

Expression of Interest - Hosting the 2019 Australian Flyball Championships

Executive Summary

Awesome Pawsome Flyball Club Inc (Awesome Pawsome) is happy to submit this expression of interest in hosting the 2019 Australian Flyball Championships at the RSPCA Campus, Wacol, Queensland.

The significant opportunities inherent in this submission include:

- For interstate Flyballers to experience Flyball racing in the only purpose built under cover Flyball arena in Australia, which has been widely acclaimed as the best Flyball racing venue in Australia;
- For our southern friends to escape from a bleak winter to sunny Queensland;
- To promote the sport of Flyball in Queensland, nationally and internationally through both public attendance and live streaming;
- The ability to work with RSPCA Queensland on mutually beneficial marketing and promotion of both the event itself and generally how to have fun with pets.

The Australian Flyball Championships were last held in Queensland in 2007. Queensland Clubs have strongly supported National Championships in other States since then. With the recent growth in participation in Flyball in Queensland the time has come to bring the National Championships back to Queensland.

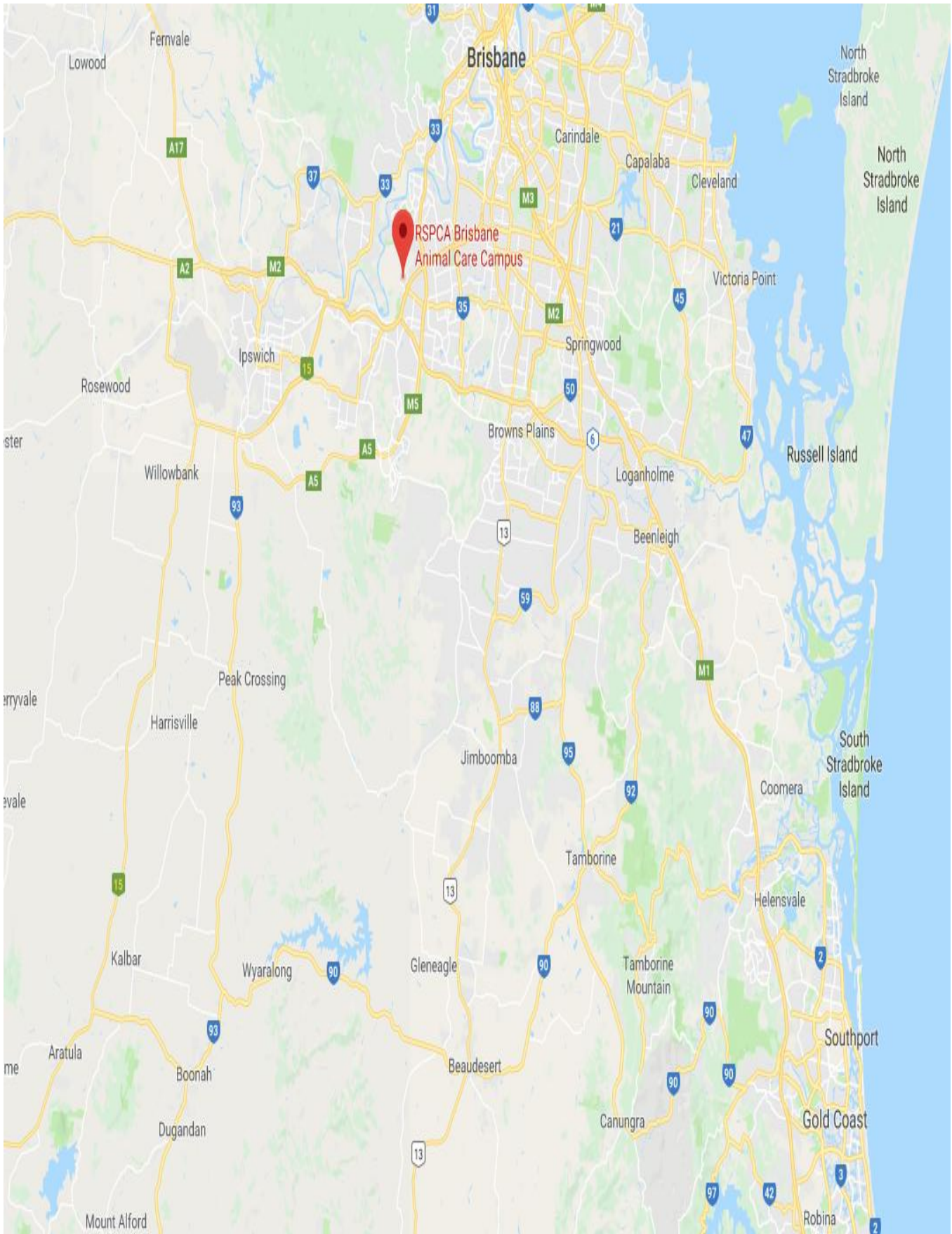
This submission has the support of RSPCA Queensland who indicate a willingness to work with the planning committee on various aspects of staging the Championships with a view to ensuring their success. A letter from the CEO of RSPCA Queensland is attached.

As one of the oldest established Flyball clubs in Queensland, Awesome Pawsome is proud to bring this submission to host the 2019 Flyball National Championships.

Location

The RSPCA Animal Care Campus, Wacol is located at Wacol Station Road, Wacol about half way between Brisbane and Ipswich and just off the Ipswich Motorway. It is within a short walk of Wacol railway station.

The Campus is easily accessible from the Gold Coast via the M1 and the Logan Motorway and from the Sunshine Coast via the Gateway Arterial, Airport Link and Legacy Way tunnels, Centenary Highway and Ipswich Motorway.



RSPCA Campus

The Wacol Campus is the home of RSPCA Queensland. As well as housing central administration and inspectorate it includes an Adoption Centre, Vet Clinic and Surgery, Wildlife Hospital Animal Holding Areas, World for Pets Retail Store and the Black Cat Café.

The Campus also is the site of the only building in Australia purpose built for Flyball racing. This building is available free of charge to all Queensland Flyball clubs for holding race meetings.

The Flyball building includes:

- Room for an under cover Flyball ring with a run back of 60 feet for normal race meeting but able to be configured for a run back of up to 68 feet;
- Lock up storage on wheeled trolleys for matting and portable fencing;
- Kitchen facility;
- Separate lock up storage for Club Flyball equipment (boxes, jumps, etc);
- Toilet and shower facilities;
- Wi-fi;
- Extensive lighting;
- Engineer designed acoustic treatments to end walls and roof;
- Multiple electrical outlets with roof mounted cable reels;
- Roof mounted fans;
- In roof speakers for PA system.

In addition, RSPCA Queensland has confirmed that electric operated roller blinds will be installed on each side of the building before the end of September, 2018. This will allow racing to continue under cover during all weather conditions.



ANIMAL CARE CAMPUS, WACOL SITE LAYOUT PLAN

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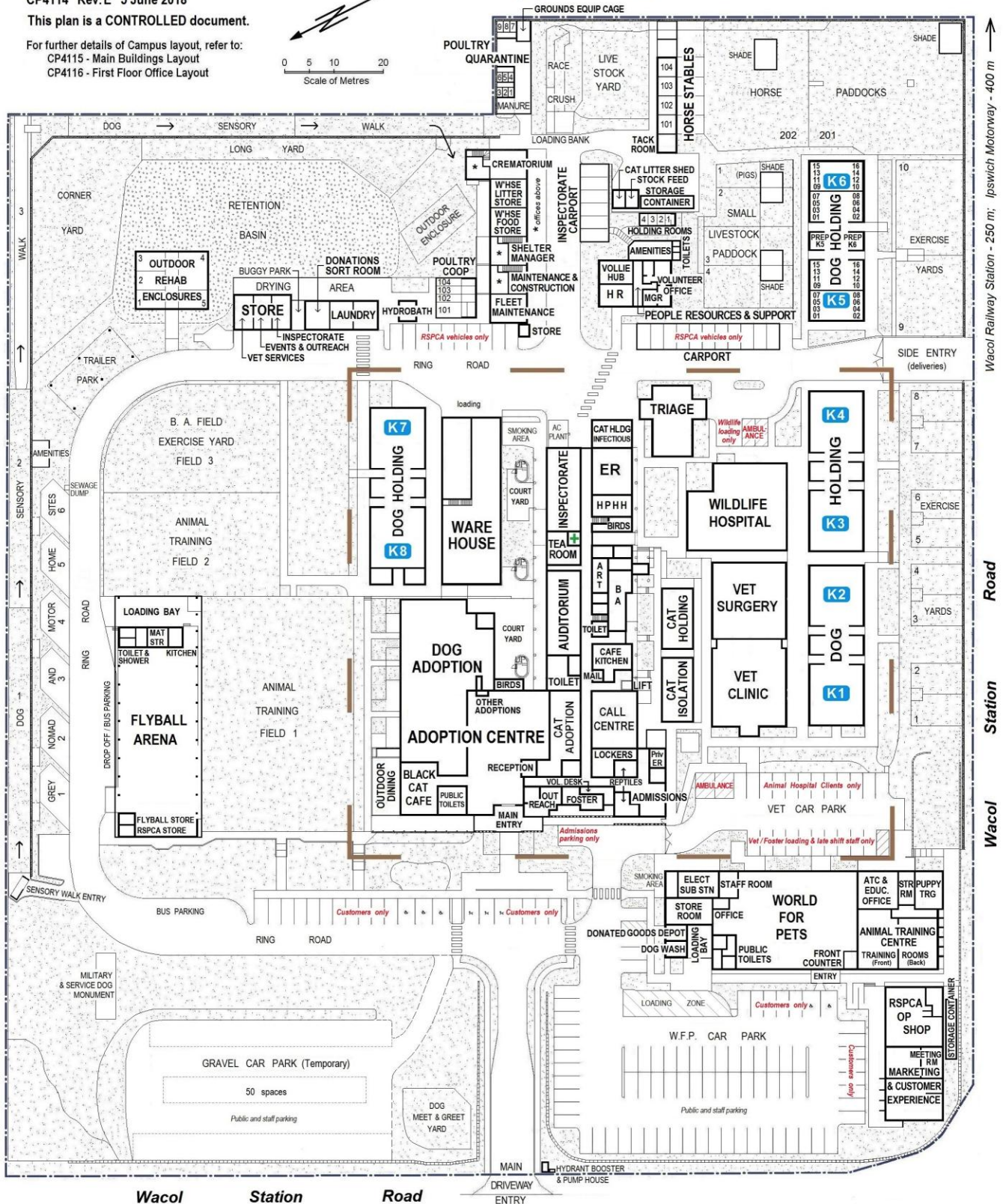
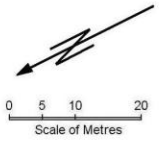
This plan is a CONTROLLED document.

For further details of Campus layout, refer to:
CP4115 - Main Buildings Layout
CP4116 - First Floor Office Layout

Legend:
 Kennel Blocks **K1**
 Perimeter Wall
 Rock Wall
 Property Boundary

[For details in this area refer to Dwg CP4115]

Approved *Shub Collette*
 Executive Manager - Animal Focus
 31/8/2015



Wacol Station Road

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Wacol Railway Station - 250 m; Ipswich Motorway - 400 m

Wacol Station Road

Flyball Rings

The Campus has the capacity for three rings each with a minimum run back of 60 feet – the under cover ring in the Flyball building (maximum run back of 68 feet) and two grass rings in the area shown as Animal Training Field 1 on the Site Layout Plan (each with run back of at least 70 feet), with ample space for circulation of the public and competitors.

Field 1 is normally used for Flyball training three times per week and for other animal training at other times. It is also one of the areas used by RSPCA Queensland for “meet and greet” of prospective animal adoptions. It is in reasonable condition and capable of use for the Championships “as is”. However RSPCA Queensland has confirmed that if this submission is successful it will programme work (top dressing, seeding, fertilising, etc) over the period leading up to the Championships to ensure that the outside rings are in top condition and are sustainable throughout the Championships.

In any event Field 1 is large enough to allow for racing lanes to be moved overnight if the lanes were to become worn on the first day of the Championships.

It is proposed that the under cover ring would be used for racing the top divisions with approx 26 teams overall, with the remaining divisions running in Field 1. This allows for continuity of racing surface throughout the day.

The key advantage of this site is that if the outdoor rings become unusable for any reason, including wet weather, races scheduled for those rings can be moved to the under cover ring, with racing extended into the evening, making use of the excellent lighting in the Flyball building.

There is adequate space for erection of small temporary grandstands in the Flyball building and in Field 1.

Ring Gear

AFA Matting and EJS lights for the under cover ring are held on site. Additional EJS lights will be required for the outdoor rings. Arrangements will be made for transport and receipt of these from interstate.

Competitor Set Up

The areas shown as Animal Training Field 2 and B A Field Exercise Yard Field 3 on the site layout plan, will be available for competitors to set up gazebos, etc. These areas are away from the public areas but are adjacent to the rings.

There are ample areas in proximity to these fields for toileting of dogs.

Access and Parking

Access for dropping off equipment is conveniently available by the ring road within the campus and the dedicated drop off area. Times for drop off and pick up will be scheduled for maximum convenience.

Competitor parking will not be permitted on the campus as the on site parking needs to be kept available for normal RSPCA customers and visitors as well as the spectating public.

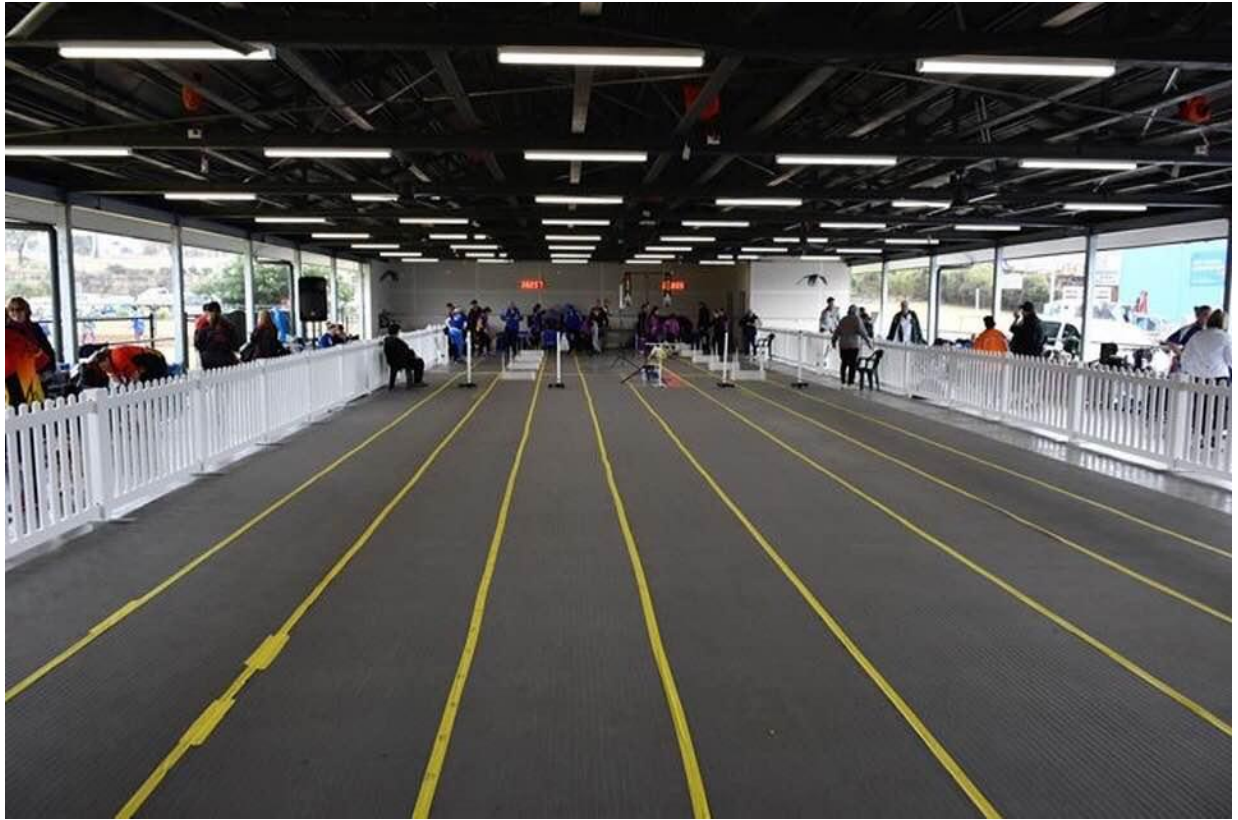
Free parking is available on Wacol Station Road. There are also some local business premises which may be available for use subject to negotiation with owners.

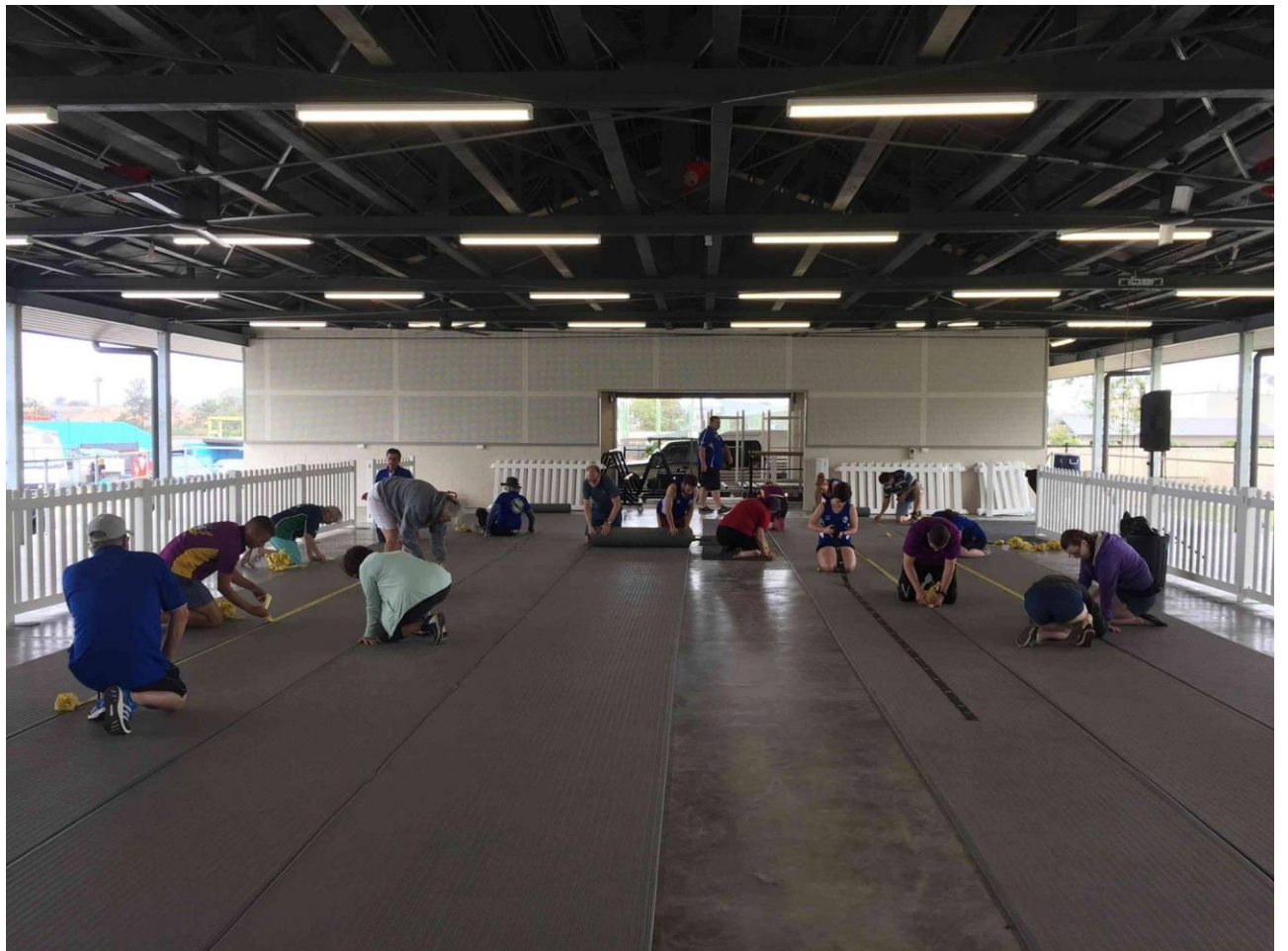
Some parking for dog and equipment trailers will be made available on the Grey Nomad and Motor Home Sites which will be reserved for Flyball during the Championships

Mobility Access

Both the Flyball building and the various fields are accessible.









Proposed Dates

RSPCA Queensland has reserved the necessary facilities for the 27, 28 and 29 September 2019 for the Championships.

These dates are at the beginning of scheduled School holiday periods for New South Wales and in the middle of the corresponding Queensland and Victorian School holidays.

Accommodation

In addition RSPCA Queensland has four flats available for rent within the Campus and, depending on demand for dog and equipment trailer parking, some RV sites may be available in the Grey Nomad and Motor Home Sites area.

Preliminary enquiries have identified the following pet friendly accommodation options -

<p>Acacia Ridge Caravan Park 66 Learoyd Road, Acacia Ridge Tel: 07 3273 1360</p>	<p>Dogs permitted in own caravan or campervan. No cabins or tents.</p>
<p>Ipswich Show Society 81 Warwick Road, Ipswich Tel: 07 3281 1577 www.ipswichshow.com.au</p>	<p>Dogs permitted in own caravan or campervan. No single bookings but will take a group booking. No cabins or tents.</p>
<p>Willowbank Caravan Village & Motel 15 Coopers Road, Willowbank Tel: 07 5464 3166</p>	<p>Dogs permitted on tent sites and in vans. No dogs in cabins or motel units.</p>
<p>Oxley Motor Inn 2333 Ipswich Road, Oxley Tel: 07 3248 9000 www.oxleymotorinn.com.au</p>	<p>Dogs permitted in dog trailers but not in rooms.</p>
<p>Darra Motel & Conference Centre 2704 Ipswich Road, Darra Tel: 07 3375 5047 www.darramotel.com.au</p>	<p>Dogs permitted in dog trailers but not in rooms.</p>
<p>Centenary Motor Inn 2479 Ipswich Road, Oxley Tel: 07 3375 3077 www.centenarymotorinn.com.au</p>	<p>Dogs permitted to sleep in bathrooms.</p>
<p>Coopers Colonial Motel 1260 Beaudesert Road, Acacia Ridge Tel: 07 3875 1874 www.cooperscolonial.com.au</p>	<p>20 pet friendly rooms - dogs up to 20kg permitted.</p>
<p>Ipswich City Motel 86 Warwick Road, Ipswich Tel: 07 3281 2633 www.ipswichcitymotel.com.au</p>	<p>One room pet friendly.</p>
<p>Central Motel Ipswich Cnr Limestone and Thorn Streets, Ipswich Tel: 07 3281 2100 www.centralmotelipswich.com.au</p>	<p>14 pet friendly rooms.</p>
<p>Kingsford Riverside Inn 114 Kingsford Smith Drive, Hamilton Tel: 1800 777 590 www.kingsfordriversideinn.com</p>	<p>Four pet friendly rooms.</p>
<p>Pawsnap Accommodation Hefferan Street, Ipswich Tel: 0402 910 828 www.pawsnapaccommodation.com.au</p>	<p>One studio unit.</p>

<p>Marys Place B&B 5 Court Street, Ipswich Tel: 07 3282 8392 www.marysplaceipswich.com.au</p>	<p>Two pet friendly rooms. Dogs not allowed on beds.</p>
<p>Galaxy Caravan Park 3813 Pacific Highway, Tanah Merah Tel: 07 3209 8434 www.galaxycp.com.au</p>	<p>Dogs permitted on tent sites and in vans. No dogs in cabins.</p>
<p>Beaudesert Caravan and Tourist Park Albert Street, Beaudesert Tel: 07 5541 1368 www.beaudesertshow.org.au</p>	<p>Dogs permitted on tent sites and in own vans. No cabins.</p>
<p>Boonah Caravan Park 8 Melbourne Street, Boonah Tel: 07 5463 4080 www.boonahcaravanpark.com.au</p>	<p>Dogs permitted on tent sites and in own vans. No cabins.</p>

Catering

RSPCA Queensland operates the Black Cat Café on site. This has a wide range of food and drink options. For previous race meetings the Café has developed a simplified “Flyball” menu with a range of quickly prepared items. The Café has indicated a willingness to develop a special menu for the Championships. If numbers warrant additional coffee and food (for example, mobile pizza) options can be arranged.

The Campus has an auditorium, which is suitable for an evening function if there is sufficient interest. This has also been reserved for the Championships.



Amenities

Some toilets are located in the Flyball building. There are other toilets in the Campus, which can be accessed although it is also proposed to hire portable toilet facilities for use by competitors.

Public Address System

The existing system in the Flyball building will be used for ring announcements and spruiking. A separate portable system will be used in the competitor area.

Dog Measuring

An area in the Flyball building can be designated for dog measuring.

Marketing and Promotion

RSPCA Queensland are happy to assist with marketing and promotion through all their channels, including website, social media and on site signage. They can also assist with introductions to print media and free to air television.

A specific website and Facebook page will be developed for the Championships.

Racing will be live streamed.

Sponsorship

If the submission is approved various sponsorship opportunities will be pursued. RSPCA Queensland has indicated a willingness to assist with identification of, and approaches to, potential sponsors.

Emergency Veterinary Assistance

Although the RSPCA Veterinary Clinic is not normally open to the public, the RSPCA Qld have confirmed that on duty veterinarians will be available for emergency treatment of dogs injured on site during the Championships.

Host Club

Awesome Pawsome is one of the oldest established Flyball clubs in Queensland. It normally hosts a number of race meetings each year. Since completion of the Flyball building in July 2017, Awesome Pawsome has hosted seven race meetings under cover at Wacol. In June 2018, they were able to assist Redlands Flyball to relocate a race meeting to Wacol on very short notice when Redlands' venue was deemed unusable due to wet weather.



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To whom it may concern

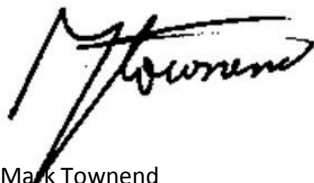
It is with great pleasure that RSPCA Qld offers its wholehearted support to *Awesome Pawsome Flyball Club* in their submission to host the 2019 Flyball National Championships at RSPCA's Wacol Animal Care Campus in Queensland.

The arena was meticulously planned and built and is the only purpose built undercover flyball arena in Australia. The Wacol Campus is our Queensland headquarters and houses a large Adoption Centre, Veterinary Clinic and Surgery, our Wildlife Hospital, World for Pets Retail store, an Op Shop and the hugely popular Black Cat Café. The campus is conveniently accessible by rail and is only twenty minutes' drive from the CBD.

At RSPCA Qld we are hugely conscious of the many benefits the sport of flyball delivers to dogs of all shapes and sizes. It is a sport that is hugely enjoyed by the animals and their humans. We believe we can bring enormous promotional assistance to the championships through our contacts in mainstream media and our thousands of followers on social media. We can also provide state of the art signage and can cater for after- hours functions. In short we stand by to assist in whatever way we can.

If you have any queries don't hesitate to call me. On a lighter note I'm sure our southern friends would love an excuse to escape to sunny Queensland!

Sincerely



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