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THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Registered Charity CC. 17122.

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SYDNEY SOUTH. 2000.

The next GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held on
MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER, 1974 at The Assembly Room, The Womens' Club,
4th. Floor, 167, Elizabeth Street, Sydney, (between Market and
Park Sts.) at 7.15 p.m.

A G E N D A.

1. Welcome to new members.
2. Apologies.
3. Reading and Confirmation of May General Meeting.Minutes.
4. Business Arising therefrom.
5. President's Report.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Amendments to Constitution: Mrs. C. Martin has given
notice of her intention to move the following alterations
to the Constitution:

Section 4 (c). That the words 'ten shillings" and 'five
Subscriptions. shillings' be deleted and the words 'two
dollars'and 'one dollar' be substituted.
That the words 'one dollar'for pensioners'
be added.

Section 18. That the word 'three' be deleted and
Committee the word 'five' be substituted.
Quorum

Section 22. That the word 'ten' be deleted and the
General Meeting word 'fifteen' be substituted.
Quorum.

8. Any other business.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - \$25.00

Badges - 60 cents (posted).

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QUARTERLY RESUMÉ OF CURRENT AFFAIRS.

Dear Member,

On behalf of the Committee it is my pleasure to bring to the attention of Members matters of interest and importance which it is hoped will stimulate thought, discussion and debate at the forthcoming General Meeting, for without examination by argument of affairs which affect our work, the Society would tend to remain static. Your involvement by being present will show your interest and give confidence to the Committee you have elected, so please do come along and voice your opinion, criticism or support - it is helpful and valuable.

DESEXING CAMPAIGN. The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. as the youngest in years of the humane groups in this State, has very limited means to pursue its aims and objects - so much so, that we must of necessity work within our income if we are to remain solvent and not have embarrassing liquidity problems suffered by others.

Desexing is at present our main field of endeavour, therefore a sudden and unprecedented leap in expenditure far beyond the norm gave grave cause for concern, and brought investigation. This showed much abuse of the present system in which authorised members issue vouchers giving financial assistance to those in necessitous circumstances to have, (in most cases), a maximum of two cats desexed.

Such vouchers are filled in with the name and address of the applicant, pension number if applicable, and one or two cats to be desexed. On return from the Veterinaries for payment, many vouchers show gross abuse (apparently by recipients), with original number of cats increased to five, six, and even seven. Investigation reveals many addresses do not exist, (one a car park), pension numbers being used without the knowledge or consent of the person concerned, others acting in collusion and lending their number, are but a few of the irregularities, which seem to include every trick in the book.

Total expenditure on desexing for the year ended 30.6.73 was \$690, and year ended 30.6.74 being a slight increase to \$817, so that when accounts for payment were received for the first eleven weeks of this financial year (1.7.74 to 9.9.74) totalling \$455 Committee began an inquiry, BUT THE MOST STAGGERING SHOCK OF ALL CAME AS FURTHER ACCOUNTS FOR \$318 POURED IN, bringing total commitment for the first quarter of \$773, which with simple addition would give \$3092 for the full year if allowed to continue - AMAZING AND BEYOND BELIEF. Suspension came on the 25th. September 1974 to give Committee time to examine and re-organise the whole system and to lay down new and more stringent guide lines, together with the keeping of precise records.

The above resumé is briefly, part of the facts. These differ greatly to the hearsay comments disseminated among members, but does it not seem strange and peculiar that the new Committee is committed to a full year's expenditure in the first quarter ??

ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting held on the 3rd. September was well attended with around sixty odd members being present, which reflects the interest in our small but growing organisation. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30.6.74 were well received and adopted.

Mrs. J.M. Taylor, after nine years as President of the Society, had decided not to seek election for a further term, and Vice-President Mr. W.G. Luton in presenting Mrs. Taylor with a sheaf of flowers on behalf of all members of the Society, expressed appreciation to her for the contribution she had made over the years to the Society, those present unanimously supporting his remarks.

Election of Officers and members of Committee resulted in the following being elected to the nine vacancies:

PRESIDENT:	Mr. R. K. Carberry.
VICE-PRESIDENTS:	Mr. W.G. Luton, Mrs. E.B. Smith.
HON. SECRETARY:	Mrs. E. Moyes.
HON. TREASURER:	Mrs. B. Harvey.
MEMBERS:	Mesdames L. Bowman, S. Hitchen, L. Challinor-Smith. Mr. G.H. Gillon,

all of whom are responsible for the growth and stability of the Society for the term. Miss L. Martin, previous Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. C. Martin, previous Hon. Treasurer, did not renominate because of business and health reasons, respectively.

PATRON: In response to an invitation from The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W., The Honourable Sir Robert Askin, K.C.M.G., M.L.A. Premier and Treasurer of New South Wales, has kindly consented to be Patron of the Society.

It is particularly gratifying that our organisation has been so honoured by the leading citizen of our State, a person whose past actions, over many years, have shown a real concern for animals and their welfare.

With his communication giving his consent, Sir Robert also enclosed his own personal cheque to assist our work. The Committee feels that all members will subscribe to the sense of pleasure such action by the Premier brings, and the thought that this Society will go from strength to strength in the years ahead.

OUR OWN PREMISES. Our present Post Office address is so impersonal and does not inspire confidence - the obvious answer is a "Home" of our own, but with our meagre resources it is difficult to foresee this event being a reality in the near future. Sister Societies in Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth have appropriate premises and what they can achieve should not be beyond our capacity with the help of one and all.

What is seen as desirable is a shop property somewhere in a near-city suburb with the front portion as a "GIFT AND THRIFT" Shop, the rear a Cattery and parking, with the upstairs section for administration and meetings.

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It is not beyond our organisation when the opportunity presents itself, if sufficient members would take up debentures issued by the Society for interest-free loans, or at a minimum rate, with such debentures redeemable at a given date. PLEASE GIVE IT THOUGHT AND VOICE THEM AT THE GENERAL MEETING.

NEW CONSTITUTION. The Committee has lost no time in framing a new Constitution which is moving towards completion for submission to members. A question which will have to be resolved in the future is whether the Society will become a Corporate body under the Companies Act and so hold real property and shares in its own right, or continue under its present rules which have Trustees as defacto owners for the Society for each individual piece of real estate or parcel of shares which could come to our organisation per medium of legacies.

LEGACIES. The Society is greatly in need of funds to carry on and extend its great work. The only means of ensuring that this merciful and humane work can be maintained is by increasing the Society's income. We believe that there will be greater acknowledgments in the days to come of the Society's efforts, by liberal-minded men and women in larger numbers and to a greater extent, including the Society in their bequests.

To those benevolent individuals who may wish to become benefactors by Will to this organisation, they may have it executed, at no cost to themselves, by the Society's Solicitor. DO IT NOW - TIME MARCHES ON.

MEMBERSHIP. Our strength, or lack of it, depends to a large extent on the number of citizens who support our work; will you, as a member, secure one new member? The subscription is infinitesimal. Overdue Subscriptions: In some Newsletters a form is enclosed for those members, who, according to our records, have not yet paid their subscription which was due on July 1 1974. Every membership is important, so if you have not already done so, would you please help by forwarding it as soon as possible.

A HELPING HAND: From our slender means, our Society presented a cheque for \$100 to the R.S.P.C.A. as our contribution toward the care and welfare of the animals at Yagoona. We wish the Royal Society well in their search for a solution to their financial problems.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL: The Festive Season is fast approaching when we will all be thinking of those nearest and dearest to us and spending our cash with gay abandon on presents and the food-laden table. How many of us will think of the unwanted, the abandoned and the diseased which we can prevent being born? I know that those who can squeeze that little extra or spend a little less and send it in the form of a donation, will feel the better for it and give great encouragement to our Hon. Treasurer.

HISTORY: While it is fresh in our mind, the Committee is desirous of placing on record a written resumé of our short history so that the facts are retained for posterity and future generations, also, that suitable recognition may be extended to those who carried out the spade work and brought the Society into being, one must remember

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that they started with no finance and against considerable odds, and those who came after owe them a debt of gratitude for their courage, initiative and original thought.

REGENTVILLE BEQUEST: The cottage property situate at Regentville came to the Society through the estate of the late Mrs. Alma Williams who went before on 6 September, 1971. Whilst Mrs. Williams was not a member of the Society, our "Newsletter" came to her regularly through a friend, and this gave her an interest in our organisation, which she made the principal beneficiary in her will.

Our immediate past Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. C. Martin (who was at the time joint Hon. Secretary/Treasurer) is the person who devoted many hours in time and effort in endeavouring to expedite probate and transmission to the Society. Since the last tenant moved out, the property lay dormant for many months, and became subject to the attention of vandals. This, together with the loss of income to meet outgoings, created a liability.

However, on 19 July last excellent tenants were secured who have carried out various improvements and transformed the place from a shambles into a delightful little home. It is a credit to them and an asset to the Society. It is to be hoped that this pleasant association continues over a long period.

AUXILIARIES: There is a need for those who support our aims and objects to gather others of like thought around themselves in various suburbs and form groups to raise money for the parent body, and later, more particularly to solicit goods of all kinds, any saleable article which could be sold in our "Gift and Thrift" shop when it becomes a reality in the future in our own premises.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Mrs. J.M. Taylor for her excellent article on the cat problem published in various papers.

To Mr. Colin McCaskill, State Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. for the pre-eminent manner in which he presented a segment on Channel 9 "Current Affairs" covering the cat population explosion.

To Mrs. E. Cleary with her contribution at Parliament House, Macquarie St. Sydney, and

Mr. John Heney for his article in the newspapers covering the same theme, all of which is grist to the mill in a common cause.

R. K. CARBERRY :

For and on behalf of the Committee.

To avoid inconvenience and delay, please forward all communications to the Secretary, The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. Box A523 P.O. SYDNEY SOUTH. 2000. and not to individuals.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS:

\$10 from Miss B. Johns and friends for late member Mrs. L. Nicoll, who in her lifetime, was dedicated to the welfare and rescue of stray cats.

\$2 from Mrs. H. Craney in loving memory of "Itsy" Craney, who died on Sunday 18 November, 1973, and is sadly missed by all of us.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Due to increased costs and distribution difficulties it was decided by Committee that there would not be any Christmas cards this year.

RAFFLES: The General Meeting will be your last chance to purchase tickets in the valuable ring-watch donated by Mrs. Harvey, as it will be drawn during the evening. Tickets, 20 cents each.

Lovely Beach towels, kindly donated by Mrs. Ferguson, of Toongabbie will comprise our Door Raffle the same evening - 10 cents per ticket.

HOME NEEDED For a lovely 3 year old, desexed part-Abyssinian female cat whose owners are leaving to live Overseas about Christmas time. If you can help, please telephone 663-6085.

Extract of a letter from Mrs. Stranger, Secretary/Treasurer, C.P.S. Victoria:

I am very busy, the telephone rings continually, and my eight cats are sitting on top of everything.

The Committee's warmest thanks are due to Miss Anne Taylor, who, having so successfully ran our Bring and Buy Stall at General Meetings, has intimated that she is no longer able to carry out this very important function. Can YOU help continue her good work???

TELEPHONES: Animal Welfare:: 443004

Administration: 6636085

PLEASE NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.