



AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SCIENTISTS

Chapter sponsorship of external events

In principle Council believes Chapter funds should be spent on events which benefit Chapter members.

The rules for budgetary approval are set out in the Chapter Guidelines. Any sponsorship that increases the Chapter's pre-approved annual expenditure above \$1000, or which is above \$1000 and the Chapter's annual budget has not yet been approved by Council, must be pre-approved by Council before any liability for expenditure is created.

While the College prefers Chapter events to be focused on Science Week Council acknowledges that Chapters may wish to participate in events at other times during the year.

If Chapters wish to collaborate with or sponsor events, either in conjunction with Science Week or at another time, the event should be of benefit to Chapter members and at the same time should be able to promote the College and Chapter including the benefits of Chapter and College membership.

Chapters must notify the membership in advance and have majority approval, by vote, to sponsor an external event.

Background:

Council recognises:

- that College membership is widespread not only within Australia and New Zealand but worldwide
- that members outside of Australia and New Zealand may not be able to attend Science Week on a regular basis and thus experience the collegial experience of Science Week, mixing with other Chapter and College members
- that Chapters may wish to run events prior to or following Science Week in order to encourage greater participation in Science Week
- that the College is committed to fostering retention and renewal of membership
- that the College wishes to encourage Chapter growth
- that the College wishes to encourage Chapter membership to enable Chapters to populate executive roles which may be an ongoing challenge for particularly small Chapters
- that there can be benefits to College members in areas external to Australia and New Zealand being able to come together at events other than Science Week for the benefits of collegiality and CPD