The University of Adelaide for continuing to provide generous in kind support. In 2004 ANZCCART made a small net profit and continued to improve its financial security and this was due in a great part to the 2004 conference.

The 2004 conference was very successful in bringing together the different stakeholders in a constructive forum. The members of the planning committee are listed on page 13 of the annual report. Julie Owens said that all of the members provided significant assistance in making the conference a success. At this point, Julie Owens moved a vote of thanks to the conference planning committee and especially to Margaret Rose and Kate Blaszac for their part in securing sponsorship and speakers. The motion of thanks was seconded by Mike Rickard. Julie Owens also thanked the major sponsor of the conference, the New South Wales Ministry for Science and Medical Research, as well as the Bureau of Animal welfare in Victoria, NHMRC, RSPCA NSW, University of New South Wales and the University of Sydney for their generous sponsorship.

The ANZCCART News was published three times in 2004. The usual activities of interacting with the community continued. It is hoped that the closer ties with ANZCCART New Zealand will continue and that the new Director will be able to attend the AGM of the New Zealand Board in the future. Chris Prideaux and Mike Rickard will be attending the upcoming conference in New Zealand and it is hoped the incoming Director will also attend.

Julie Owens asked for comments from the Council, but there were none.

Director's Report.

Julie Owens presented the Director's report in the absence of Rory Hope. She told the Board that the Director had continued to be active furthering the goals of ANZCCART. She was particularly supportive of projects, which involved strengthening links with sponsoring organizations and seeking addition funding.

Julie Owens proposed an amendment to the Director's report to include the members of the Conference organising committee in the list of groups and individuals acknowledged by Rory Hope.

Report from ANZCCART (New Zealand).

Gill Sutherland referred to the written report distributed prior to the meeting. She told the meeting that the recommendations from the successful conference held in New Zealand in 2003 were being addressed by a sub committee and that they hoped to report on progress at the conference in June. The next activity she referred to was the meeting between parliamentarians and the all-party liaison group on animal welfare that ANZCCART organises each year. She reported that the 2004 meeting was very productive. In addition to this, the code of practice for Prescription Animal Remedies for scientists who need to use a range of anaesthetic and analgesic drugs in order to perform surgical and other manipulations was finalised. The ANZCCART Board also organised two very successful workshops in the second half of 2004, one of which Professor Michael Festing spoke at, and another at which Dr Johnny Roughan spoke. A full written report is attached to these minutes.

Financial Statements and Auditor's Report.

Julie Owens reported that the operating profit for the year ending 2004 was \$44,943. The retained profits at the end of the period were \$ 159,485. She asked the Council for comments. Mike Rickard told the Council that the Board always tried to maintain enough funds for 6-12 months operating costs. He said that the employment of Geoff Dandie on a full time basis would have an impact on these figures. Julie Owens added that Roger Dean has secured a commitment of \$3,000 from the ACT Health and Medical Research Foundation. She told the council that she had also recently approached the Australian Society for Medical Research with a request for sponsorship.

Adoption of the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report.

Julie Owens asked the Council to accept the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report. May Lou Conway proposed the reports be accepted, Gill Sutherland seconded the motion. **Julie Owens moved that the reports be adopted.**

Adoption of the Annual Report.

Julie Owens asked for Council to accept the Annual Report. Elizabeth Grant proposed the report be adopted, Pat Cragg seconded the motion. **Julie Owens moved that the report be adopted.**

Reports from Member Organisations:

Written reports were received from ANZCCART New Zealand, the Bureau of Animal Welfare, the Department of Primary Industries, Water & Environment Tasmania and the NHMRC.

Pat Cragg spoke on behalf of **ANZCCART New Zealand**. She said that the Board had been focussed on the recommendations from the 2003 conference and would report on progress at the upcoming conference. They were looking at some of the issues about ethics committees to come out of the Australian conference. In particular, were they just compliance keepers or should they have a more active role in ethics. They were also working on a video for secondary school children, redesigning their information pamphlet, in consultation with Australia, and updating their freestanding display as well as being involved in science fairs. One of the new initiatives, under the umbrella of the RSNZ is to become a member of the International Council for Laboratory

Animal Sciences. They have a bioethics workshop planned for 2005 and will also continue with the all-party liaison group.

Julie Owens commended ANZCCART New Zealand for looking at secondary schools. Elizabeth Grant said that some years ago the NHMRC had produced a book and video for school children. She said that whilst this would need updating, she felt that it would be a good basis to build upon. Gill Sutherland and Pat Cragg agreed to liaise with Elizabeth Grant to update the material.

Geoff Dandie said he had spoken to a number of year 11 and 12 Biology students at various schools around Hobart in Tasmania on behalf of the local branch of the Australian Society for Medical Research about the use of animals for scientific purposes and could offer some assistance. Gill said that she was attempting to link the project into the school curriculum. Mike Rickard said that a number of years ago ANZCCART Australia had tried to do this, but that they had not had much co-operation from schools. He expressed a hope that they would be more successful this time. Julie Owens said that there were probably a few more avenues available at this time. She asked that the school project be a major priority for all involved.

Roger Dean referred to the New Zealand approach to politicians, and said that the only way he felt was successful was on approaches made on a one to one basis, or group visits to the parliament. Elizabeth Grant said that Science meets Parliament was also a good opportunity for ANZCCART to approach politicians.

Julie Owens reported that the ARC continued to be a strong supporter of ANZCCART and that it had moved to make funding arrangements more standardised. It was intended that this would bring greater security to the funding arrangements. A grant application for a Special Research Initiative had been completed by ANZCCART, with funding of \$32 000 being awarded. She suggested that it might be a good opportunity for ANZCCART to request an increase in sponsorship.

Julie Owens referred to the report provided by Elizabeth Grant on behalf of the NHMRC. Elizabeth Grant highlighted the animal ethics member survey undertaken by the NHMRC. The results were very pleasing finding there is a lot of enthusiasm in AEC's. The main information from the survey will be documented in a report. It appeared that category C members were more satisfied than reported in a previous survey. The new code has been launched in conjunction with state animal welfare bureaus in all states except NSW. Julie Owens commended the NHMRC on their great work.

Roger Dean indicated that the AVCC had renewed its sponsorship for 2005.

Mike Rickard the CSIRO representative, recorded formally that he would be stepping down at the end of the meeting and that Dr Chris Prideaux the Deputy Chief of CSIRO Livestock Industries would take his place on the Board and Council.

Mary Lou Conway reported on behalf of the **Department of Primary Industries, Water & Environment Tasmania** that the legislation regulating animal research in Tasmania is currently under review. Issues identified to date include formalising non-resident institution project monitoring, licence fees, better definition of institution and animal research and a possible expansion of the species covered by the Act.

Noel Standfast reported on behalf of the **Queensland Department of Primary Industries, Animal Welfare Unit**. The new act has been in place since 2002 and has strong support from the minister. The highlight of the year has been the new code, and they are about to start their monitoring program in June using appendix 1 of the code as the model. Noel Standfast said that

there is a big push by the department to get animal ethics into schools and that he would be interested in taking part in the project raised earlier by Gill Sutherland.

Robert Baker spoke on behalf of **South Australian Department of Environment and Heritage**. He said that the South Australian Animal Cruelty Act was under revision. The key question would be the definition of an animal, and whether fish might be included. He indicated that there was not a lot of support to include fish in the definition. The monitoring program will start this year. The ethics committee system is working well.

Robert Baker informed the group that Kevin Doyle sent his apologies as he was unable to attend because he was receiving an award for long and meritorious service from the AVA. Robert Baker also spoke on behalf of the **AVA** and reported that a new animal ethics advisory committee had been set up to help members who were part of ethics committees. He felt that there was a lack of knowledge in members about requirements when animals were used for teaching purposes and that the committee would help raise awareness of these facts at conferences. The Animal welfare program at the AVA conference was proving very successful and was now held over 2 days.

Julie Owens noted that a written report from Deb Kelly, the representative for the **South Australian Department of Environment and Heritage**, been received and distributed to the Council prior to the meeting.

Report on progress towards filling the position of Director.

Julie Owens introduced Dr Geoffrey Dandie to the Council. She said that the interview selection committee had received 8 applications and short-listed 4 people. The committee consisted of herself, Mike Rickard, Roger Dean and Tim Kuchel. The group was delighted with the quality of the applicants and very pleased that Dr Geoffrey Dandie accepted the position. The Council welcomed Dr. Dandie and Julie Owens asked him to say a few words to the Council.

Geoff Dandie told the group that his experience with ethics began at Monash University when he became part of a specialist group looking at human ethics. After moving to Tasmania he became involved in the University of Tasmania AEC as a category B member and later became the Deputy Chairperson. In addition he was involved in organising a training course for new investigators and also giving lectures on animal ethics to schools. He said that he thought his major achievement in the area was to bring people with different views on animal use together. In the future he hoped to use his current involvement in various societies to further ANZCCART. He concluded by saying that he hoped to draw upon the experience of the Board members when he begins as Director full time in August and looked forward to meeting the council members in person.

General discussion on future directions for ANZCCART, including a consideration of the composition of the Board and any changes to it that may be desirable.

Julie Owens prefaced the agenda point by saying that at this stage the Board was seeking to promote a discussion of the subject and was not seeking any approval of the proposal. Any formal changes would need to go to a special meeting of the council. She told the Council that the changes were a reaction to the difficulties experienced with the transition of new Board members at the end of 2004. The current constitution only allows for the Chair to be a representative of a sponsoring organization. In the past this has been rotated between the AVCC and the CSIRO because their members tend to be longer serving. The ARC was unable to provide a candidate as Chair due to the nature of their shorter-term appointment and increasing workload commitments. The Board has explored the contingency of being able to appoint an independent Chair. Julie Owens said that the first approach considered was that the Board appoint a layperson who could then be elected as Chair. The second approach might be to appoint a representative of a member organization to the Board for the purpose of Chairing, she used the example of the NHMRC, who

provide substantial in kind support to ANZCCART but are no longer sponsoring members becoming eligible to provide the Chair. She highlighted the need to progress with member organizations to fulfil ANZCCART's mission. Julie Owens then asked the Council for comments.

Mike Rickard noted that there had been a further correspondence about this matter from the law firm, Mallesons Stephen Jaques, regarding the proposals. Julie Owens told the Council that their advice would be distributed. She asked the Council to consider the proposal keeping in mind that there was value in the board size remaining manageable. At the moment she felt that there was a lack of flexibility in the constitution. She also felt that any changes should be followed by a strategic plan that looked at the Council and how the involvement of member organizations could be improved.

Mike Rickard said that he had canvassed the changes with Chris Prideaux and that the CSIRO did not have any objection at this time to the proposal. He agreed with Julie Owens that there was merit in keeping the Board to a functional number. He urged the Council to come to a decision as quickly as possible. Julie Owens assured the Council that they would be involved in the decision and that the matter would be expedited. Julie Owens referred to the discussion paper entitled: Creating greater flexibility in appointing the Chair of the Board of ANZCCART. Julie Owens asked the Council to consider the paper and encouraged member to provide feedback and suggestions. She said that the final form of wording would be distributed to members for consideration in the near future.

Julie Owens asked the Director to look at ways of increasing the level of interaction between his office and Council members. She said she hoped that the communication could be improved and relations strengthened and that regular contact could be increased beyond the yearly AGM.

She also felt that it was time that ANZCCART develop a strategic plan. The business plans of past years provided a good basis, and she believed that it was time for the long-term mission of ANZCCART to be revisited.

Elizabeth Grant agreed, and said that it was important to look at our mission and see how we can best put our resources to serve the interests of promoting animal welfare. Julie Owens agreed and added that it was critical that Council members be involved in the formulation of any strategic plan.

Pat Cragg said that she felt that there was some advantage at looking at how the ANZCCART Board was run in New Zealand. She highlighted the practice of Board members being given an item to follow up after each Board meeting. This helped them to remain involved and eased the burden on the Executive Officer.

Julie Owens agreed that this could be useful. She felt that it was critical that the methods of governance be considered in the strategic plan and that any ways of involving the Council more and helping the Director to achieve more should be considered.

Any other Business.

Julie Owens thanked Mike Rickard for his long-standing and highly committed involvement in ANZCCART as a member and Chair. She also thanked him on behalf of Rory Hope, who had been very appreciative of the assistance that Mike Rickard had provided him when he became Director. She added that Mike Rickards contribution had been outstanding and that his experience would be missed.

Mike Rickard responded by thanking Julie Owens for her comments and saying that it was very difficult to cease his connection with ANZCCART. He felt that the organization had done a

terrific job, and weathered a number of difficulties. He thanked the council for the tremendous assistance they had provided on both sides of the Tasman and he especially thanked ANZCCART New Zealand. He strongly advocated a larger role for Council, and he wished ANZCCART and the new Director every success in the future. He added that the CSIRO was also strongly committed to ANZCCART.

Robert Baker added to these comments that Mike Rickard had been invaluable during his years as Director and said that it was critical that the Chair had a good relationship with the Director.

Elizabeth Grant thanked Mike Rickard on behalf of the NHMRC for his contribution to the code and to ANZCCART.

Pat Cragg also added her thanks to Mike Rickard on behalf of the RSNZ.

Mike Rickard in return thanked the Council for their words.

Julie Owens thanked Rory Hope, who has retired as Director, for his work over the last 3 years. His achievement in getting the budget on a sound footing and his efforts to further the mission of ANZCCART were outstanding. She also highlighted his commitment and contribution over the past few months after his official retirement. The Board wished Rory Hope well in the future.

Close of Meeting.

Julie Owens closed the meeting by thanking the Council members for taking part and acknowledged the time commitment made by members involved in the meeting.

Annual Conference

This years ANZCCART Conference was held at the offices of the Royal Society of New Zealand after a last minute change of venue was deemed to be necessary when the New Zealand Office was advised of potential problems with protesters and the planned venue (Wellington Public Library) expressed some concerns about the potential for this disturbing other users of the library. In spite of this last minute change of venue, this year's conference was a great success with over 90 delegates from around the world registering for this meeting. Potential disruption by animal activists was minimised by securing the services of a security firm before, during, and for a short period after the conference, with support from the New Zealand police during the conference itself.

Registration

The full registration fee was \$435 with delegates coming from New Zealand, Australia, UK and South Africa.

Conference Theme: "Animal Ethics Committees and animal use in a monitored environment: is the ethics real, imagined or necessary?"

The conference focussed on what Animal Ethics Committees do in regulating and monitoring the use of animals in research and teaching, and the public's and scientists' expectations of the process. Questions considered during the conference included: Who is responsible for striving for best practice? Are ethical standards necessary, should they be raised, and by whom? Are AECs just compliance gatekeepers or do they have a role in defining ethical standards? Is public opinion of animal ethics known or just imagined? What can AECs learn from human ethics committees?

The conference programme was structured into six sessions over the two days.

Session 1: Animal Ethics Committees: what do they really do, what should they do, and why should they do it.

Dr John Schofield, University of Otago, discussed whether Animal Ethics Committees (AEC) are a help or a hindrance to researchers.

Professor Graham Nerlich, University of Adelaide, tackled the issue of the "ethics" of Committees. He considered that AECs do good ethical work but asserted that AECs don't (and shouldn't) "do ethics".

Session 2 "Ethics Committees: their function"

Professor Don Evans, University of Otago, delivered the *Cam Reid Oration*. This paper noted and evaluated the varying degrees with which an affirmative answer has been given to the question "Are animals our equals?"

Dr Deborah Middleton, Australian Animal Health Laboratory, Melbourne, discussed, from an Australian perspective, how to get all the elements of an AEC working successfully together.

Session 3: Animal Ethics Committees: the social dimension

Dr Mark Fisher, Kotare Bioethics Ltd, discussed the necessary, the real, and the imagined aspects of AECs.

Dr Tim Dare, University of Auckland, considered personal attitudes and public regulation with respect to animals and ethics and asked whether consideration of ethics by AECs, rather than just ensuring compliance with regulations, was important.

Session 4: Animals in research: the laboratory

Dr Simon Festing, Research Defence Society, UK, explained that although the UK is a world leader in medical research and produces more new medicines, more scientific papers and more Nobel Prize winners per head of population than almost any other country in the world, it paradoxically has the most vitriolic and influential anti-vivisection movement in the world, as well as the most aggressive animal rights extremists. Since there is limited room for debate or dialogue to find common ground with abolitionist organisations he said that in order to safeguard the future of biomedical research in the UK, it is vitally important that those involved in the use of animals understand the tactics of these groups and deploy appropriate counter-measures. He said it is far better to be open and transparent so that the public can get information about what goes on in research centres, ensuring that researchers do not give the impression of having something to hide.

Dr Ailsa McGregor, University of Auckland, spoke about neurodegenerative disease modelling and why it is necessary. She described the importance of whole animal models in neurodegenerative disease research and also their limitations.

SESSION 5: Alternatives and cost

Dr Richard Clothier, FRAME Alternatives Laboratory, UK, talked about the development of acceptable alternative methods and emphasized the importance of validation when considering how alternative assays are going to be acceptable as replacements for the present animal-based methods.

Dr Robert Baker, Department of Primary Industries and Resources, South Australia, talked about public accountability in animal use for scientific purposes in Australia and national data and auditing of AECs and institutions.

SESSION 6: Out of the lab and into the wild

Bruce Warburton, Landcare Research, spoke about managing ethical issues in vertebrate pest control research. New Zealand has a range of introduced vertebrate pests that have negative impacts on conservation, animal health, and production values.

Peter Mason, NZSPCA, outlined considerations and perspectives in animal welfare at home.

The conference concluded with an update on the recommendations that arose from the 2003 ANZCCART Conference in Christchurch and agreement for inclusion of two new recommendations from the 2005 conference.

Recommendations from this conference:

1. That closer collaboration occur between New Zealand and Australia with regard to information-sharing and striving for best practice in using animals for research, testing and teaching.
2. That ethics should be put back into Animal Ethics Committees.

The latter point being thought to be more applicable in the New Zealand setting as many Australian AECs have an "ethicist" or "philosopher" as a part of their membership, which is not the case in New Zealand.

Conference Proceedings

The proceedings from this conference were published during December 2005.

Newsletter

Two editions of *ANZCCART NEWS* were published during the last few months of 2005. The newsletter is currently sent by email to over 1,000 individuals and the readership list continues to expand. All editions of *ANZCCART NEWS* dating back to March 1997 are now available from the ANZCCART website: www.adelaide.edu.au/ANZCCART

Although termed a "newsletter", *ANZCCART NEWS* routinely contains high quality papers reporting original work. Some notable papers during 2005 included:

- *Why [some philosophers think] using animals in scientific research is seriously wrong.* (John Hadley, Department of Philosophy, University of Sydney)
- *Introduction to the Politics of Animal Protection* (Siobhan O'Sullivan Government and International Relation, The University of Sydney)
- *So what exactly is "Animal Rights"?* (Malcolm France, Director of Laboratory Animal Services, University of Sydney)
- *The Australian Animal Welfare Strategy* (Geoff Dandie, Director of ANZCCART)
- *Changes to the Use of Animals for Teaching Scientific Concepts in Victorian Schools* (Richard O'Donovan, Victorian Bureau for Animal Welfare)

Other Publications

Other ANZCCART publications during 2005 were:

The Australia and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching. Eleventh Annual Report (Year ended 31st December 2004). ANZCCART (2005).

This can be downloaded, free of charge, from the ANZCCART web site.

Provision of information related to animal welfare and ethics

A significant proportion of ANZCCART's activities involve providing information to scientists, members of Animal Ethics Committees, government officers, animal carers, tertiary and secondary students, and members of the public. Enquiries come to the ANZCCART office in Adelaide by email or telephone, originating mostly in Australia but with a significant proportion from overseas. If a question cannot be answered directly, a colleague with expertise in the relevant field is consulted.

A sample of the topics covered is given below during the last four months of 2005 (origin shown in brackets):

- Request for advice on who to contact regarding concerns about the welfare of animals used in a secondary school biology project (Secondary school student)
- The use of ethanol for euthanasing birds (Animal welfare organization).
- Can I undertake voluntary work with ANZCCART? (Member of public).
- Can I join ANZCCART? (Pakistani Researcher).
- Advice on appropriate methods of euthanasia for a variety of species (Researchers).
- Advice on obligations of an AEC regarding the monitoring of quality of animal suppliers (AEC member)
- Provide information regarding alternatives to dissection (separate enquiring from University Lecturers in Australia and Israel).
- Can you provide details about the current legal requirements (if any) to test new drugs in animals (Lawyer, Animal Welfare Organization)
- Why do they develop a serum in other animal for use in humans? Why do such vaccines work? (Student, USA).
- Request for information regarding pig care and husbandry in a lab/research environment (University student)
- What are the similarities between an isolator housing unit and a petri dish? (Secondary school student).
- Request for assistance with interpretation of the Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals: Land Transport of Horses (Brazilian Government Official).
- Can I get some information regarding the effectiveness of the Three R's? (University student, USA).
- Request for information regarding animal models of depression (University Animal Welfare Officer).
- Request for guidance with methods of euthanasia of cane toads for the public to use, suggested by the Northern Territory media (University AEC member).
- Request for advice regarding sentinel testing for Mouse & Rats and how much would it cost? (Researcher)

Publicity cooperation

During 2005, ANZCCART assisted professional societies and other organisations by circulating information about forthcoming national and international conferences and workshops, publications, situations vacant etc. This was done by both email sent out to our mailing list and via ANZCCART News.

Interaction between ANZCCART and ANZCCART (New Zealand)

Shortly before taking up his position as Director of ANZCCART Geoff Dandie took the opportunity of attending the conference in Wellington to meet with the Board and members of ANZCCART (New Zealand) and Mrs Gill Sutherland (Executive Officer, ANZCCART New Zealand). Additionally, and in line with the policy adopted previously, the Australian Director / CEO of ANZCCART also attended the December meeting of the Board of ANZCCART (New Zealand). This proved to be very worthwhile and should be continued.

We have also arranged to have regular reports from Australia as a part of the New Zealand Board meetings and reports on New Zealand activities as a part of the Australian Board meetings. It has also been arranged to exchange Board minutes and work plans so that each office and Board is aware of the others activities.

Policy on privacy and security

To support its objective in promoting community discussion and debate on animal ethics and welfare issues, ANZCCART maintains an extensive database of contact information (name, address, affiliation, phone and fax numbers, email address etc.) related to individuals and organisations. This data is used to email or post ANZCCART material such as notices about conferences and workshops and copies of *ANZCCART NEWS*. Occasionally ANZCCART circulates relevant information supplied by other reputable organisations, so long as such information is in keeping with ANZCCART's goals. In addition, when requests are received for information that cannot be answered in-house, such requests are forwarded to selected individuals whose contact details are kept on the ANZCCART database. These individuals are asked to either respond personally to the inquirer or back through the office of ANZCCART if anonymity needs to be maintained. It is ANZCCART's policy to only forward messages if the contributor of the message has supplied full contact information, including name, affiliation, email and phone number.

ANZCCART operates within the Privacy Act (1988) and National Privacy Principles. We are also careful to ensure that we comply with the provisions of the Spam Act 2003 and ensure that people can withdraw from the mailing list at any time. Consent to maintain personal details is implied unless we are notified that consent is withdrawn. Under no circumstances does ANZCCART reveal personal information to external agencies. In sending bulk emails originating from our address lists, we use the majordomo list service operated by the University of Adelaide, as this provides greater privacy to recipients. We use the Bcc (blind carbon copy) field so that addresses are hidden.

NEW ZEALAND BOARD REPORT 2005

During 2005, ANZCCART's major focus was holding its conference in Wellington in June.

This highly successful conference was held from 26 to 28 June 2005 at the Royal Society of New Zealand in Wellington. The conference focused on what Animal Ethics Committees do in regulating and monitoring the use of animals in research and teaching, and the public's and scientists' expectations of the process. Questions considered during the conference included: Who is responsible for striving for best practice? Are ethical standards necessary, should they be raised, and by whom? Are AECs just compliance gatekeepers or do they have a role in defining ethical standards? Is public opinion of animal ethics known or just imagined? What can AECs learn from human ethics committees? The proceedings of the conference were published in December 2005.

During the year ANZCCART offered six regional prizes to school Science Fair participants. ANZCCART Board members acted as judges where possible.

ICLAS (International Council for Laboratory Animal Science) is an international scientific organisation dedicated to advancing human and animal health by promoting the ethical care and use of laboratory animals in research worldwide. It was agreed that there would be real benefits for New Zealand in belonging to ICLAS with the aim of keeping up with international trends and providing international networks, so earlier this year ANZCCART (NZ) joined as the New Zealand National Member of ICLAS. Dr John Schofield, ANZCCART New Zealand Board member, attended an ICLAS meeting; the second international meeting on Harmonisation of Guidelines in St Louis, United States, in November as the New Zealand representative.

Mr James Battye of Palmerston North has been appointed as the new Chair of ANZCCART for a 2-year term starting on 1 January 2006.

DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES 2005

In addition to those activities outlined in the Board Report, the Director, Dr Geoff Dandie, undertook the following activities on behalf of ANZCCART during 2005:

- ANZCCART was invited to participate in a workshop organized by the Federal Department of Fisheries and Forestry, aimed at ratifying the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy (AAWS).
- ANZCCART has subsequently been asked to join the working party charged with responsibility for rolling out the AAWS in the research and teaching sector.
- We have been working to develop a comprehensive education package aimed at introducing both sides of the ethical debate relating to the use of animals for scientific purposes. This has been done in collaboration with the NHMRC and ANZCCART (New Zealand).
- ANZCCART prepared a detailed submission on the proposed National Animal Welfare Bill that was before the Australian Senate late last year.
- Maintained regular contact with members of the ANZCCART Board and Council through meetings, teleconferences and written reports.
- Attending the Annual meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Society for Laboratory Animal Sciences, this was held in association with the Australian Animal Technicians Association meeting in Fremantle, Western Australia.
- Composed/revised/edited the following:
 - i. *ANZCCART NEWS* (two editions)
 - ii. ANZCCART: Twelfth Annual Report (for year ending 31 December 2003)
 - iii. "Ethical guidelines for students using animals or animal tissues for educational purposes". This document was originally written by Dr. Pat Cragg and colleagues (ANZCCART, New Zealand) and was modified to suit the regulatory framework in Australia. Copies were circulated to all Australian Universities late in 2004.
- Participated in the official launch of the *South Australian Ethics Centre*.
- Updated much of the ANZCCART web site content (on – going activity)
- Continued the activities of a working Group on "Euthanasia of Amphibians and Reptiles" that was set up by Rory Hope.

Future priorities

Convening a workshop to look at the problems faced by University Animal Ethics Committees that are asked to review proposals on behalf of external organizations and prepare a guiding Fact Sheet on how these problems may be addressed by both ethics committees and external organizations that need to seek their assistance.

Revision of the ANZCCART publication "Euthanasia of Animals Used for Scientific Purposes" 2001 (Edited by J.S. Reilly) which has been in high demand since publication.

A major initiative for 2005/06 is to strengthen links between ANZCCART and its present sponsors, and seek additional sponsors, particularly amongst the professional societies, with the aim of improving our revenue base. The key to achieving this initiative lies in improved communication about ANZCCART's role and activities.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of ANZCCART, the Director/ CEO would like to extend a special thanks to the following:

- Members of the ANZCCART Board and Council
- Colleagues on the Board of ANZCCART (New Zealand)
- Our major sponsors – Australian Research Council (ARC), Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee (AVCC), Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and the Royal Society of New Zealand (RSNZ)
- Donor members for their continuing support
- Mrs Julie Nixon for her excellent administrative assistance
- University of Adelaide – for the provision of services and facilities
- The following individual members of the University of Adelaide for generous assistance and advice: Professor Neville Marsh, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Ms. Kerry Jaeger, Senior Executive Officer, Office of the DVC (Research);

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND AUDITOR'S
REPORT 2005**

**AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL FOR THE
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Financial and Statutory Information

For the Year Ended 31 December 2005

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Christopher Prideaux

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Directors' Report

The Directors present their report together with the financial report of the ANZCCART ("the Council") for the year ended 31st December 2005 and the auditor's report thereon.

Directors

The directors of the Council at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

Julie Owens, BSc (Hons) PhD Chairperson Director since January 2004 Other directorships	Nil
Elizabeth Grant, AM PhC MPS Director since 2000 Other directorships	Nil
Pat Cragg, BSc PhD Director since 2001 Other directorships	Nil
Roger Dean, BA MA PhD DSc DLitt FAICD Director since September 2004 Other directorships	Nil
Christopher Prideaux, BSc (Hons) PhD Director since May 2005 Other directorships	Nil
Michael Rickard, BVSc (Hons) PhD DVSc FTSE Director since 1995 until - May 2005 Other directorships	Nil

Directors' Report

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Council during the course of the financial year was to provide leadership in developing community consensus on ethical, social and scientific issues relating to the use of animals in research and teaching.

Result and Review of Operations

The operating profit for the year ended 31 December 2005 was \$21,872 (2004: profit \$44,943).

State of Affairs

No significant change in the state of affairs of the Council occurred during the financial year under review that is not otherwise disclosed in this Report or accounts.

Likely Developments

The Council will continue its normal activities and the Directors are not aware of any likely developments which would significantly affect the results of the Council in subsequent financial years.

Significant Changes in the state of affairs

In the opinion of the Directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs that occurred during 2005.

Meetings of Directors

The number of directors' meetings and the number attended by each of the directors of the Council during the financial year are:

	No of Meetings Attended	No of Meetings Held
Julie Owens	5	5
Elizabeth Grant	4	5
Pat Cragg	4	5
Roger Dean	4	5
Christopher Prideaux	2	5
Michael Rickard	2	5

Directors' Report

Insurance of Officers

The Council has a policy in relation to Directors and Officers' Liability Legal Expenses Insurance. The Directors have not included details of the nature of the liabilities covered or the amount of the premium paid in respect of the directors' and officers' liability, as such disclosure is prohibited under the terms of the contract.

Events subsequent to the end of balance date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Council, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Council, in future financial years.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:


.....
Director

Dated
at



Directors' Report

Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration

The Lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 34 and forms part of the directors' report for the financial year 2005.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for on behalf of the Directors.

Signed at Adelaide this 29 day of March 2006.



Director



Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To: the directors of the Australia New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 31 December 2005 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

KPMG

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Peter D Robertson

Peter D Robertson
Partner

Adelaide

29 March 2006

Income statement
For the year ended 31 December 2005

	Note	2005	2004
		\$	\$
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	184,151	250,482
Less: Expenses			
Salaries, wages and payroll expenses	3	93,921	120,041
Other expenses		68,358	18,626
Conferences expenses		-	66,872
Total Expenses		<u>162,279</u>	<u>205,539</u>
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities before related income tax expense		21,872	44,493
Income tax attributable to ordinary activities	1(c)	-	-
Net Profit/(Loss)	10	<u>21,872</u>	<u>44,493</u>
Total changes in equity from non-owner related transaction	10	<u>21,872</u>	<u>44,943</u>

The above income statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes set out on pages 34 to 43.

**Statement of recognised income and expense
For the year ended 31 December 2005**

	Note	2005 \$	2004 \$
Retained profits		159,485	114,542
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Net income recognised directly in equity		159,485	114,542
Profit for the period		21,872	44,943
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Total recognised income and expense for the period		181,357	159,485
Attributable to:			
Equity holder		181,357	159,485
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Total recognised income and expense for the period		181,357	159,485

The above statement of recognised income and expense should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes set out on pages 34 to 43.

Balance sheet
As at 31 December 2005

	Note	2005 \$	2004 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	182,989	142,217
Receivables	5	980	39,482
Total current assets		183,969	181,699
Non Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment		5,027	-
Accumulated Depreciation		(84)	-
Total non-current assets		4,943	-
Total assets		188,912	181,699
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	4,350	16,725
Employee benefits	9	3,205	5,489
Total current liabilities		7,555	22,214
Total liabilities		7,555	22,214
Net assets		181,357	159,485
Equity			
Reserves		159,485	114,542
Retained earnings	10	21,872	44,943
Total equity attributable to equity holder		181,357	159,485

The above balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes set out on pages 34 to 43.

Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 31 December 2005

	Note	2005 \$	2004 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts in the course of operations		193,233	259,945
Cash paid to suppliers and employees		(145,138)	(207,248)
Net cash from operating activities	10	48,095	52,697
Cash flows from investing activities			
		-	-
Net cash used in investing activities		-	-
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		40,772	52,697
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		142,217	89,520
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	6	182,989	142,217

The above statements of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes set out on pages 34 to 43.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005

Note 1 Significant accounting policies

The Council is domiciled in Australia.

This financial report was authorised for issue by the directors on 26 March 2006.

The significant policies which have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are:

(a) Statement of compliance

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (“AASB”) and the Corporations Act 2001. International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”) form the basis of Australian Accounting Standards adopted by the AASB, being Australian equivalents to IFRS (“AIFRS”).

This is the Council’s first financial report prepared in accordance with AIFRS and AASB 1 *First Time Adoption of AIFRS* has been applied. An explanation of how the transition to AIFRS has affected the reported financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Council is provided in note 14.

(b) Basis of preparation

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

The financial report is prepared on the historical cost basis.

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in the financial report and in preparing an opening AIFRS balance sheet at 1 January 2004 for the purposes of the transition to Australian Accounting Standards – AIFRS.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005

(c) Taxation

ANZCCART is exempt from the payment of income tax under the provisions of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 as it qualifies as a public benevolent institution. The effect of income tax is therefore not included in the accounts.

(d) Property, plant and equipment

(i) Owned assets

Items of property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation (see below) and impairment losses (see accounting policy (h)).

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment.

(ii) Subsequent costs

The Council recognises in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied with the item will flow to the Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other costs are recognised in the income statement as an expense as incurred.

(iii) Depreciation

Depreciation is charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property, plant and equipment. The estimated useful lives in the current and comparative periods are as follows:

- Computer Equipment 5 years

(e) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are stated at their cost less impairment losses (see accounting policy (g)).

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash balances and call deposits.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005

(g) Impairment

The carrying amounts of the Council's assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement, unless an asset has previously been revalued, in which case the impairment loss is recognised as a reversal to the extent of that previous revaluation with any excess recognised through profit or loss.

(h) Calculation of recoverable amount

The recoverable amount of the Council's receivables carried at amortised cost is calculated as the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate (i.e. the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition of these financial assets). Receivables with a short duration are not discounted.

The recoverable amount of other assets is the greater of their net selling price and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

(ii) Reversals of impairment

An impairment loss in respect of receivables carried at amortised cost is reversed if the subsequent increase in recoverable amount can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised.

In respect of other assets, an impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

(i) Employee benefits

(i) Long-term service benefits

The Council's net obligation in respect of long-term service benefits, other than pension plans, is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods. The obligation is calculated using the projected unit credit method and is discounted to its present value and the fair value of any

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005

related assets is deducted. The discount rate is the yield at the balance sheet date on government bonds that have maturity dates approximating to the terms of the Council's obligations.

(ii) Wages, salaries and annual leave

Liabilities for wages, salaries and annual leave that are expected to be settled within 12 months of reporting date, represent present obligations resulting from employee's services provided to reporting date, are measured as the undiscounted amounts based on remuneration wage and salary rates that the Council expects to pay as at reporting date including related on-costs.

(j) Provisions

A provision is recognised in the balance sheet when the Council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. If the effect is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

(k) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are stated at cost.

(l) Revenue

(i) Sales revenue

Sales revenue comprises revenue earned from the sale of publications and the provision of membership entitlements. Revenue is recognised when the member joins the Council.

(ii) Funding

Funding monies are received from supporters and are brought to account on a cash received basis.

(m) Goods and services tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

**Notes to the financial statements
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Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flow.

**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2005**

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Note 2		
Revenue		
Funding	152,982	162,235
In kind contribution	30,000	-
Sales of Publications	1,169	810
Conference revenue	-	87,437
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Revenue from operating activities	184,151	250,482
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Note 3		
Salaries, wages and related on costs		
Director Wages	60,683	74,916
Administrative Assistant	33,238	45,125
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	93,921	120,041
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Note 4		
Auditors' remuneration		
<u>Audit services</u>		
Auditing the financial report	3,000	1,250
Additional fees for accounting work performed	-	750
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	3,000	2,000
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Note 5		
Trade and other Receivables		
Outstanding sponsorship	-	33,956
GST receivable	580	5,523
Other prepayments	400	-
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	980	39,482
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Note 6		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at Bank	182,989	142,217
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Balance as per statement of cash flows	182,989	142,217
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**Notes to the financial statements
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Note 7 Property, plant and equipment

	Office furniture and equipment \$
Cost	
Balance at 1 January 2005	-
Acquisitions	5,027
Disposals	-
Balance at 31 December 2005	<u>5027</u>
 Depreciation and impairment losses	
Balance at 1 January 2005	-
Depreciation charge for the year	84
Disposals	-
Balance at 31 December 2005	<u>84</u>
 Carrying amounts	
At 31 December 2005	4,943

	2005 \$	2004 \$
Note 8 Trade and other payables		
Trade creditors & accruals	1,350	7,750
GST Payable	0	8,975
Audit Fee Accrual	3,000	-
	<u>4,350</u>	<u>16,725</u>

Note 9 Employee benefits		
Current		
Liability for annual leave	405	5,442
Liability for long service leave	2,800	48
	<u>3,205</u>	<u>5,489</u>

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	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Note 10 Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities		
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the period	21,872	44,943
Operating profit/(loss) before changes in working capital and provisions	21,872	44,943
(increase)/decrease in trade and receivables	38,502	10,692
(decrease)/increase in trade and payables	(12,375)	(1,037)
(decrease)/increase in employee benefits	2,387	(1,901)
Net cash used in operating activities	50,386	52,697

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Note 11 Key management personnel disclosures

The following were key management of the Council at any time during the reporting period, unless otherwise indicated were directors for the entire period:

<i>Non-executive directors</i>	<i>Company Secretary</i>
Julie Owens	Geoff Dandie
Elizabeth Grant	
Pat Cragg	
Roger Dean	
Christopher Prideaux	
Michael Rickard	

Transactions with key management personnel

The key management personnel compensation included in “salary, wages and on-costs” (see note 3) is as follows:

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Short-term employment benefits	60,683	74,916
Post employment benefits	-	-
	<u>60,683</u>	<u>74,916</u>
Comprising:		
Directors	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The non-executive Directors have not received any remuneration during the year.

Note 12 Non key management personnel disclosures

Identity of related parties

The Council has a related party relationship with its directors and executives (see note 15)

Note 13 Subsequent events

There have been no events subsequent to balance date.

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Note 14 Explanation of transition to AIFRSs

As stated in significant accounting policies note 1(a), these are the Council's first financial statements prepared in accordance with AIFRS.

The policies set out in the significant accounting policies section of this report have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005, the comparative information presented in these financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004 and in the preparation of an opening AIFRS balance sheet at 1 January 2004 (the Council's date of transition).

In preparing its opening AIFRS balance sheet, the Council has considered the need to adjust amounts reported previously in financial statements prepared in accordance with its old basis accounting (previously GAAP). An explanation of how the transition from previous GAAP to AIFRSs has affected the Council's financial position, financial performance and cash flows is set below.

- (i) Financial position. There was no change to any assets, liabilities or equity as a result of the transition to AIFRSs.
- (ii) Financial performance. There was no change to the profit for the period or to any item of revenue or expenditure as a result of the transition to AIFRSs.
- (iii) Cash flow. There was no change to any cash flows as a result of the transition to AIFRSs.

Factors that were considered possible to affect financial position, financial performance or cash flows in the transition to AIFRSs were as follows:

- (a) Changes in accounting policies must be recognised by restating comparatives rather than making current year adjustments with note disclosure of prior year effects. There have been no changes to accounting policies in the periods under review.

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Directors' Declaration

1 In the opinion of the directors of the Australia New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Training Limited ("the Council"):

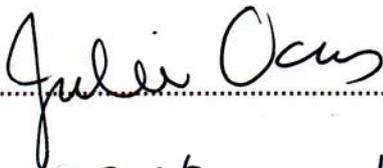
(a) The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 8 to 20, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

(i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council as at 31 December 2005 and of their performance, as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows, for the year ended on that date; and

(ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and

(b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Council will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.


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Director

Dated this 29th day of March 2006



Independent audit report to the members of the Australia New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Ltd

Scope

We have audited the financial report of the Australia New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Ltd for the financial year ended 31 December 2005, consisting of the income statement, statements of recognised income and expense, balance sheet, statements of cash flows, accompanying notes 1 to 14, and the directors' declaration set out on pages 8 to 21. The Company's directors are responsible for the financial report. The directors are also responsible for preparing the relevant reconciling information regarding the adjustments required under the Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1 *First-time Adoption of Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards*. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Company.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Company's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of the Australia New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Ltd is in accordance with:

- a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - i. giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2005 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

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Peter D Robertson

Partner

Place: Adelaide

Date: 29 March 2006

APPENDIX 1

ANZCCART Publications (including Workshop Reports)

The following ANZCCART publications are available from its offices in Adelaide and Wellington.

Animal Pain: Ethical and Scientific Perspectives (eds T. Kuchel, M. A. Rose and J. Burrell), 1992.

Survey of Laboratory Animals and Tumour Cell Lines Maintained in Australia (ed R. M. Baker), 8th Edition, 1997.

Effective Animal Experimentation Ethics Committees (eds R. M. Baker, J. H. Burrell and M. A. Rose, 1994). Proceedings of the conference held at the University of Adelaide, Australia, October, 1992.

Annual Reports (since 1993).

Animal Welfare in the Twenty-First Century: Ethical, Educational and Scientific Challenges (eds R. M. Baker, D. J. Mellor and A. M. Nicol 1994). Proceedings of the conference held in Christchurch, New Zealand, April, 1994.

Banting's Dog and Schrödinger's Cat: Animals and Experiments (C. Puplick) ANZCCART Public Lecture, 1994.

Animals and Science in the Twenty-First Century: New Technologies and Challenges (eds R. M. Baker, R. Einstein, D. J. Mellor and M. A. Rose 1994). Proceedings of the conference held in Melbourne, Australia, October, 1994.

Farm Animals in Biomedical and Agricultural Research (eds R.M. Baker, R. Einstein and D. J. Mellor). Proceedings of the conference held in Wellington, New Zealand, August, 1995.

Animals in Education: Value, Responsibilities and Questions (eds A. Brennan and R. Einstein). Proceedings of the conference held in Canberra, September, 1996.

Animal Experimentation: A Student Guide to Balancing the Issues. (V. Monamy), 1996.

Ethical Approaches to Animal-based Science (eds D. Mellor, M. Fisher and G. Sutherland). Proceedings of the conference held in Auckland, New Zealand, September, 1997.

The Use of Immunoadjuvants in Animals in Australia and New Zealand. 1998.

The Use of Wildlife for Research (eds D. Mellor and V. Monamy). Proceedings of the conference, held in Dubbo, NSW, May 1999.

Innovation, Ethics and Animal Welfare: public confidence in science and agriculture (eds D. Mellor, M. Fisher and G. Sutherland). Proceedings of the AWAC/ANZCCART conference held in Wellington, New Zealand, November 1999.

Housing for laboratory rats, mice, guinea pigs and rabbits. (A. Hargreaves), 2000.

Farm Animals in Research - can we meet the demands of ethics, welfare, science and industry? Proceedings of the conference held in Adelaide, November 2000 (eds R. Baker, M. Fisher and P. Hemsworth).

Learning, animals and the environment: changing the face of the future. Proceedings of the ANZCCART/NAEAC conference held in Hamilton, New Zealand, June 2001.

Euthanasia of Animals Used for Scientific Purposes (ed. J. Reilly), 2nd edition, 2001.

Animal welfare and animal ethics committees: where are the goalposts now? Proceedings of the ANZCCART Conference held at the Gold Coast International Hotel, Queensland, October 17-19 2002.

Lifting the veil: finding common ground. Proceedings of the ANZCCART Conference held in Christchurch, New Zealand, 18-19 August 2003.

Animal Ethics Committees and animal use in a monitored environment: Is the ethics real, imagined or necessary? Proceedings of the ANZCCART Conference held in Wellington, New Zealand, 26 – 28 June 2005

Workshop Reports

Monitoring animal welfare and promoting refinement. Report on the ANZCCART Workshop held at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia on 17 October 2003.

The Australian Code of Practice, proposed revisions and their implications. Report on the ANZCCART Workshop held at the University of Melbourne on 23rd May 2003.

The welfare of transgenic animals. Report on the ANZCCART Workshops held at Sydney (28 November 2001) and Melbourne (30 November 2001).

Animal Welfare Officers' Workshop. Report on the ANZCCART Workshop held at the University of Adelaide on 29 November 2000.

Analgesia of Laboratory Animals. Report on the ANZCCART Workshop held at the University of Adelaide on 21 July 1999.

Category C Members of Animal Ethics Committees. Report on the ANZCCART Workshop held at the University of Melbourne on 23 April 1999.

Animal health monitoring in the research environment. Report on the ANZCCART Workshop held in Melbourne, 1998.

APPENDIX 2

ANZCCART Fact Sheets

The following ANZCCART Fact Sheets are available on the ANZCCART Website and from its offices in Adelaide.

- The Rat, 1993. David Pass, Graham Freeth.
- The Mouse. Part 1, 1993. Catheryn O'Brien, Margaret Holmes.
- The Mouse. Part 2, 1993. Catheryn O'Brien, Margaret Holmes.
- Experimental Techniques and Anaesthesia in the Rat and Mouse, 1994. Steven Marshall, Angela Milligan, Ray Yates.
- The Laboratory Rabbit, 1994. Ivor Harris.
- The Guinea Pig (*Cavia porcellus*), 1994. Denise Noonan.
- The Common Marmoset, 1994. Julie M. Clarke.
- The Sheep, 1995. David Adams, Michael McKinley.
- The Laboratory Cat, 1995. A.E. James.
- Australian Marsupials, 1995. Louise McKenzie, Clive Cheeson, Rory Hope, Janine A. Duckworth, Lynne M. Meikle.
- Restraint and Handling of Captive Wildlife, 1996. Andrew Tribe, Derek Spielman.
- In vitro and other non-animal experiments in the biomedical sciences, 1996. Bas J. Blaauboer.
- The Domestic Chicken, 1996. Philip Glatz, Kim Critchley, Christine Lunam.
- The Dog as an Experimental Animal, 1997. Mary Bate.
- Variables in Animal Based Research: Part 1 Phenotypic Variability in Experimental Animals, 1997. Ivor Harris.
- Occupational Health and Safety in the Animal House and Associated Laboratories, 1998. Tony James.
- The Importance of Non-Statistical design in Refining Animal Experiments, 1998. David B. Morton.
- Variables in Animal Based Research: Part 2 Variability Associated with Experimental Conditions and Techniques, 1998. Julie Reilly.
- Pain - Assessment, Alleviation and Avoidance in Laboratory Animals, 1999. Paul Flecknell.
- Frogs and Toads as Experimental Animals, 1999. Michael J. Tyler.
- Importation, Quarantine and Monitoring of Laboratory Animals, Particularly Rodents, for issue in Australia., 1999. Kevin Doyle.
- Development and use of Trans-genic Rodents in Preclinical Research - Practical Issues, 2000. Patrick Hardy.
- Doing Better Animal Experiments; Together with Notes on Genetic Nomenclature of Laboratory Animals, 2000. Michael Festing.
- Managing Fallow Deer (*Dama dama*) and Red Deer (*Cervus elaphus*) for Animal house Research, 2001. Z.H. Miao, P.C. Glatz, A. English, Y.J. Ru.
- The Role of Veterinarians in the Care and Use of Animals in Research and Teaching. Simon Bain, Susan Maastricht, Mary Bate, & Denise Noonan, 2004.
- Practical guidelines for aseptic surgery in rodents and the management of surgical facilities in a laboratory. 2004. Gary Martinic.

APPENDIX 3

Ethical guidelines for students using animals or animal tissues for educational purposes

Introduction

The use of animals or animal tissues for educational purposes is a privilege that brings with it responsibilities. These responsibilities go well beyond the need to avoid cruelty to animals and involve a genuine commitment to their welfare and a respect for the contribution they make to your learning. Outlined below are principles to consider in helping you to meet these responsibilities.

Principles to Consider

1. Consider why animals or animal tissues are being used

The justification for using animals should be that their use is essential for the achievement of educational outcomes, while recognising the potential harm to animals to achieve these outcomes. Always consider whether the outcomes could be achieved without the use of animals or animal tissues. Students and staff members should be mindful of the “Three Rs” (replacement, reduction, and refinement) when working with animals.

2. Consider the requirements for animal welfare and animal handling

At all times the welfare of the animal you use is your responsibility not just your supervisor’s responsibility. This can be considered as a "duty of care". If you are required to handle animals, it is important to follow the instructions of staff in the correct handling and restraining techniques for the species being used.

3. Consider the regulatory environment and obey the law

The use of animals in research and teaching in Australia is regulated by State and Territory government legislation incorporating the *Australian code of practice for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes*². The use of animals for research and teaching must first be approved by an Animal Ethics Committee (AEC). Gaining this approval involves justification for using animals (species and number), the means by which animals will be handled and, if required, humanely killed, and the potential research and educational outcomes of the work balanced against any potential harm to the animals used. The skills of the staff involved and the supervision of the students are also evaluated. In fact, the questions raised by AECs should be those asked by each student regarding the use of animals for their education.

4. Consider your own views in using animals or animal tissues

You should discuss the use of animals or animal tissues with other students and staff. Opinions should be formed and aired, with appropriate justification, in an open and accepting environment. Feel free to suggest ways of improving future classes. Some institutions have developed policies for ethical objections by students to the use of animals. If you feel unsure of your options consult these policies or the relevant AEC.

5. Consider your responsibility to ensure that good use is made of the learning opportunity

You should know what underlying principles are being taught and understand the details that illustrate those principles. This involves reading background material from lecture notes, references and laboratory manuals before attending class, and being generally prepared to maximise the learning experience.

² “Australian code of practice for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes” (Seventh edition, 2004): www.health.gov.au/nhmrc/research/awc/code.htm

APPENDIX 4

What is ANZCCART and what does it do?

Background

The Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Ltd (ANZCCART) was established in 1987 in response to particular concerns in both the wider and scientific communities about the use of animals in research and teaching. It also recognised the need to address, in a balanced and considered way, the distinctive scientific, ethical, and social issues associated with the use of animals for scientific purposes.

ANZCCART's principle sponsors in Australia are the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (AVCC), Australian Research Council (ARC), Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and the Royal Society of New Zealand (RSNZ). State and Territory Government Departments responsible for the management of animal welfare legislation are also members. ANZCCART receives annual contributions from a number of professional biomedical societies.

Role

ANZCCART's main role is to provide leadership in developing community consensus on ethical, social and scientific issues relating to the use of animals in research and teaching.

Objectives

ANZCCART's objectives are to promote:

- excellence in the care of animals used or supplied in research and teaching;
- responsible scientific use of animals, and
- informed discussion and debate within the community regarding these matters.

As an independent body that consults widely, ANZCCART provides well-researched and objective information that helps to ensure that research and teaching using animals is conducted in a careful, considered and humane way.

Publications and conferences

ANZCCART's newsletter, *ANZCCART News*, is published three times per year and is distributed free to over 1,000 individuals and organisations. ANZCCART also publishes free *Fact Sheets* that are designed to assist researchers and teachers by providing concise and practical information on a wide variety of subjects. In addition, ANZCCART offers a growing collection of comprehensive and affordable texts that have particular relevance for teachers and researchers in Australia and New Zealand. Workshops and symposia on topical issues and designed to meet local needs are also held yearly in a variety of locations.

A major undertaking of ANZCCART is the Annual Conference, with the venue alternating between Australia and New Zealand. The 2004 conference "Animal Ethics: New Frontiers, New Opportunities" was held in Sydney and attracted over 190 attendees from Australia, New Zealand and overseas.

A notable feature of ANZCCART conferences is the wide audience they attract. Conference delegates include: researchers, teachers and students whose work or study involves the use and supply of animals for scientific purposes; staff who maintain and supervise animal breeding and

holding facilities; individuals with responsibility for making decisions concerning animal ethics and welfare, including members of Animal Ethics Committees; administrators and government officials involved in developing and enforcing animal welfare policy and legislation; members of the public with an interest in animal ethics and welfare, and representatives of animal welfare organisations.

This diverse meeting ground fosters open and respectful discussion between delegates who may hold differing viewpoints on a wide range of animal use-related subjects.

This dialogue:

- contributes to a stable research environment where these differing views and opinions are understood and respected;
- provides an excellent learning opportunity for delegates at both the lay and scientific level, and
- ensures the advice ANZCCART provides is based on wide consultation.

Liaison

An important component of ANZCCART's role is to liaise with professional societies and institutions in Australia, New Zealand and overseas, and to represent Australia and New Zealand in discussions on the issues relating to the use and supply of animals in research and teaching.

Membership

ANZCCART has several categories of membership:

Sponsoring Members are major financial contributors and are represented on the Board of Directors. Currently, these are: AVCC, ARC, CSIRO, NHMRC and RSNZ.

General Members are groups, associations or authorities, including Australian State, Territory and Commonwealth Government and New Zealand Government Departments, which are involved in the administration and funding; regulation; use and supply, and welfare of animals that are necessary for research and teaching purposes.

Lay and Animal Welfare Members are individuals that represent the interests of the community and animal welfare organisations.

General, Lay and Animal Welfare Members are invited by the Board to join ANZCCART. All members are represented on the ANZCCART Council.

How can ANZCCART help you?

By providing your contact details to ANZCCART you will be placed on our notification list. Up-to-date information that fosters good practice and decision-making regarding the scientific use of animals will be distributed via this list. Electronic copies of the *ANZCCART NEWS*, Fact Sheets and other publications will be sent to you periodically. Useful information about forthcoming workshops and conferences is also circulated.

APPENDIX 5 – Acronyms

AAHC	Australian Animal Health Council
AATA	Australian Animal Technicians' Association
AATSE	Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering
ACUC	Animal Care and Use Committee
AEC	Animal Ethics Committee
AEEC	Animal Experimentation Ethics Committee
AGCARM	Agricultural Chemical and Animal Remedies Manufacturers' Association of New Zealand
AHA	Animal Health Australia (formerly AAHC)
AMRIC	Animals in Medicines Research: Information Centre
ANZFAS	Australian and New Zealand Federation of Animal Societies
ANZSLAS	Australian and New Zealand Society for Laboratory Animal Science
ARC	Australian Research Council
ARMCANZ	Agricultural and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand
AVA	Australian Veterinary Association
AVAWE	Australian Veterinary Association Welfare and Ethics special interest group
AVASE	Australian Veterinarians Associated with Scientific Establishments
AVCARE	Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Association
AVCC	Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee
AVERT	Australian Veterinarians in Ethics, Research and Teaching
AWAC	Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
AWC	Animal Welfare Committee
BVA	British Veterinary Association
CAAT	Centre for Alternatives to Animal Testing (USA)
CABSAE	Committee of Biomedical Societies in Animal Experimentation
CCAC	Canadian Council on Animal Care
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
ECVAM	European Centre for Validation of Alternative Methods
FRAME	Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experimentation
IACUC	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
ICLAS	International Council for Laboratory Animal Science
MAF	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (New Zealand)
NAEAC	National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee
NCCAW	National Consultative Committee on Animal Welfare
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
NZVA	New Zealand Veterinary Association
PISC	Primary Industries Sub-Committee
RDS	Research Defence Society (UK)
RNZSPCA	Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
RSNZ	Royal Society of New Zealand
RSPCA	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
SCAW	Scientists' Centre for Animal Welfare (USA)
SSCAW	Senate Select Committee on Animal Welfare
UFAW	Universities Federation for Animal Welfare