



The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

**ANNUAL REPORT
2015**

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PRESENTING

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.

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It is with great pleasure that I present the 2015 Annual Report of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (GSDCA).

This Annual Report includes the audited financial statements of the Council covering the financial year 1st October 2014 to 30th September 2015, and the work undertaken by the GSDCA Executive, Position Holders and Member Clubs during the year.

All persons in charge of areas within a GSDCA portfolio were approached to submit a report and I very much appreciate those who have taken the time to provide the history of activities throughout the year.

The historical importance of these reports will be of immeasurable value to those who follow us within the Breed.

I thank my fellow Executive, Member Club Presidents and position holders for their prompt and efficient response, thereby enabling me to have this report completed in readiness for the 55th GSDCA Annual General Meeting held in Adelaide, South Australia.

Val Moody
Honorary Secretary

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Judges Committee	Robyn Knuckey
Secretary	Val Moody
Treasurer	Jane Pike
Obedience Committee	John DeLucia
Editor Quarterly National Review	Yvonne Yun

POSITION HOLDERS

Public Officer	Lenore Harris
Breed Health & Wellbeing Committee Chair	Dr. Karen Hedberg (<i>resigned 27th July 2015</i>) Dr. Candy Baker (<i>appointed 1st August 2015</i>)
HD/ED Registrar	Doug West
National Identification Registrar	Adam Toretto
NBC Registrar	Dawn Evans
National Show Liaison Officer	Ian Urie
Regulations Officer	Sharon Thorp
Trophy Officer	Terry Jarvis
Database Coordinator	Frank Moody
Historian	Maya Bar-Tor (<i>resigned 16th November 2015</i>)
Communications Portfolio	
Breed Specific Legislation Officer	Margaret Adams
Website Officer	Jacinta Poole
Public Relations Officer	N/A

MEMBER CLUB COMMITTEE'S FOR 2015

ACT GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION

President	Wolf Meffert
Vice President	Sasha Beljanski
Secretary	Veronica Fairbairn
Treasurer	Jenny Kenworthy/Mona Woods
Training Coordinator	Jenny Kenworthy
Breed Affairs Administrator	Veronica Fairbairn

BROKEN HILL GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB

President	Tony Lines
Vice President	Dale Halling (<i>resigned March '15</i>)
Secretary	Rachel Morgan (<i>resigned March '15</i>)
Treasurer	Rachel Morgan (<i>resigned March '15</i>)
Membership Officer	Wayne Simmons

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE

President	Greg Jones
Vice President	Lee Baker
Secretary	Fay Stokes
Treasurer	Karen Eaton
Training Coordinator	Karen Eaton
Breed Affairs Administrator	Fay Stokes



NEWCASTLE & HUNTER REGION GSDC

President	Sean Lynch
Secretary	Leeanne Lynch
Treasurer	Graham Robinson/Julie O'Sullivan
Breed Affairs Administrator	Paul Murray

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

President	Margaret Adams
Vice President	Shane Smith
Secretary	Carol Smith
Treasurer	Margaret Francis
Breed Affairs Administrator	Margaret Adams
Public Officer	Steve Jones

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF QUEENSLAND

President	Rod Vernon
Vice President	Sharon Ballantyne
Secretary	Diane Ballantyne
Treasurer	Edi Fearon
Breed Affairs Administrator	Jay Brandon

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

President	John DeLucia
1 st Vice President	Andrew Johnston
2 nd Vice President	Christine Collins
Secretary	Stephen Collins
Treasurer	Peter Flynn
Breed Affairs	Christine Collins
Obedience	Andrew Johnston

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF TASMANIA

President	Ken Millhouse
Vice President	Denis De Carteret
Secretary	Marie Paterson/Monica Stewart/Gabrielle Peacock
Treasurer	Sandra Parker
Breed Affairs Administrator	Carol Millhouse

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA

President	Vince Ebejer
Vice President	Nicky McDermott
2 nd Vice President	Louisa Rodger
Secretary	Val Moody
Treasurer	Jackie Jacobson/Fiona Henderson
Breed Affairs Administrator	Jenny Yuen
Training Administrator	Marilyn Wrigley

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

President	Ian Marr
Vice President	John Crace
Secretary	Richard Hosking/Anna Mitchell
Treasurer	Eric Herson
Breed Affairs Chair	John Fenner/Natalie Humphries
Show Chair	Robyn Knuckey/Bronson Pereira
Obedience Chair	Honey Gross-Richardson



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Vince Tantaro

On behalf of the Executive, I welcome you all to the 2016 GSDCA Annual General Meeting and give a special welcome to a younger member of the fraternity who is now President of the GSDC Qld: Sharon Ballantyne. It is indeed heartening to see a new face take on such an important leadership role at a time when she is also a trainee GSDCA Specialist GSD judge. I only trust her example will be followed by other younger members, as the time is fast approaching when many positions across our Member Clubs and Council will require new faces. Having said that, and even though she is not present, I am very pleased to welcome a 'new' face as a member of the Executive: Jacinta Poole, who has also come forward and takes up the position of Editor GSDCA Quarterly National Review (QNR). Jacinta is a most valued member of the GSDCV Management team, who has made significant contributions to the administration of that Club. She is very much grass roots and is involved in trialling, showing and has already made a significant contribution as GSDCA Web Officer in a team that implemented the new GSDCA website, and I believe will make a positive contribution to Council.

The past year has again seen much work done by the Council and Member Clubs and this has been reported in the Presidents Report and other reports as prepared by the officers of Council in the QNR and Member club media. I again report that the Councils achievements can only be attributed to the many members who voluntarily give up much time and money to administer Member Clubs and or act as officers of the Council: their passion and work continues to add to the long history of the GSDCA achievements towards responsible dog ownership, the promotion, welfare and development of the GSD in Australia. I thank you for all for your continued service to the breed!

It must be noted again that the GSDCA Executive main role is to administer the affairs of the Council, but also to show leadership and initiate and help develop new programs and or review / enhance current practises. I am pleased that despite each member of Executive, having large workloads, have again contributed input to all matters in a timely manner and were professional in interactions with others and within the team. I have observed, since taking on the role 4 years ago, that members of the Executive continue to grow into their roles, are more confident and are frank and fearless when considering matters. I believe we now have a truly interactive leadership team that own and defend the decisions as made. I would like to note the valuable contribution that Yvonne Yun has made to the GSDCA during her 4 year term as editor GSDCA Quarterly National review over the last four years. Yvonne took on this role after a break from being Editor during 2005-2007. The position of Editor has always seen pressures brought to bear on the occupant but Yvonne's enthusiasm, and supporting the need for change, saw her putting forward the proposal that saw the Editors position expanded to cover all things Communication: whilst this change was not formally adopted, the concept was put in place and saw the Website, QNR and FaceBook better utilised as communication tools for the Council. I again thank her for her tireless work and state again that despite the negative feedback she personally received from time to time, her work and knowledgeable contribution to the wider affairs of Council is noted and indeed appreciated by all of us.

The relationship between Member Clubs and the Executive is, in my opinion, also much improved and my aim of seeing all informed and all owning the solutions as well as the problems has again improved. This improved way of doing business has had positive effect with Member Club members being made fully aware of exactly what is happening at a National level. It has been suggested to Executive, NBC Executive and I, as President, that we must become more assertive and 'make' things happen as they did in the past: to those of you that think the good old days need to be revisited with lack of reason or logic, autocratic style and fear to instil control, I have a message for you: those days are well and truly over and may I say that Max Stokes as GSDCA President back in the late 1900's lead the charge on this issue and initiated major change with regard to how Member Clubs and their members needed to have greater control of the Council Executive than in the past. I can only urge Member Clubs to become even more transparent and inclusive of your membership. With regard to Member Club leadership I would like to thank Rodney Vernon, who decided to not seek re-election as President, GSDC Qld. Rodney stepped up at a time when the Club was divided and its future looked rather bleak. His work during his term saw a healing process in place and renewed enthusiasm that saw the Club initiate new member programs and win the confidence of the Council that saw the decision to conduct the 2017 GSDCA National GSD & Trial in Queensland.



The surprise of the year and a major disappointment for the Executive and I was in fact when clubs submitted their Agenda items for this meeting. What I felt as us progressing did in fact appear to be us stalling down the turn for home. The agenda has some very badly ordered motions and rationale which makes it hard to understand the intent of the motion, let alone give members true insight as to why they should be supported. Based on the discussions held at the Forward Direction Workshop (FDW) and subsequent fora, it appears that pure ignorance and or mischief making has seen motions proposed by Member Clubs, when in fact the matters surrounding these motions were either well established and or discussed and a direction put forward at other meetings of Council. The Council now has more opportunity than ever before to ensure that the members wishes are brought forward and considered in a manner which is well thought out and supported by rationale that can be defended.

Now to the future and challenges:

We expect the LRL that will see same scores for HD/ED that qualifies for A & Z stamps are adopted. If this is achieved, it will be one of the most important milestones of the Council has been able to achieve! There is no doubt this will further improve the health of the GSD, however will also bring its challenges as now non-members can advertise fact their breeding stock is on par with that of our members: it has the potential to hurt our brand.

Another important fact is that only 1/3 of all litters in Australia are from breed Surveyed parents, with the other 1/3 having 1 breed survey parent and 1/3 having no connection to Breed Survey. It is therefore imperative that we look at implementing a strategy on how best to convince the ANKC to introduce an LRL that will see at least 1 Breed surveyed parent of progeny registered. It must be noted that this cannot happen overnight and the fact that recent implementation by the Executive to have as a minimum of 2 Breed Surveyors officiate at Breed surveys is a case in point. There was much email traffic and opinion given about this matter, but what has to be remembered is I, as have many in the leadership group, been made well aware of the innuendo and allegations about Breed surveys that see only one Breed surveyor attend. That discussion, together with what is continually being discussed behind closed doors, has highlighted the need for a review of the Breed Survey Scheme with regard to creditability, accountability of breed surveyors and the conduct of Breed surveys and this should serve us well before we can put a case forward for such a game changing move.

The challenge for the Council, via its Member Clubs, is to remain relevant to the needs of owners of the GSD. It cannot be all about breeding LRL to the ANKC: we know that the number of GSD breeders has diminished significantly over the years, hence what partnerships can we engage in with other canine organisations to reach out to these owners, and how can Member Clubs not only maintain but improve member retention rates in order to further reach out in a community that for most part is anti-dog and continue to influence their members. We have talked about sharing our programs etc. but really what is shared apart from talk at meetings like these. I still have members complaining to me about unfair practises in their Club: hence what level of real transparency, inclusion and sharing exists in our Clubs? We all need to look back and cite what was it that kept us coming back to our Club and made us work for the GSD? This may provide clues on how better we can maintain our relevance and attract new GSD owners and keep older members alike. I again thank my colleagues on Executive, Club Presidents and the membership for their continued support of me and I only trust that I continue to meet your expectations.

In closing I would like to thank my wife Frances and my family who after some 39 years of involvement in administrating GSD and canine affairs, continue to provide me support and encouragement.



TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. Jane Pike

I present to the Members of Council and my fellow Executive the audited financial statements for the organisation for the financial year ending 30 September 2015.

The financial report shows an operating deficit for the year of \$10,443 compared to 2014/2015 of \$15,804, an improvement of \$5,363 which is a result of savings achieved from not publishing on the Breed Survey Book publication.

One-off transactions that have contributed to the deficit are:

Donation to the Canine Museum Foundation	\$5,000
Donation to the Young Diggers \$2,250 of which \$1,410 was donated by clubs	\$840
Website redevelopment	\$4,870

It was pleasing to note that the Website redevelopment came in under budget by \$3,130, due mainly to the assistance of Jacinta Poole, GSDCA Website Officer.

Each year Council spends significant money on Junior Showmanship, Service and Obedience awards which are presented each year at the GSDCA National Show & Trial. Medallions and plaques for the HD/ED Control Scheme Bronze, Silver, Gold medallions and plaques are also provided from Council funds annually.

Stock on hand – Below is a summary as at 30 September 2015

Details	2015
Golden Jubilee Book (Leather)	5
Golden Jubilee Book (Soft Cover)	197
Standard Excellent Conformation	862
Standard Excellent Obedience	98
National Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals	31
National Excellent	500
National Obedience Excellent	33
National Memento	597
National Service Award	7
National Medal Presentation Cases	8
Sitting GSD on base	3

Accounts Receivable reported at year end were \$2,584 which includes \$250 owed to Council by the ACT German Shepherd Dog Club since 17 July 2014.

It is pleasing to note that the deficit returned on the Quarterly National Review for the year is less compared to last financial year by \$1,557. The deficit returned on the magazine is directly attributed to the introduction of the “bumper” National edition that has been produced in the past two years which has been well received by Club members. Club Subscriptions have increased by just over \$5,000, Advertising revenue is down by \$2,636, Printing expenditure up by \$3,509 and postage costs down by \$2,483. Hopefully an increase in Advertising revenue in the coming year will return the magazine to a surplus.

Marketing and sponsorship options are being considered for 2016, however in the current market it is becoming increasingly difficult to compete for major sponsorship dollars.

If you have any enquires regarding the Financial Statements please contact me on mobile 0413 347 247 or email treasurer@gsdcouncilaustralia.org prior to the meeting so that I can ensure that I have the information available to answer questions at the meeting.

I have continued to enjoy my role as Treasurer and look forward to continuing in the position for the next two years.

Thank you to all Member Club position holders for your assistance and prompt payment of accounts and to my fellow members of Executive for their assistance and support during the year.



NATIONAL COUNCIL CHARGES as from 1 October 2015 – GST INCLUSIVE

Service or Product	Charge to Clubs/Applicant	Charge to Members by Clubs
TATTOO CHARGES		
Tattoo per pup	\$2.00	
Tattoo Prefix	\$25.00	
AUS Number	\$25.00	
TOOTH CERTIFICATE		
Tooth Certificate	\$35.00	
BREED SURVEY		
Charge to Clubs		
Breed Survey Pass	\$27.00	\$35.00
Breed Survey Fail	\$27.00	\$35.00
Breed Survey Book 2012 & 2013	\$50.00	\$50.00
Breed Survey Book 2011	\$40.00	\$40.00
Breed Survey Book 2010 and prior	\$20.00	\$20.00
HD & ED CONTROL SCHEME		
Charge to Members and payable to National Council		
HD/ED Appeal	\$100.00	
HD/ED Form – Hips & Elbows	\$65.00	
HD/ED Form – Hips only	\$47.00	
HD/ED Form – Elbows only	\$30.00	
Paid to Readers by National Council (*GST Exclusive)		
HD/ED – Readers Charge	\$49.74 *	
HD - Readers Charge	\$31.09 *	
ED - Readers Charge	\$18.63 *	
QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW		
QNR Magazine cost to members per edition	\$5.50	
QNR Advertising – Front Cover	\$300.00	
QNR Advertising – Back Cover	\$250.00	
QNR Advertising – Full Page	\$500.00	
QNR Advertising – Double Spread	\$900.00	
QNR Advertising – Half Page	\$275.00	
QNR Advertising – Quarter Page	\$115.00	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber - Australia	\$50.00	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – New Zealand	\$58.00 AUD	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – SE Asia	\$60.00 AUD	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – UK/Europe/ USA/Canada	\$65.00 AUD	
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEDALS/PLAQUES		
Standard Conformation Excellent Medal (Round)	\$4.40	
Standard Obedience in Trial Excellent Medal (Round)	\$15.00	
National Show Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals (Large Round)	\$7.50	
National Show National Conformation Excellent Medal (Large Round)	\$7.50	
National Show Obedience Excellent Medal (Triangle)	\$18.45	
National Show Memento (Octagonal)	\$9.50	
National Council Award of Merit Plaque Excellent Graded Animals	\$22.00	
GOLDEN JUBILIEE EDITION		
Soft Cover	\$75.00	



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA
INC**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (the "Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2015, and the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information to the financial report and the statement by the Committee of Management.

Responsibility of the Committee of Management for the financial report

The Committee of Management of the Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial report, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT) and the needs of the Members. This responsibility includes such internal controls as the Committee of Management determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error.

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In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Committee of Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the applicable independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion,

- a the financial report of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc:
 - i presents fairly, in all material respects, the Association's financial position as at 30 September 2015 and of its performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1.

Basis of accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc meet the requirements of the Association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc and should not be distributed to parties other than German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

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Chartered Accountants



S K Edwards
Partner – Audit & Assurance

Adelaide, 9 December 2015

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC.

STATEMENT BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 9:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc as at 30 September 2015 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

In accordance with the ACT Associations Incorporations Act, 1991, the Committee of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 September 2015:

- (a)
 - (i) no officer of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc;
 - (ii) no firm of which an officer is a member; and
 - (iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest;has or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.
- (b) no officer of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc has received directly or indirectly from German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value other than those who are employees and remunerated under normal commercial terms.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:


CHAIR


TREASURER

Dated this 9 day of December 2015



SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mrs. Val Moody

I wish to welcome you to the 55th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) being held in Adelaide, South Australia.

It is with great pleasure that I present my Annual Report.

In May of 2015 the GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial, our most prestigious event held during the year, was hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria and washeld at KCC Park, Westernport Highway, Skye, Victoria. I extend my congratulations to the extremely efficient group of workers and those from other State Clubs and the Executive that lent a helping hand prior to and during the event. As always, an extremely most successful National.

As part of the National Show & Trial, the chosen charity by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria was the EJ Whitten Foundation (prostate cancer awareness) and the total raised was \$4892.95. What a great job! The GSDCV President, Mr. Vince Ebejer presented to Mr. Ted Whitten, EJ Whitten Foundation a cheque for the amount of \$4,259 and an additional amount of \$633.95 was forwarded at a later date.

Congratulations to all those who contributed so generously to this great cause with funds going towards promotion and raising awareness of Prostate Cancer.

A huge thank you to one and all for the support.

At the National, during the opening ceremony the following donations were made to the Canine Museum. The GSDCA President, Mr. Vince Tantaro on behalf of the GSDCA presented a cheque for \$5,000 to the Chairman, Canine Museum, Mrs. Marilyn Syme.

The GSDCV President, Mr. Vince Ebejer on behalf of the GSDCV presented a cheque for \$5,000 to the Chairman, Canine Museum, Mrs. Marilyn Syme.

GSDCA SERVICE AWARDS:

Congratulations are extended to the following people that received the “GSDCA Service Award” at the 43rd GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2015 for their dedication to the German Shepherd Dog and continued support and commitment at Club/Canine Control level.

- ❖ Ian Urie
- ❖ Robyn Knuckey
- ❖ Val Moody

GSDCA OUTSTANDING CANINE SERVICE AWARDS:

Congratulations to Police Bitch “Angel” and handler Snr. Constable Cail Tuckerman who received the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award at the 43rd GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2015.

GSDCA SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD:

At the 43rd GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2015 the GSDCA Special Recognition Award was presented by the GSDCA President, Mr. Vince Tantaro and congratulations are extended to:

- | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| ○ Mr. Daryl Bourke | Service to Council | GSDCA Database |
| ○ Mr. Frank Moody | Service to Council | GSDCA Database |
| ○ Mr. John Fenner | Service to Council | GSDCA Website Officer |
| ○ Mr. Frank Moody | Service to Council | GSDCA Tattoo Registrar |



GSDCA OBEDIENCE AWARDS:

The GSDCA President, Vince Tantaro and the GSDCA Obedience Chair Mr. John DeLucia presented the Obedience Awards to:

Mr. Eric Herson

“Best Community Companion Dog”

*Vallejo Leones Spirit of the Law “A” “Z” Ex.

Mrs. Kathie Minton

“Best Open Dog”

* O. Ch. Koonski Just A Dash UDX “A” “Z”

Mrs. Kathie Minton

“Best Utility Dog”

O. Ch. Koonski Just A Dash UDX “A” “Z”

During July, I attended the Special General Meeting, President’s Meeting, Breed Surveyors/Judges Meeting, National Breed Commission Meeting and Judges Committee Meeting hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia.

I wish to thank the South Australian Club for hosting these events and express my appreciation for the work undertaken by all those involved. Well done to all and thank you.

Items of interest during 2015:

- The Broken Hill German Shepherd Dog Club withdrew its affiliation with the GSDCA.
- The GSDCA was represented by the GSDCA President and GSDCA Secretary at the ANKC National Breed Councils Conference held in June, in Melbourne.
- The GSDCA received the resignation from Dr. Karen Hedberg (NSW) as the GSDCA Breed Health & Welfare Committee.
- The GSDCA was pleased that Dr. Candy Baker (WA) accepted the appointment of the new Chairperson GSDCA Breed Health & Welfare Committee.
- At the GSDCQ Double Header 2015 Championship Show held on 11th July, the GSDCA President, Mr. Vince Tantaro presented to Mondioucu’s Astore Noir Jem (Imp USA) aka ‘Jem’ and handler Jo Morgan, the GSDCA Special Recognition Award. Jem scored a perfect score of 200 points at the SBE on 15th September 2013 under Val Bonney and graded Excellent.
- A number of milestones have taken place during 2015.
 - a) GSDCA Database
 - b) GSDCA Website Revamp
 - c) GSDCA Regulations Manual

The GSDCA extends its appreciation to the working parties involved.

I would like to express my appreciation to all Member Club Presidents, Secretaries and Committee’s for their continued support throughout this year and a special thank you to Barbara Blythe, for her valuable expertise in taking the minutes of the meetings held during the year and over the weekend of the Annual General Meeting. Thank you so much Barbara, I do appreciate your efforts.

I thank my fellow Executive and Position Holders for their assistance and support over the year and I look forward to ensuring the future betterment of this organization and the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.



MEMBER CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President ACT GSDA – Mr. Wolf Meffert

The Associations year, as in previous years, has been a very routine event.

Membership has not fluctuated very much, with the usual turnover and the number of stalwarts remaining at about 70. The Associations main activities are obedience training and managing the related breed issues. Most of our new GSD owners are basically interested only in fundamental control over their dog before they depart to pursue other personal interests. However a recent mock trial was well attended and we will consider more in 2016.

There has been an increase in the number of members taking part in the area of Conformation Showing. This included the specialty ring as well as local All Breeds events. The All Breeds scene tends to bring fluctuating fortunes and enables us to give the local judges an opportunity to see some quality GSD's. However, all too often the old style dogs are preferred at these shows.

An important aspect of the Associations training school are the baby puppy classes. Here we endeavour to start socialising pups from the age of about 8 weeks. This allows their owners to gain some control of their new family members while they are still of a manageable size. This is very successful with pups meeting other dogs and people thus minimising distractions in subsequent obedience classes. It also allows us to provide basic information on the management of 'the' new puppy. Overall it is considered to be a positive outcome in the life of the puppy.

Once again the Association conducted 2 Championship Shows on the October 2014 long weekend. This time we managed to share both of our judges with New Zealand.

Again we ended up with major arguments with the GSDCA Executive. This time it was over their cavalier decision to contravene the directions of the Council by moving the 2016 AGM from the ACT to South Australia. The reasons provided were fabricated to make it appear that the 2015 AGM had provided some leeway in its decision.

The inaugural President meeting was held on the NBC weekend. It was however hi-jacked by having the majority of the Executive turn up, possibly in some attempt to intimidate those present.

We conducted one breed survey in November. It was very well attended with 12 animals being surveyed. There were 2 failures, one due to a missing tooth and the other being measured as oversize. Once again the Executive decided to make up a new set of rules by declaring that there must be at least two breed surveyors in attendance at a breed survey. This of course should have been presented as a motion at the next NBC meeting.

In order to avoid any lengthy debate on this issue we promptly advised the NBC Chairperson that we would comply and we appointed a second surveyor to attend the survey. The Executive however decided to appoint a surveyor of their choosing to attend. This of course represents unacceptable interference in the activities of an affiliate. What was in fact more concerning was a comment from one member of the Executive suggesting that a club without a resident surveyor should not have the right to choose who they invite to conduct their survey. Why should the members of a Club with non-resident Surveyors have less rights than members of Clubs with resident Surveyors? What a nonsense!

The ACT also operates a successful dog rescue service with regular contacts at the Pound and the RSPAC as well as direct contact from owners who for various reasons are looking to re-homing a furry member of their family.



President Broken Hill GSDC

The Broken Hill German Shepherd Dog Club Committee advised the GSDCA in October 2015, that it is withdrawing its affiliation with the GSDCA.

I take this opportunity to thank those members that supported this Club over many years via membership or actively participating in the show and trials held by the Club over many years. There is a long and fruitful history for this Club and it is very unfortunate that it can no longer be a part of our organisation.

President GSD League – Mr. Greg Jones

What a busy year this has been. When you look back over the past year, you wonder where the time has gone. Firstly I would like to thank those people on the Committee who have dedicated their spare time to the GSDL and help achieve the results we have had during the course of the year. Without their attitude and dedication to the task, many of these achievements would not have been possible. The organising of events and activities does not happen by itself.

Arrangements for the 44th National German Shepherd Dog Show and Trial are progressing well. Our major fund raising raffle has begun and early indications are it will sell well. The raffle prizes are a fuel gift card to the value of \$ 750 for first prize, \$ 400 fuel gift card for second prize and a \$ 200 fuel gift card for third prize. The gift cards are redeemable Australia wide and can be used to purchase anything from the store used. They cannot be redeemed for cash. I would urge all members to support the raffle and sell a book of tickets or at least to purchase tickets.

Past Committees have approached Dogs NSW to seek permission to install an awning along the ring side of the building. I am pleased to advise we have been granted permission to install the awning by Dogs NSW. Quotes were sought and the membership advised of the cost and asked if there were any objections. None were received and the awning is now up and looks great and will provide a wonderful area for exhibitors at our National to sit and enjoy a cup of coffee whilst watching the show in addition to our hospitality tent.

We have taken on St. Johns Ambulance as our charity for the National and I hope people will donate from all over Australia to this worthy cause.

The GSDL were represented at the Macarthur Lions Australia Day Parade, Dogs NSW “Dogs on Show” held in July at the Dogs NSW complex, and the Dog Lovers Show held in August at the Moore Park entertainment precinct. Many thanks to those members that attended with or without dogs to represent the GSDL and the German Shepherd Dog breed in such a wonderful way. These events were very well attended by members of the public and many enquiries made about the breed and the club resulting in new memberships. These are events we intend to continue to exhibit in and we will be looking at better ways to promote the breed and the club to the general public in the future.

A Member’s Discussion Day was held in February which was well attended, and many ideas put forward on what members would like to see in our club. One suggestion was online entries for our shows and trials. A lot of work was put in to this to get it up and running and as a trial run, we went online for the State Breed Exhibition, and after being a success, we have permanently introduced online entries via Show Manager, beginning with our October Show and Trial. I have only heard good reports from those that have used it. The 2016 44th National Show & Trial entries are now open online! My thanks to Ann Mackenzie, our Show Secretary, and Kim McGregor, our Webmaster, for their time and effort in making this happen.



Weekend show training was another initiative bought in during the year. We have tried to put it on at least once a month. Whilst it would be beneficial to be able to say it is on a particular day, we are at the mercy of Dogs NSW and the grounds at Erskine Park being available. We are making efforts to add obedience training to the agenda and hope to have this added in the new year. Show training has been added to Breed Survey dates and will commence at the conclusion of the survey. The weekend show training days have been a success but it is hard to know what to expect on the day. Everyone seems to turn up on rainy days and when we have nice weather, there are certainly less people turning up with their dogs. In anticipation of bad weather on one occasion, we installed a TV and played a number of Sieger Show DVD's, which was greatly enjoyed by those in attendance. No matter what the weather, we always have a great time socialising our adult dogs and puppies and having a general "chin wag". My thanks go to the dedicated team of instructors and participants who turn up.

In July, a change was made to the website Puppy/Adult Listing advertising cost, as a result of suggestions at the Member's Discussion day. As a Committee, it was decided to have a zero cost for up to five (5) puppy/adult listings per year. Full details are up on the website. We were hoping to encourage breeders to advertise their litters for sale on the League website instead of opposing websites, but so far, we have not been inundated with litters for sale, which is very disappointing. Our Puppy Listings Registrar receives calls regularly from potential puppy buyers, and she can only advise the details of litters that are on the website - if you don't have a listing on the website, you will be missing a golden opportunity to promote your litter.

Congratulations to Graeme Stevenson, Alan and Judy Connors on being made Life Members of the Club. A small reward for your hard work and dedication to the breed. Congratulations also to our National Logo competition winners announced at the June Show and Trial

October saw Jenny Kenworthy make the trek up from the ACT to hold a Stewards course for prospective stewards for the National next year. We had some familiar faces and also some new faces come along. Participants were treated to a sausage sizzle and the trainees were put through their paces by Jenny using our Erskine Park Thursday night show training as a mock show for their hands on training. Thank you to Jenny for coming up and training these people and Mary Matuschka for her hospitality and looking after Jenny for the night.

The State Breed Exhibition saw the re-introduction of gun testing and off lead gaiting for the Open classes. The off lead gaiting was a great spectacle and all exhibitors were able to complete an off lead gait without too many problems. It certainly made for interesting viewing. A video was posted on the GSDL Facebook page which was very popular. Congratulations to those brave enough to exhibit. The proposal from National Council for future State Breed Shows will be put to our member in January and it is hoped they will accept the suggestions which can be of benefit to all exhibitors and clubs.

A Facebook page has been introduced to promote the activities of the Club. Facebook is a great social media tool where information can be shared with members and the general public that are interested in the breed. It has been used to promote events and there has been many enquiries received via the page to seek information about the breed and or the club.

Shepherd News has had some changes made throughout the year and we can now gauge the number of views each edition is getting. The mail out system gives us all sorts of statistics we can use to make Shepherd News even better.

The Fun Day held in July was a resounding success. A great time was had by all! Dr Robert Zammit made a cash donation as prizes for a Rally-O slalom course run by Tiki Friezer. Rob also pledged a sponsorship of the Bentheim trophy for the next Point Score year. Hopefully this can be an encouragement for our show members to compete in obedience, and for our obedience people to compete in the show ring.

Rob also took DNA samples from dogs to be used in looking for a link to HD for a study he is undertaking. Further collection days are being organized to get the number of samples required for his study. Thanks Rob for your donations and appearance on the day.



We have been fortunate in having Heather McDonald attend our club in January to give a lecture on German Shepherds and how to they train and prepare dogs to compete in the Sieger Shows which can only assist our members in the preparation of their dogs for our National Show.

We have introduced an Annual Sheep Herding Trial to be run at all future GSDL future Easter Shows and this should prove of great benefit and interest to those of our member participating in Sheep Herding.

Joylene Neddermeyer presented a seminar based on the top 20 dogs from the Open Dog class at this year's National Show and Trial. The seminar was well attended and hopefully the members that attended took something away from Joylene's informative opinions on the Dogs

Our membership remains steady as does our show entries except for the dog section which, seems to be a decline all over Australia as most breeders and exhibitors seem to prefer to retain the bitches.

After the League's Annual General Meeting we have had a couple of changes in our Committee positions and I thank those outgoing members and welcome back some old faces and new ones. I am sure we will only continue to progress in the coming twelve months and our club will continue to grow,

President Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC – Mr. Sean Lynch

The Newcastle and Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club has continued to promote the breed throughout 2015, however the club numbers have diminished in what seems to be an epidemic affecting dog clubs worldwide. The members we have, however, are an enthusiastic group who continue to promote the breed in all lights. Our members have competed admirably in the show ring and our obedience members do a great job of promoting the breed via way of back pack hikes, dog scootering and the like.

We hosted our two regular shows-the first in March with Andrew Jones officiating. This is the first time that Andrew has judged a show for our club and he did a good job and his comments were generally well received by exhibitors. Our obedience trial was judged by Ali O'Brien and the numbers were a little down but the competitors all enjoyed the day and their dogs. Our August show saw numbers down but those who attended enjoyed the opinion of Mrs Fay Stokes. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the obedience trial as there were not significant numbers entered to warrant it going ahead. Our club has a few dedicated triallers who were just not ready for the trial and hopefully we will have a resurgence in 2016.

Our club hosted four breed surveys which are always well attended and the members enjoy the social aspect at the conclusion of the trials. There were a total of 22 animals presented at survey with seven (7) class one dogs and twelve (12) class one bitches and three (3) class two dog classifications and two (2) class two bitches. There was one (1) failure. We also issued 21 hip and elbow contracts. There were no litters of puppies tattooed and this is largely due to microchipping being recognised and also as I look back over the years, the number of active breeders has decreased significantly.

We have added our Team North Coast branch and this group is very keen and work very well together. They held, under the banner of our club, a successful member's competition as well as a breed survey. The value of getting our breed recognised in outlying areas cannot be underestimated. These types of events are not only great to encourage members, who may not necessarily travel long distances, to become involved in the breed survey system and showcases the breed to interested onlookers.

Additionally, the club's back pack hikes and camping weekends at Riverwood Downs, do a great deal for positive exposure for the breed and the comradery of the club members.

We have approached Dogs NSW to see if our club can open up our trials to all breeds of animals to make this a worthwhile event number wise. Of course, only registered German Shepherds will be entitled to the excellent grading and be entitled to compete in club point scores. We would also like to additional fundraising as the cost of attending meetings and the like is becoming prohibitive for smaller clubs such as ours.

We look forward to working with our fellow clubs and the Executive of the council to ensure the German Shepherd breed prospers into the future.



President GSDC of the Northern Territory – Ms. Margaret Adams

The GSDCA NT has advised that as the Club is very small, at this stage there has been no activity that enables The NT President to provide a report.

President GSDC of Queensland – Ms. Sharon Ballantyne

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland continues to work for the breed and its members while promoting the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes. Membership of the Club remains steady and we finished the year with 253 members. Members in the regional areas remain committed with increasing levels of participation in most areas.

Over the past twelve months the Club held two Championship Shows, one Open Show, our first Members Competition and the State Breed Exhibition. We also conducted two jointly funded specialist shows, one with the Working Dog Club and one with Ipswich Kennel Club. As well as shows the Club held two successful Obedience Trials and it is hoped that numbers increase next year. Our July double header events were sponsored by VIP Pet Foods.

Breed Surveys were well attended and a regional Survey was held in Mackay. Our Breed Surveyors are regularly seen at Club events mentoring aspiring Judges and assisting members in breed related matters. Members also fully support the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Scheme with very good results in both areas. Tattooing numbers declined a little due to the use of microchipping, however a few members continue to use both chip and tattoo.

Financially the club had a good year with a small profit due to increased fundraising, costs management and members' support of raffles. The GSD show rings at Durack Sports Grounds now have a new shade shelter and concrete slab that provides a better work surface for the show committee and members to enjoy. Communication with members is via the bi-monthly magazine 'Fidelity', the Club Facebook and an electronic Newsletter. The major change in communication this year was the launching of the new website that included online memberships and other services. It is hoped that further improvements will be developed in time for the 2017 National.

We look forward to 2016, working harmoniously with each other and other Clubs so that the breed continues to improve throughout Australia.

President GSDC of South Australia – Mr. John DeLucia

The S.A. Club has once again had a good year. Our membership has increased again in 2015 with attendance at training a testament to the increase and we are in a healthy financial position also.

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our club sponsors, in particular our major sponsor, Advance. The club continues to work in the local community with representation at local aged care facilities which is very well received by the residents. We also were represented at the Animal Expo held at the Wayville Showgrounds which proved to be a fantastic promotional activity.

Entries at our obedience trials were good with our two Obedience Trials, Endurance Test and two Agility Trials. We also updated our existing Instructor's Manual to keep up with the times and this has been well received by all instructors who had input. Their contribution was invaluable in this process. 2016 Will see us looking into the possibility of introducing Rally O onto our calendar.

BREED AFFAIRS

This area of the club has had a busy year. We have brought our Information Booklet up to date as well as the club's Recommended Breeding Practices. We have now introduced a Show Instructors Manual which I am sure has been and will continue to be of great assistance.

Two work shops were introduced for furthering knowledge for our club Judges and conducted by Christine Collins. These were very well received and I am confident will continue in 2016.



33 Animals participated in Breed Surveys in 2015 with 25% being LSC which is pleasing. Our show classes are well attended and are conducted on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings and use a roster system to rotate the instructors.

Our club is in discussions over the possible relocation of our club rooms and grounds to approximately 800 metres away from our current position. This will enable us to hold all club events and others, entirely on our club grounds within our own fenced area. This is a major undertaking by Adelaide Shores and is still a work in progress.

In closing, we must still be ever vigilant with regard to Government and Council Legislation. I look forward to working with everyone in 2016.

President GSDC of Tasmania – Mr. Ken Millhouse

On behalf of the GSDCT Inc., I present our annual report for 2015.

Firstly I must apologise for not being able to attend this years AGM. Due to the scheduling of this years meeting being the same weekend as our breed survey and championship show, we have chosen to keep all hands on deck and not send a delegate. This is a very unfortunate clash of dates which will hopefully be rectified for 2017 so that all clubs can be represented and have the same opportunity to have valued input into this very important meeting.

The GSDCT have had a very positive year in 2015 with member numbers growing, show entries holding steady and a number of social occasions being very well supported.

Shows

Our club held 3 championship shows and a State Breed Assessment this year.

In February Ms Jane Pike judged our First champ show for the year with an entry of 31 Stock coats and 5 Long coats. The weather was fine with some lovely dogs presented. Jane also had 1 animal presented for Breed survey on Saturday gaining a Class 1.

Mr Bruce Knight adjudicated our Breed Survey and State Breed Assessment in May.

On the Saturday he had 2 animals for survey both attaining a Class 1.

On Sunday, with an entry of 33 exhibits, Bruce crowned our new Sieger,

Ch. Tuabu Midnight AZ Ex Merit and our Siegerin. **Castastar Acacia AZ Ex Merit**.

Our September back to back champ shows were this year judged by Mr Ian Urie and Mr Andrew Jones from Victoria. A breed survey was held on Friday afternoon having 7 presented for 6 Class 1's and 1 class 2. With entries at 38 and 41 for the weekend, both judges were kept busy. It was great to see a number of Victorian exhibitors making their way over and supporting our club. Always great to see and very much appreciated.

Breed Surveys

After a mixed result with breed surveys in 2014, our hard working training group and Breed Affairs Administrator have been able to make 2015 our most successful year for some time with not a single failure for the year. In total 10 animals were presented with 9 achieving Class 1 status and the other achieving a class 2. Great results and congratulations to everyone concerned.

On behalf of the club I would like to congratulate the executive of the GSDCA for making the change to have a choice of breed surveyor available at all surveys. We believe this can only be of benefit to all clubs and look forward to utilising this new measure which would normally be unavailable purely on a cost basis.

Membership

Our club membership continues to hold at approximately 75 members. This number has held steady now for a few of years with a number of younger exhibitors/breeders continuing to encourage their new puppy buyers along to training and socialising events.



Training/Obedience

This past year has seen some very good numbers attending our regular Saturday training sessions. Those braving the winter chills have been rewarded with some very good results at our shows and hopefully with a number of babies around at the moment those numbers will continue to grow.

Unfortunately this year saw an end to regular obedience training and Rally O events. Decreasing numbers has seen these events put into recess until interest can be revived.

Special Events

Each year our club has a number of fund raising events. Along with our shows and training days, the need to generate extra income is always present. Again this year we had a canteen/stall at The Derwent Valley Autumn Festival which is held on our club grounds. This is an annual event consisting of everything local in the area and as always we received an amazing amount of support from the community, making this one of our biggest days of the year.

Along with our Christmas Raffle and BBQ, we also hold a canteen for an All Breeds show. These, along with chocolate sales and the amazing support of our very generous members continues to ensure our club is financially stable.

Digital Media

The Clubs facebook page and website continue to grow. Our free website which was set up and designed with the help of Dogz online continues to attract a huge number of hits with content being regularly updated. The Facebook page has become a very handy tool to get information out to members and friends of the club at short notice. This also is attracting new interest with the pages recently passing 500 likes and growing.

This year has also seen the re introduction of a quarterly club newsletter. Moving with the times, our new newsletter is sent out electronically to all members except those who don't have access to email. These members still receive a printed copy. The electronic version enables us to keep information as up to date as possible prior to release.

For anyone interested in a visit to our beautiful state, coming up in 2016 we have Louis Donald, Vince Tantaro, Alastair Henderson and Jenny Yuen coming to judge for us. As always we would love to see as many north islanders come for a visit as possible. You will certainly be made very welcome.

President GSDC of Victoria – Mr. Vince Ebejer

I am pleased to present my 5th report to the GSDCA as President of the GSDCV. We have had an outstanding year in 2015 with numbers significantly in excess of the 2014 figures, (2014 total numbers 2252 over 1116 units). Our Club has steadily grown over the past five years, with our final numbers in 2015 being 2482 individual members in 1211 units, compared to 1988 individual members divided over 996 units at the conclusion of 2010. This growth is not achieved easily; strong leadership, openness, approachability, inclusiveness, which allows the members to have input through the various meetings, programs to benefit the member as well as the Branch structure, which gives most Victorian residents a GSD specific training location within easy reach, a friendly atmosphere and the work that our Instructors and Committee members both at Branch and Club level do each and every week to cater to the needs of the members and the Breed as a whole, and of course the members themselves that form the bonds of friendship, that see them attend training every week, travel for trials together, travel for shows together, has given us our membership base and structure the foundation and strength to continue to grow.

Our long term premium sponsor has been Royal Canin, a partnership we value highly. Over the years, together we have provided premium dog food to our members at a very significant saving, provided prizes at Shows & Trials, produced booklets for our breeders and hosted educational seminars. Royal Canin exceeded our regular partnership arrangement with the additional support they provided to the GSDCA National Show & Trial held in Melbourne this past year. Monash Veterinary Clinic, is both a major sponsor of the Club as well as friend of the breed. Not only do they provide financial consideration, the partnership and long term association has built a foundation of trust and reliability, with many members utilising their services. These two partnerships we are proud to say will continue for the 2016 year.



May 2015 saw the culmination of years of planning for the GSDCV with the GSDCA National Show and Trial held in Melbourne. Weather notwithstanding, a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere, exhibitors enjoying a friendly rivalry and genuinely happy for each others success, fundraising for the EJ Whitten Foundation and the donation to the Canine Museum for their building fund by both the GSDCA and GSDCV enables us to consider the event a success. Of course the addition of a phone app and live streaming of the Open Dog class has certainly raised the bar yet again. (*See additional report on the National.*)

The GSDCV continues along the path set out during the development of strategic plan and goals. We have gloried in what we have achieved and taken note of those things yet to come to fruition. As an organisation, it is easy at times to rest on our laurels, or get lost in the minute of items, we must be ever mindful that the world is a fluid place, we must always be seen to be moving forward. 2015 saw the GSDCV continue to finalise various publications and manuals that have previously been developed as well as undertake an update to our Constitution in part due to legislative requirements and in part due to a need to bring the document, a contract between the Club and its members into today's era. The update process will be finalised in the early part of 2016.

A major concern for our organisation and no doubt our sister clubs as well, is the growing trend of airing our grievances on social media, and through email threads that traverse the nation. While the cliché "you can't please everybody all the time" holds true, the soap box mentality that prevails today is the biggest risk that faces us for the foreseeable future. Disagreement and debate is the crucible in which a democratic organisation operates, discussions are held, sometimes amongst many, as in general meetings, sometimes amongst only a few, as when those elected to make decision do so, either way the energy that is expended in voicing our displeasure at a particular decision or in attacking our organisation does little except label us a divided and a fringe group, not to be taken seriously, and detracts us from our true purpose. If we worked together and the energy we expend in these cases were better directed we would be able to achieve amazing things, as in the 1970's.

With the only real incentive for position holders being a passion for the breed and the organisation, developing a viable succession plan and attracting not only those willing to take on the numerous, roles but also capable with the required skill set and necessary commitment to put in the hours required is a challenge that we have striven to overcome. The workload and skills required to run our organisation in a professional manor is quite large and varied. We are fortunate that we have some extremely capable members that undertake an extraordinary amount of work. Even though due to their dedication and passion they willingly take on the work, we must ensure we do not 'burn out' those workers that keep the organisation moving and have started to develop a more targeted approach to succession to guarantee the viability and standard of projects and positions for the long term.

Numerous Dog and Pet expos events are attended by the GSDCV, showcasing the breed and providing information to the general public. These events, which includes the Victoria Canine Association Big Dog Day out held at KCC Park, Caulfield Pet and Animal Expo, both widely publicised, attended by thousands of dog owner's people and the general public. Our participation in two non dog related events, The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, which we have taken part in for the last 32 years, and the Moomba Parade held on Victoria's Labour Day weekend, in which the GSDCV participated in the parade allowed us to present the Breed at its best to a community that may not necessarily consider the GSD. The participation of the GSD in canine and pet friendly events is integral to the promotion of the breed. I cannot thank the team and the members enough for their efforts in this area. A more considered approach targeting areas where the same or similar events are held in numerous states should be an area that the various Clubs collaborate on, this would give promotions and publicity a more national feel showcasing our national organisation and clear direction towards the same goals.

Unfortunately, we were unable to continue the arrangement with the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria in 2015, and the conformation format reverted to the traditional 'all breeds' style. Even though the event was run as a speciality show for only a short time, the exposure that was achieved was considerable. Hopefully we will be able to harness the lift this gave the breed in the eyes of the public.

A more detailed report will be presented in the GSDCV Annual Report, which will be sent to all Clubs and Council.

I thank you all for allowing me to present my report on behalf of the GSDCV.



President GSDA of Western Australia – Mr. Ian Marr

Club

On behalf of the Members of the German Shepherd Dog Association of WA (Inc), I am pleased to submit this report to the 2016 GSDCA AGM.

We have had just the one change to the Management Committee since last year's report. The Show Chair is now Bronson Pereira who has replaced Robyn Knuckey after Robyn decided not to stand for the position. I welcome Bronson to the committee and it is especially pleasing to see one of our younger members wanting to get involved. I offer my grateful thanks to Robyn for her time on the committee. She has always been a great contributor to our meetings and can be relied upon to have a calming influence when a meeting gets a little excitable. On a personal level I will miss her greatly but I do understand her reasons for not standing, I wish her all the very best for the future and I know that she will be a great mentor to Bronson during the next 12 months.

The past 12 months have been particularly pleasing to me because of the tremendous work done by all members of the management committee, they have all worked exceptionally well as a team and I am especially pleased that everyone seems to have accepted the club motto and is endeavouring to work within the guidelines of the motto. The theme of the motto is "**We CAN make a difference if we put aside our personal likes and dislikes and ALL WORK TOGETHER for the sake of the Breed**"

I will continue to encourage all members to embrace the motto and hopefully we can continue to improve the club and become an even better organisation in the future.

Membership

I am delighted to say that because of the 4 free lessons certificates, we have once again increased our membership numbers on last year's figures and at the end of our financial year (30th June 2015) the membership had increased to 469, which is an overall increase of 24. We are continually looking at ways to maintain and improve on these figures each year if at all possible. There is a full report from the Membership Officer later in this report.

Although we still have a problem getting a large amount of members to our General Meetings we do now always get a quorum at all of our meetings and we currently have a small number of new members taking an interest in the running of the club by attending all of our General meetings.

I acknowledge and recognize the continuing hard work done by all of our hardworking volunteer workers who give many hours of their valuable time helping to run the club by being on various sub-committees as Instructors at both of our grounds, as Judges and Surveyors, being on the Management Committee, running the club shop and canteen, helping maintain the grounds in excellent condition and helping in many other ways, not necessarily in an official capacity. Well done to you all. Without your input and commitment we would be unable to function as an organisation.

Special Events

Once again we had involvement in a number of special events in 2014/2015:-

- 1 As always we had our annual fundraiser for the Jane McGrath Foundation Cancer . We have supported this Foundation for a number of years now and we held another very successful fund raiser in November when we raised \$225 in just a few hours. It is a very simple day when we hold a BBQ, run a raffle and accept donations from members. The members continue to embrace this event and I am always grateful for their ongoing support.
- 2 We continue to support the Ted Whitton Men's Prostate Cancer Foundation. This ongoing event is run on very similar lines to the Jane McGrath Foundation and indeed we actually got involved in it to balance the ledger so to speak by supporting a cause for women's health and men's health. We had another successful day and raised \$180. This was very pleasing.
- 3 We ran a raffle for "Dogs for Diggers" when we raised \$680. More on this in the Show Chairs report.
- 4 Once again our P.R Officer organised a great presence of German Shepherds at the Perth Royal Show. We had 22 entries this year and it was very pleasing to see the exhibitors encouraging the visitors to actually touch the dogs and interact with them.
We were the only club that actually encouraged people to touch the dogs and the feedback that we got was tremendous. There is a report on this event later in this report.



5. As usual, our end of year Fun Day was a huge success with even more members turning out than we had last year. Well done to Kym and her helpers who worked so hard to make this event the success it was.
6. We had a new style of Christmas Party for the kids this year. Prior to the arrival of the Jolly Santa we had a bouncy castle, an animal farms where the kids were encouraged to get in and touch the animals, and we also had face painting. All of these were a first try for this day and it was an absolute success. The kids had a super time and reserved the biggest cheer for the man himself. This was such a success that we will hopefully follow the same format again next year.
7. Immediately after the Children's Christmas Party we had the end of year presentation evening which was very well attended. This was our last event for the year and as always the club will be closed for the Christmas and New Year fortnight.

Sponsorship

We have a number of sponsors and they are:- **Mars Pet Care** (Advance Biscuits), **Animal Health/ Bio-John/Triangle Agencies**, **Scarboro Toyota**, **Armadale Mower World**, **Canning Vale Fish & Chips**. Most of these sponsors have been supporters of the GSDA for many years now and it is fair to say that without the continued support of these sponsors we would struggle to offer the Show and Trials Committees the ongoing financial help that they need to continue promoting the shows and trials in the manner that we currently do. I am truly appreciative of the help from all of our sponsors.

Mars Petcare - have been our major sponsor for many years now. This has been a mutually rewarding partnership which will hopefully continue for some time yet. The supplier of our Advance biscuits is **Animal Health/Bio-John/Triangle Agencies** and their willingness to supply the biscuits at a very competitive rate helps us to sell them to our members at a great price which in turn helps us keep our members. If they buy two bags of biscuits per year the money they save pays for the following year's membership and of course they have to be a member to buy the biscuits. One of our long serving sponsors is **Scarboro Toyota** who make a regular cash donation to the GSDA of WA every year and also supply a car to help when our German Judge comes over for the West Coast Challenge. Part of the Scarboro Toyota sponsorship helps with the upkeep and maintenance of the club grounds. **Armadale Mower World** are into the third year as a sponsor of the club, they help the club by supplying a free service to our ride on mower twice a year and do many repairs to the mower when needed, usually at little or no cost to the club. In return we support the charity that they support in the Ride across Australia which is the Ted Whitton men's Prostate Cancer Foundation as mentioned earlier.

Canning Vale Fish & Chips have come on board as full sponsors of our child handler prizes, for this year, and gave us \$100 for each of the following Child handler awards. Junior child handler, Intermediate child handler & Senior child handler in Shows and best Obedience child handler.

The sponsorship to help pay the airfare and accommodation for the Senior Child Handler to attend and compete in the National Show ion 2016 was kindly donated by Hausosin Kennels and I thank them sincerely. This sponsorship is, of course, only paid if the Senior Child Handler actually attends the National Show.

Awards for 2015

I presented Gold Service pins to John Glenney and Jean McCowan for 25 years of service to the German Shepherd Dog Association of WA. Congratulations to both of these stalwarts of the club for the great service they have given us and indeed continue to give us.

We have two groups who pay to use our grounds on a regular basis; they are The Western Australian Greyhound Association who use a straight track for training. Our members can use this track outside of the times that have been allocated to the Greyhound people. The AIM Archery Club are the second group that pay to use the grounds every Monday morning and Tuesday nights during summer. These two groups bring in much appreciated cash flow to the GSDA of WA.

I have once again invited all members of the Management Committee and Office Bearers of the club to submit a report on their portfolios for me to include in my report and these are listed below:-



Vice-President's Report

This year has been, once again, a busy one and I appreciate the help that I have been given during the past 12 months

As always, my main task has been to continue to look after our Sponsors and ensure that we look after their interests as they look after ours with their sponsorship. Having secured the sponsorship for next year, I look forward to continuing the relationship with all of our Sponsors during the next twelve months.

My portfolio covers the Ground Managers, The Public Relations Officer and the Webmaster as well as working closely with the President.

The reticulation system is now working really well since we replaced the old bore with a new one plus replacing a large number of the sprinkler heads. We continue to check the trees around the grounds since the problem that we had last year and so far all are looking good. We will, of course, take action if we see any signs that any of the trees have the potential to become dangerous.

To everyone that has helped out on the grounds during the past year I thank you and I particularly thank those members who have put their names forward to be part of the Ground Working Party who are currently looking after the grounds while we continue to search for a Ground Manager for our Gosnells Grounds. The grounds are looking in great condition. The help offered by this dedicated group is appreciated. Thanks a million.

The picnic tables that we organised last year have been a great success and I believe that they have made the grounds much more family friendly. We may look at buying more of these, next year.

We have replaced the front fence and gates with a new, much stronger fence and gates. They look terrific especially with the new sign that is placed just near the entry. It definitely adds to the look of the grounds and has been accepted without question by the members.

John Crace

Public Relations Report

Perth Royal Show 2015

The opening day of the Perth Royal Show was Saturday 26/9 and this was the day German Shepherds were on display.

There was quite a large entry of Shepherds which was good to see.

I had a small stand set up inside the dog pavilion with information sheets on the breed and our registered breeders. The public were grateful to receive information and asked many questions.

The dogs were very well received by the public and all the breeders/owners were welcoming to people interacting with their dogs.

The behaviour of the children seems to get better every year (despite 1 little boy deciding that Jett's queaky toy was his) with most of them asking if they could pat the dog and not just rushing up to them.

It was good to see a number of club members come by and see the dogs on show.

Well done to all the exhibitors on their dog's impeccable behaviour and for your placings in the show ring.

Thanks to Simon Maxwell, Kim Harris and Daphne Chan for helping me throughout the day. I look forward to another day next year.

Kym Glenny.

Secretary's Report

Another year has passed, how time marches on.

I would like to thank the rest of the committee for all the help I have been given in the past year which makes the secretary job quite enjoyable, so far everything is going smoothly, no hiccups at the moment.

Memberships: Our Membership has increased and the members seem to be staying longer and participating in club activities.

Ground Hire: We have been approached to hire our grounds out to other dog clubs for their fun days and it is working well, everybody is very happy. It is not just a nice little earner to offset costs but it also acts as a public relations exercise between clubs.

Communications: We have changed our web server and our email addresses from Eftel to Web City. This changeover was a very time-consuming job and we would like to thank Terri Gumpert very much, she did a terrific job - well done, Terri now has a few extra grey



hairs after all the obstacles that Eftel threw in her path. The Management Committee have changed their email addresses to match their portfolios, when we have new office bearers the email address stays the same.

Improvements: We have a new look with our new front fence and have received a lot of very great comments regarding this upgrade.

Information: We have had a talk by Dr. Claire Sharpe on the 4th October after training which was very informative about her research into Bloat which was very well attended we look forward to her next lecture on Haemangiosarcoma

Fund-raising: Once again we have held two major fund-raisers - the Ride to the other side which support the E.J. Whitten Prostate Research and the McGrath foundation which supports Breast Care Nurses - they were well supported and very successful. Congratulations to all our members for participating and contributing so generously to these great causes.

Events: Our Shows, Obedience, Trials and socialization classes have been very successful with good attendances. We shall look forward to see what next year brings after a well-deserved break over Christmas.

Anna Mitchell

The Secretary is responsible for: - The Membership Officer - Faye Ramsden and the Minute Secretary - Margaret Adams. These ladies do a great job and their reports are listed below.

Membership Officer

All is working well. I contact all new members with a welcome to the club and they seem to appreciate this. We have had a few problems with people not getting their National Reviews but this is usually because they have moved house and have not contacted me with their new address. We will put out a reminder to all members that they must keep us informed of any change of their membership details.

I have listed below the membership details for the past 9 years.

Year	Voting Numbers	Total membership	Double Membership	Single membership
2006/7	446	296	150	146
2007/8	402	257	145	112
2008/9	452	293	159	134
2009/10	466	287	159	128
2010/11	456	303	153	150
2011/12	470	301	169	132
2012/13	380	234	146	88
2013/14	445	274	171	103
2014/15	469	279	187	95

Faye Ramsden

Minute Secretary

It is pleasing to see that we have managed to attain quorums at all of our Quarterly General Meetings and that the circulation of reports, correspondence lists and minutes prior to the meetings means we can wrap up in a VERY timely fashion and ALL members have been kept informed of happenings within their association. This saves the environment, time and money as we do not have to produce copious amounts of paperwork in the hope we have members attending meetings.

Editor

As an extension of the magazine production a couple of years ago we started sending our Information Updates usually on Fridays so our members are up to date on happenings and events. This has proven to be popular and I am pleased we are continuing this service to our members. The cessation of publishing our magazine in hard copy has been a huge saving at the bank - personally I like a copy in my hand but I realise that many, many members just throw them away so it was, at times, a waste of our planet's and our association's resources. Everyone is too busy and wants an App for everything these days so these two initiatives are the next best



thing. As our website is under re-construction we are intending to upload the magazine onto the website and then alerting out members it is ready for reading - also this helps with our friends overseas and interstate who will be able to access it freely.

Puppy Listing Officer

Pretty busy at times - again we send out a plethora of information to interested people - this requires a lot of time and internet usage. It is planned that in 2016 we will set up a Breeders' Directory - it is planned that we have the kennel name and/or logo with a direct link to their email, Facebook page or website. Because of our strict Recommended Breeding Practices it will be clearly stated that it is the vendor's responsibility to check if their puppy complies. This section will also have all of our information booklets freely available for new members and interested parties.

Stud Dog Registrar

This will pretty much be covered in the Breeders' Directory and hope it will lead to good exposure for our breed here in W.A.

LD. Officer

We have had a few enquiries when dogs are lost or handed into pounds. I was concerned recently that a German Shepherd female was in a pound in W.A. I was contacted by concerned people but even after several emails they refused to give me the microchip number. They said that the dogs had been abandoned and they thought they had a home lined up. They said they had tried the registry but said no details were uploaded. I thought it would be best if I could find out who the breeder was as they, the breeder, should always be interested in where a dog from their breeding is placed, they may have details on the dog to hand to a new buyer. Then I received the Privacy lecture. I wonder if we can "demand" in a nice way to see such details.

Margaret Adams

Treasurers Report

We at the GSDA of WA have recognised the challenges that our breed and club face in pursuit of our passion. We are in the unique position of owning our own grounds.

This presents our members with the task of maintaining and covering the costs associated with ownership.

We took hard decisions in regards to expenditure and worked tirelessly to attract sponsorship.

Without this sponsorship our club would be facing even tougher decisions.

The added bonus is that our grounds are now generating income through hiring.

Our club's future is financially viable and with the economic uncertainty ahead we need to be constantly reviewing the clubs finances.

That is why I advocate that the cost of the National Review in print form is a heavy burden for the clubs to bear. It is my opinion it needs to go electronic.

The club President, Ian Marr, has a copy of the clubs financial statement if anyone wishes to view it.

Eric Herson

The club Finances were audited and the Auditors report is below:-

In my opinion, the financial records and statements attached, present fairly the financial position of the German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia, in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles

Regards

Lisa Holland

Lisa Holland, CPA ID: 1946787

Show Chair Report

This is my last report as the Show Chair of the GSDA of WA, I have enjoyed my two years as Show Chair of the GSDA of WA, and the past three years as Show Coordinator, since my return to WA from Europe. I would like to say the Show Committee has worked well together, and new members have developed as effective team members. I wish to thank all committee members for their support and hard work in providing and supporting shows in WA. I wish the incoming Show Chair the best of luck, and know the committee will continue to work to provide streamlined and efficient shows for the GSDA of WA.



The Show Committee has established a healthy financial buffer to provide financial security in the event of loss of the current major sponsorship from Mars Petcare or Scarboro Toyota. Our aim was to provide a buffer to allow for a period of 12 months of show operations, thus allowing time for the committee to fundraise to provide additional funds to support our conformation shows, if required.

We have looked at the quality of our trophies and have decided to improve the quality provided, especially for our Championship Shows. This year, rosettes have been awarded to all placegetters at our Members Competitions as well.

In the previous 12 months, the Show Committee has conducted 3 Championship Shows (WCC Luciano Musolino (Italy), RRMCS Fran Farley (VIC) & WMMCS Graham Saltiel (NZ)), 4 Members Competitions (Natalie Humphries, Rod Vernon (Qld), Robyn Knuckey and John Fenner), 1 State Breed Exhibition with a panel of WA judges and 2 Open Shows (Delia Wells and Ida Homer, trainee Group 5 judges).

These shows have been very well supported by our members with continued good entries. Our entries may be decreased in the near future with the moving to Victoria of Dennis and Christine Gallacher of Seigen Kennels, who have always been very strong supporters of all shows in WA.

The entries for our Members Competitions this year have been 58, 74, 60 and 38, our first Open Show had an entry of 44. Delia Wells, the trainee group 5 Judge was very excited and humbled by the entry and thoroughly enjoyed the day, staying to watch the Members Competition. A big thank you to the exhibitors for the support to Delia. Our second Open Show had an entry of only 19.

This year has seen the introduction of online entries for our shows, via Show Manager. This facility has been extremely well received by our members. There were some teething problems with the first shows, with 2 pricing structures with the Members Competition and Open Show closing on the same day. Feedback has been provided to Show Manager, to rectify this issue prior to the next date that is similar in September. Even with this, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of entries for these shows was received online.

The State Breed Exhibition (SBE) was a very successful weekend, very capably judged by the Judges involved. There was an entry of 74 for the Show part of the SBE. There were 19 entries for the critique only, 12 entries for the obedience trials and 30 entries for the closed club graduation. There were also three special obedience sections – Best Lady Handler, (7 entries), SBE Top Show and Obedience – Junior (5 entries) and SBE Top Show and Obedience – Senior (8 entries) this gave us a total of 155 taking part in the SBE week-end. Everything ran smoothly. One point to note was 5 ‘show dogs’ were entered in the Closed Club Trial on the Saturday. I believe this was the most presented in an Obedience Trial at the Club, well done to the owners for showing the versatility of our breed.

Congratulations to the Sieger *Seigen Suris Alfie AZ Excellent Merit, owned by Tracy Roberts and Christine Gallacher and the Siegerin *Ch Friedental Bliss Fulicious AZ Excellent Merit, owned by Natalie Humphries and Christine Gallacher. Top Show and Obedience Senior was *Volscaro Ciao Bella AZ CCD Excellent Merit owned by Tracy Roberts and Lorraine Pearson, Top Show and Obedience Junior was Volscaro Lenton Brae AZ owned by Rachel Laubsch. The Breeders Group was won by Iccara Kennels, congratulations to Chivaun and Sophie Mailata.

At the SBE, we ran a raffle over the two days in support of the Charity ‘Dogs for Diggers’, we raised a fantastic amount of \$610, so thank you to all the members that contributed to this fund. The money has been transferred to the GSDCA, as the Council is supporting this charity and all affiliate clubs have been asked to contribute \$250. In addition to the raffle we had a member send through their membership fees and an additional \$50 to support ‘Dogs for Diggers’. A further member has put in another \$20 for this charity. The total is \$680 as our contribution from the GSDA of WA.

With the ongoing difficulty to find suitable dates in Dogswest Show Calendar for Members Competitions each year. We have negotiated permanent dates for the Open Shows on weekends 26 and 40. At least we will always be able to have 2 Members Competitions each year, with these dates fixed in the Show Calendar.



Show dates for Specialist Shows for 2016 are

25, 26, 27 March 2016	GSDCA National in Sydney (Easter)
16 & 17 April 2016	SBE – To be Judged by Local judges:- Robyn Knuckey, John Fenner, Bruce Knight & Natalie Humphries.
29 April (Fri night) 2016	WDC of WA, having an International specialist Judge - Luis Pinto Teixeira (Portugal) as part of their show on Sat
12 June 2016	Members Competition (Andrew Jones - Victoria)
26 June 2016	Open Show TBC & Members Competition (Bruce Knight)
20 August 2016	RRMS (Honey Gross-Richardson)
21 August 2016	WMMS (Greg Green - Victoria)
2 October 2016	Open Show TBC & Members Competition (Natalie Humphries)
23 October 2016	WCC (Herr Harald Hohmann (Gmy)

The GSDA of WA is also running an All Breeds Show on Sunday night 28 February on behalf of Building and Amenities for Dogswest, in conjunction with Fremantle Dog Club, selecting judges to cover both shows over the weekend in February. Margaret Hofert-Smith has agreed to act as Chief Steward for this show to provide support and expertise in helping us run an All Breeds Championship Show.

Robyn Knuckey

Obedience Chair Report

It gives me great pleasure, to present the 2015 Obedience Report to the 2016 GSDCA AGM

Every year, as we gradually wind down for the summer season, we brace ourselves to take one last stand in the heat of summer, with the Closed Club Trial starting at 8.30 to get a cool start, and the following week sees our Fun Day, when we get together for the novel events and games, with the pups showing amazing sausage eating skills, and their handlers incredible agility as one or the other, it not both, negotiate a puppy safe course.

Our final C&WA Field Day of 2015 followed immediately afterwards, with every one enjoying the backdrop of the cool, green lawns, the shady trees, the gazebos and picnic areas inviting family groups and spectators to add to the atmosphere and joy of the day. It is of course a perfect salad and BBQ event!

This is followed by the Christmas celebrations where an always overheated gentleman in red pays us a visit to the delight of the juniors, and then the general camaraderie and applause as we have the trophy presentation. Now we take stock, of what has been achieved during the year! In this Report we will have figures presented of titles gained, these will be included later in this report. The number of events, results, trends seen in some areas, the unity of the committee workers, the challenges of working with and in an organisation that encompasses so many aspects of dog ownership, seeing the new challenges that government restrictions place on us met, and difficulties overcome, yes, it is a stock taking of what the year has brought, and plans are made and actioned, to bring us into a strong future with achievable aims and praiseworthy goals.

The trophies won at the all-important Closed Club Trial, followed by the perpetuals and the various title acknowledgments and honours, bring the finale to a very eventful year that comes to a close with Wed and Thurs. evening socialisation classes at both our ground, Gosnells HQ in Southern River and Otago Park, Craigie, much enjoyed by puppy folks and trainers alike, and we conduct these right up to Christmas, for “Pups Need People!”

Socialisation classes recommence on Wed and Thurs in the first week of the new year, and so it continues with formal classes starting in Feb., day time training commencing on the last Sunday in March, the State Breed Exhibition, the members’ comps, the Open Shows, the Championship shows, the trials, the C&WA Filed Days, we only need to see the annual club calendar, to see, this is a club that cares for every aspect of the breed, a club that has a lot to offer its members! I could fill a page, thanking the Instructors, the committee members, ALL the workers; instead, I shall just express my THANK YOU to all who contribute to the life in and of, this, our GSDA of WA. My special thanks to the keen and highly motivated, very skilled, Instructors and trainee trainers, to Carol-Anne Davies and our Trials Committee, whose report is included below, to Karen Westmacott and trainers assisting her in compiling the Performance Dogs Report, and everyone from first to last, who give so much of their lives as breeders, show enthusiasts, triallers in any aspect and all of those who join us and work with us, all for the love of a German Shepherd Dog!

Honey Gross- Richardson



The report from the Trials Committee Chair, Carol-Anne Davies is below:-

Trials Committee Report - 1ST October 2014 – 30TH September 2015

During the year the trials committee have run the obedience at our State Breed Exhibition, including trials classes and a graduation for the junior classes, 2 rally o trials, 2 obedience trials, 1 endurance test and our Closed Club Trial.

In October we ran a double header in conjunction with the West Coast Challenge Show. Last year we had some excellent results from the German Shepherds that had entered and of course there is always the lure of an excellent medallion to be won. There was also a good entry of German Shepherds in the ET.

The members of the trials committee in the last year were Chris Stone, John Glenly, Trish Latter, Jean McCowan, Cliff Warner, Karen Westmacott (secretary), Andy Crace, Sue Peters, Tina Ash, Joan McMulkin (treasurer), Kerrie Pearce, Kym Glenly, Glenda Wellman, Mick Harrison, Rachael Laubsch and Carol-Anne Davies (trials chairperson). Thank you to Diane Webb who compiles our catalogues for us and Tamara Touzel who runs the canteen at our events. There are also many people who help out with the stewarding jobs, thankyou.

I always try and get some new members on the committee each year, especially men for some of those heavier jobs and setting up the rings. I would like to thank all the committee members for their dedication to the committee over the last 12 months.

TITLES FOR 2015

TDX

Kerrie Pearce - Glenbala Brats Are Fun CCD TD
K&A Gilbert - Ch. Lashadas Extreme Machine TD

TCh

Kerrie Pearce - Glenbala Brats Are Fun CCD TDX

TD

Kerrie Pearce - Alderhaus Unique Udolpho
J & A Mitchell - Joanchell Nicos
Debbie Keogh - Joanchell Pinka
E & F Ramsden Adashad Thru To The Keeper AZ BSC2
Di Bolger Joanchell Priska AZ
Cecylia Berriman Myriaspis Taras Renaissance
John Jenkins Vonaachen Ushka AZ

ET

Lee-Anne Shea - Olbah Need for Speed
Tracy Roberts - Volscaro Caio Bella AZ BSC1 EXM CD
Renae Hosking - Lashadas Chick Magnet AZ BSC1 EX
S&R Hosking - Lashadas Jelapeno AZ BSC1 EX
Natalie Humphries/Chris Gallacher - Ch. Friedental Bliss Fulicious AZ BSC1 EXM

CCD

Debbie Freegard - Shaygar Willo The Wisp AZ BSC1 VG
Kym Glenly - Carobria Vavoom
Frederic Almeida - Brynick Knight

CD

Kerrie Pearce - TCh. Glenbala Brats Are Fun CCD

TSD

Peggy Waller - Brooksvale Phanta CDX

TSDX

Peggy Waller - Madrodish Was Made For Lovin U CDX.
Cecylia Berriman - TCh. Bretforton Gelda CCD RN ET TSD

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Peggy Waller - Madrodish Was Made For Lovin U CDX TSDX



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Peggy Waller - Madrodish Was Made For Lovin U CDX TSDCH

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Diane Webb - Maerceci Uber Magic UD TD HWTM.I RAE

RAE2

Diane Webb - Maerceci Uber Magic UD TD HWTM.A RAE

A total of 25 titles for the year. A Great effort all round and good to see a number of show dogs participating.
Carol-Anne Davies.

Breed Affairs

- The Breed Affairs Sub- committee is comprised of the following people.

Chairperson-Natalie Humphries,

Minute Secretary - Ian Marr,

Veterinary Advisor-Dr Candice Baker,

Honey Gross-Richardson, Robyn Knuckey, Bruce Knight, John Fenner

with Vicki Knight and Margaret Adams as Club Breed Registrars.

Breed Affairs and Judges Subcommittee meetings are held on a regular basis to discuss items such as agenda items for NBC and AGM meetings and other issues relating to breed health and welfare judging appointments and matters referred to us by the management committee.

Several lectures have been organised and were well attended by club members this year.

Dr Katrin Swindells from Western Australian Veterinary Emergency and Specialty gave a lecture on Emergency and General first aid for dogs. It was a comprehensive lecture and practical demonstration and the attendees gained a wealth of knowledge from it.

Dr Claire Sharpe from Murdoch University Veterinary Hospital gave a lecture on her current research into the causes of GDV (bloat) in dogs. The club is pleased to support her in her research efforts and has proposed via the national council AGM that all member clubs do the same.

A lecture on canine reproduction, by Dr Nadine Gruenthal, has been arranged for early 2016 with date to be finalised.

As Breed Affairs Chair I represented GSDAWA at the NBC meeting in Adelaide in July.

I have organised a resume for Police Dog Rumble (RIP) to be recognised for a GSDCA Service Dog award via a request to GSDCA Secretary for this to be discussed at the GSDCA AGM.

Natalie Humphries

The Club Registrar and the HD/ED Registrar comes under the Breed Affairs portfolio and the report from Vicki Knight is listed below.

Club Registrar/ HD & ED Registrar

Survey Records 1st October 2014 – 30th September 2015:

Class 1 Males 8

Class 2 Males 2

Class 1 Females 23

Class 2 Females 2

Failures 1

TOTAL # Class 1 Animals – 31.

TOTAL # Class 2 Animals – 4

TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS PRESENTED FOR SURVEY INCL FAILURES – 36

Hip/Elbow Applications Received for the year 1st October 2014 – 30th September 2015:

(Sixty Five) 65 Contracts issued.

Vicki Knight



Closing statement from the President GSDA of WA

I am very humbled that the members of the GSDA of WA have once again shown faith in me by electing me to the position of President for a further term of 12 months.

We had a particularly good year in 2014/2015 and that was thanks to the very hard working committee that I had. They worked together, as a team, all year and I have nothing but praise for the way that they performed during the year. They followed the club motto to the letter and it made for a very productive year. Well done Guys.

I still enjoy the position of President and it gives me the opportunity to give something back to the club and particularly to the members and our beautiful breed.

I am also enjoying my role as an obedience instructor, taking the young puppies in the pre-kindy class. This is a role that I hope to continue in for many more years.



NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION REPORT – Mrs. JOYLENE NEDDERMEYER

I have much pleasure in presenting my report as National Breed Commission (NBC) Chairman to the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA).

My position as National Breed Commission Chairman is greatly assisted by the time and effort that each of the registrars contributes and donates to their portfolio, to ensure that this area of Council runs efficiently.

In addition to the GSDCA Registrars I would like to take the opportunity to thank the position holders of the member clubs whether it is the Breed Survey Registrars, HD/ED Registrars, Tattoo Registrars and last but not least the GSDCA Breed Surveyors.

The competency of the registrars has ensured that all areas under the direction of the NBC Chairman have run smoothly and within the rules and regulations as laid down the GSDCA. Adherence to the rules and regulations of the GSDCA are paramount to ensure that the integrity of the schemes is maintained and to ensure uniformity and equity for all members.

I am very proud and have a great belief in the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and the influence that these schemes have had in shaping the breed here in Australia.

Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair - Dr. Karen Hedberg/Dr. Candy Baker

Submitted by Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair Karen Hedberg, BVSc.
(January 2015 to July 2015) - As submitted to the 2015 NBC meeting in July.

This will be my last report to the GSDCA as I must with regret resign my position as I have too many commitments to cover in both my work and the ANKC position of Chairperson of GSD health related problems, but I feel a younger person in Dr Candy Baker BVSc (my understudy) will bring energy and new impetus to the position. I stand ready to assist and advise at any time, and will still try to attend NBC meetings.

Health Data Bases – ANKC and GSDCA

Both these databases are up and running well. It is imperative for all health improvement schemes that the health testing data is reliably recorded and stored. Accuracy of collection of data and positive identification is the key to success to any health scheme. The ANKC would like to share data with the GSDCA such that LRL data (hip and elbow results) is downloaded directly from the GSDCA Database to the ANKC data base. This way the data loaded would be accurate and present at the time of litter registration. The finer points would need to be looked at by the GSDCA executive and the ANKC CHWC.

This data could be directly added onto the ANKC HD/ED database, preferably by the GSDCA, loaded by the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme Registrar as the results come in. Inputting the individual data of each animal into the ANKC data base is extremely quick. Access to inputting any data is limited to a very small number of people (radiologists etc.) where results can be verified. This data cannot be viewed by other people. The activity of any person who has input access can be tracked.

DNA Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) testing

There has been some controversy in regards to the validity of testing for DM. The problem arises from several issues:-

Not all at risk dogs go on to develop the disease.

- A couple of clear dogs and some carriers have developed the disease. Many breeds (>119) and cross breeds carry the SOD1 gene, yet (so far) only 20 breeds have been positively shown to develop the disease. Positive diagnosis is by confirmation of characteristic changes histologically in spinal cord sections upon post mortem.
- The following statement from GENESOL is helpful “Although any dog can be tested for DM, it is possible that the genetic background that predominates in some breeds prevents the development of symptoms even in dogs tested affected (“at risk”). At this time, the required evidence of association between the genetic mutation and the actual spinal cord evaluations has only been proven in the breeds listed (20 including the GSD).



- The confusing anomalies continue to occur when looking at large statistics. The OFA stats for the GSD – 16% at risk, 32% carrier, 52% normal (>5730 tested) – these figures are similar in most countries, yet the estimated % seen is around 2% (UK report – UFAW). I would agree with that figure from personal experience.
- Boxers – 46% at risk, 36% carriers, 17% normal (>3500 tested) – yet very few affected cases are seen – in this breed it would probably be under 1%. The confusion arises where so few convert from “at risk” to affected. Are there extra genes involved, do there need to be other factors such as lowered immune systems or inadequate responses to damage occurring to the neurons.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) - Human Disease

- Interestingly, the SOD1 gene was first implicated in a similar disease that occurs in humans ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig disease. Around 10% of ALS cases are familial and 90% are sporadic. Around 10% of these cases are associated with the SOD1 gene. It is considered most often to be an autosomal dominant condition. Newer tests have a higher degree of accuracy and involve the FUS and TPD43(TARDBP) genes.
- (ALS milestones timeline) In the human condition there is evidence of a leakier than normal barrier between spinal cord nerve cells and blood vessels in ALS patients. Immune cells are involved in protecting against motor nerve disease. 2 DNA sequences on chromosome 9 and 1 on chromosome 19 are found to be different in the ALS affected patient.
- Normally supportive nerve system cells, astrocytes are toxic to motor neurons when taken from SOD1 or sporadic ALS cases, so there is a similarity in disease mechanisms. Other genes are associated with the disease – ubiquitin 2 gene on the X chromosome, was found to cause ALS and accumulations of the ubiquitin 2 protein, even without the gene mutations are associated with the disease.
- More recently Chromosome 9 – the expanded section C9ORF72, was identified as the most common known cause of the different types of ALS in humans. Low levels of immune system cells, regulatory T cells (T-regs) and reduced FOXP protein production are associated with faster disease progression.
- From the University of San Diego site (ALS.ucsd.edu) – in the last two years there has been a paradigm shift in understanding has been the discovery of a pair of RNA binding proteins (TDP43 and FUS/TLS) are the primary cause of the disease. They cause the premature death of motor neurons. New high through put DNA/RNA sequencing is being used to identify those genes whose expression is altered by the mutation.

DM in Dogs – the current situation

- The situation, after that rather complicated write up on the state of the human research, is that we need to know more, a lot more. The SOD1 gene is obviously part of the answer, but there are other factors affecting the expression of the disease and the time of onset. Whether they are the same or similar to the ones affecting humans remains to be seen. Interestingly, the suggestion of lower levels of T regulatory immune cells could reflect the higher than average number of cases seen in the GSD.
- What to do in the mean time? Where there are reasonable numbers of physically affected dogs, we should test. Equally we should not exclude “at risk” dogs within the breeding population, there is no need to exclude these dogs. Until this disease and all its triggering factors are better understood within the GSD, one should not make this disease a major factor when choosing breeding partners, rather it is lower on the list of priorities.

Research

- **Canine Haemangiosarcoma** – there is ongoing CRF funded research into Canine Haemangiosarcoma at Queensland University. This is the most common abdominal tumour seen in all dogs but particularly in the GSD, Golden Retriever and **Labradors (and I would add Rottweilers)**. **They have developed a possible marker which they are checking by looking** at the DNA sequence from dogs with the cancer and comparing it to the same DNA sequence in dogs without the cancer to identify genetic changes that are associated with increased or decreased risk of developing the disease. The newest study proposed for this year aims to identify actual DNA coding changes associated with the development and spread of this cancer. Hopefully this will lead to testing and diagnosing this condition much earlier and with improved treatments and outcomes.
- **Bloat** – wide spread genetic research is going on in this area, principally in the USA. There are at present no candidate genes that have been defined. The most researches can say is that it can run in families, but it is most likely to be linked to a dog’s size and conformation amongst other factors



(large, narrow and deep chested dogs in particular). Loose ligaments, high anxiety and stress are other factors. “It probably involves a variety of genes as well as environmental and dietary influences” (Dr Clare Sharp, Tuffs University).

- There are several major studies going on at present including the very large one funded by the AKC (Tuffs University). Hopefully there may be some increase in understanding of this devastating problem.
- **Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI)** – there are several studies on the genetics of this disease being under taken at this time. Again the results may be quite interesting if they can be applied to the GSD.
- **Autoimmune diseases** – A major study was under taken in Sweden looking for possible genetic links with Atopy. Lower levels of IgA were found in affected dogs, and there was clear distinction between affected and normal dogs. There is a strong genetic link and the group has located the area where they consider the gene to be and are presumably hoping to develop a DNA test. The GSD was used as a model for the human condition so the funding for a successful outcome is there and hopefully the rewards will flow onto the canine world. The article is “Genome-wide analysis in the German Shepherd Dogs reveals association of a locus on CFA27 with Atopic Dermatitis”.
- With this study, further extrapolation of this work could lead to significant breakthrough in regards to immune disease in the GSD. If it results in a reliable DNA test, again care must be taken in applying any test relative to the numbers of animals adversely affected by the condition(s).
- It should always be remembered that very few animals need ever be lost from the gene pool. Where there are life threatening diseases e.g. storage diseases, affected animals are not recommended to be bred from. However, the majority of affected animals of various inherited recessive diseases can be bred from quite safely, provided that they are bred to normal/clear partners. Carriers should also ideally be bred to normal/clear partners.
- The aim of any inherited disease control scheme, regardless if it is a DNA testable disease or a screening scheme such as the hip and elbow schemes, what they are giving you, the breeder is knowledge of what you can *afford* to do. Doubling up on poor hips and/or elbow results is clearly not desirable, and common sense generally prevails. Equally the same should apply with genetic diseases, common sense keeps the best dogs within the gene pool and all one has to do, is avoid doubling up on a problem

Dr Candice Baker BSc BVMS - Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair Report *(July to December 2015)*

I am sure most of you already know me, some better than others. With that, I would like to introduce myself as the carry over chairperson for the Breed Health & Welfare Committee. Of course, I do not have the degree of experience that my fabulous predecessor has, but I do have a lot of new knowledge and enthusiasm, of which I hope to impart on our breed and council in a positive manner.

I was fortunate enough to meet Dr Claire Sharp the same weekend Dr Karen contacted me and asked me to take over the reins. We were in attendance at the science week conference on the Gold Coast and Dr Claire Sharp was presenting on the topics of Gastric Dilation Volvulus (GDV)(*commonly known as bloat*) and Haemangiosarcoma. Dr Claire has been in an academic position at Tuffs University in the USA following her specialty training there, but she is a Murdoch University (Perth, Western Australia) graduate. She has recently taken an academic position within emergency and critical care back at Murdoch University here in Perth.

Her current research into GDV, (although that is an incorrect term for the process that occurs) was incitingly intriguing. She spoke on collection of gastric fluid and faecal samples from GDV affected and healthy animals to compare and contrast the pH levels and bacterial load. There was also a lot of push from her to encourage breeders to have their animals DNA collected via a blood sample and their genome mapped and stored in a central laboratory in Australia, so that, at a later date it can be accessed to look for certain genes. The susceptible genes will eventually be identified for GDV, although, given the multi-factorial predisposing factors it will only be a component of assessing susceptibility for the problem. Dr Sharp’s current research and data is all based in the USA, but at some point in the future she hopes to incorporate Australian dogs into her studies.



As I enter this position, I would like to urge our breeders and fellow GSD lovers to keep the future of the breed and the welfare of its health in the forefront of their minds. Not only for those severely debilitating and life threatening diseases, but also for our common issues surrounding hips and elbows. Keep your minds honest and open, and our breed will benefit in the future. Be careful of the type of animals you are breeding with and keep your heads above the sand and peripheral vision open.

Haemophilia Registrar - Dr. Karen Hedberg. BVsc.

All the past and current GSDCA Hneg results are now loaded on the GSDCA Database.

The data base has been easy to use, however the dogs tested are often recent imports so we occasionally have to wait for updates from the ANKC database to finally load the certificate data.

All of the 2015 data is now loaded.

National Identification Registrar - Mr. Adam Toretto

It is my pleasure to submit my first report as National Identification Registrar to the 55th GSDCA Annual General Meeting.

TATTOOING

As we all know there has been a massive drop in tattooing since January 2012 with the introduction of microchipping, however, as per the chart below I am still receiving a number of requests from new breeders for tattoo symbols.

Symbol Applications processed

<u>Club</u>	<u>1 Oct'14 > 30 Sep'15</u>		<u>1 Oct'13 > 30 Sep'14</u>		<u>1 Oct'12 > 30 Sep'13</u>		<u>1 Oct'11 > 30 Sep'12</u>		<u>1 Oct'10 > 30 Sep'11</u>	
	Litter	AUS	Litter	AUS	Litter	AUS	Litter	AUS	Litter	AUS
QLD	1	-	3	-	2	2	7	7	5	3
NSW *	1	-	3	-	3	-	7	7	8	14
ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VIC	4	-	1	-	2	-	6	6	2	3
TAS	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	3	1	2
SA	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	-
WA	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-
NT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	10	0	9	0	8	2	26	26	21	22

* NSW includes GSDL, N&HR and BH

Club Tattoo Results

The biggest concern and rather disappointing is the lack of Club Tattoo Registrars updating the GSDCA Database. A number of Club Tattoo Registrars **DO NOT** enter the Tattoo details into the GSDCA database, let alone passing on TS forms. I will be sending a letter through the NBC Chair to pass onto these clubs involved.



	<u>1 Oct'14 > 30 Sep'15</u>		<u>1 Oct'10 > 30 Sep'11</u>	
<u>Club</u>	<u>Litters</u>	<u>Pups</u>	<u>Litters</u>	<u>Pups</u>
QLD	43	249	52	293
NSW	72	382	139	807
NC	-	-	18	108
BH	-	-	-	-
ACT	6	3	12	78
VIC	45	253	80	414
TAS	1	4	16	95
SA	8	76	61	298
WA	-	-	76	438
NT	-	-	-	-
Total tattoos	175	967	454	2,531
Total Reg'ns		3,782		3,862
Percentage		25%		65%

These figures are as of the last update - 23/09/2015

Whilst most puppies are now microchipped only, when the breeder does tattoo we need to ensure that this is captured on the database. This information is still vital when the dog progresses through the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme and Breed Survey Scheme.

If the tattoo information is NOT in the Database, the HD/ED Certificate and Breed Survey Certificate WILL NOT be issued until all information is correct.

Can all Club Presidents please reiterate the importance of this, to their Identification Registrars and their breeders via their website and social media.

There continues to be a decline in tattooing since the introduction of microchipping, but during recent months I have heard from some breeders wanting to return to tattooing their puppies, as well as the compulsory microchip.

With this in mind, and the number of new applications, it is therefore very important for **ALL** Clubs to continue to support those breeders that wish to continue to tattoo their puppies as well as the compulsory microchipping – this is their choice!

MICROCHIPPING

Microchipping has been an acceptable form of identification for the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes since 1st January 2012.

We have had a few cases with incorrect microchip numbers, due to:

- Breeders not verifying the microchip number with the Name/Registration Number of the puppy when it is sold.
- Breeders not checking the microchip numbers recorded on the ANKC Registration papers.

I cannot stress enough, that breeders can avoid most of our future issues by:

- Checking the ANKC Registration Breeders when they get them back, to ensure there has not been a data entry error at the Canine Control, and also,
- Checking that the puppy goes with the correct microchip that matches its pedigree papers.

Please note that all microchips contain 15 digits. There have been some cases where the incorrect number of digits has been recorded on the ANKC pedigree. In consultation with the NBC Chair I wish to confirm that it is the responsibility of the breeders to confirm all paperwork is accurate.



On behalf of the NBC Chair, I wish to ask that all registrars and GSDCA Breed Surveyors are more diligent in checking the paperwork so that any inconsistencies are identified long before the final checking prior to the breed survey certificate being finalised.

It would also be desirable if owners had the microchip scanned just before coming to survey, and noting where the microchip is found (as we hear regularly of microchips moving).

Many thanks to Mr. Frank Moody for the time and effort that has gone into rectifying all the incorrect microchip numbers with the ANKC.

National Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar - Mr. Doug West.

Mr Chairman, Council Executive, Delegates, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Once again, I am pleased to present my report on the activities and results of Councils Hip & Elbow control scheme. The following figures & statistics cover the period **1st October 2014 to 22nd December 2015**.

Over this period **375, animals** were submitted to the scheme for Hips, 316 were successful in gaining the 'A' stamp a pass rate of 84.04%. A total of 375 were submitted for elbows, with 360 gaining the 'Z' a pass rate of 95.75% on Elbows, there were 16 failures (4.26%) which included 8 UAP (2.13%).

The total of 375 for 2015 is 20% down on last year.

In addition I have included a chart below covering the last 18 years of Hip & Elbows, and the Willis Style charts with 10 to 19 and 20 + progeny the data in these have been extracted from the full data base comprising 9,829 animals as at 22/12/2015. *(The Willis Charts and list of kennels that for qualified for the GSDCA Breeders Achievement Awards will be circulated under separate cover prior to the meeting).*

Data from 1998 to 2015										
Yr	Table 1		HIPS			ELBOWS				
18	Year	‘A’	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2015	315	60	0		359	15	1	7	375
	%	84.00%	16.00%			95.73%	4.26%	0.27%	1.87%	
	% Based on	374	374	374		374	374	374	374	
17	Year	‘A’	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2014	408	61	0		452	15	2	6	467
	%	87.37%	13.06%			96.79%	3.21%	0.42%	1.28%	
	% Based on	467	467	467		467	467	467	467	
16	Year	‘A’	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2013	411	44	0		441	13	1	7	455
	%	90.33%	9.67%			96.92%	2.86%	0.22%	1.54%	
	% Based on	455	455	455		455	455	455	455	
15	Year	‘A’	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2012	365	61	0		410	14	2	5	426
	%	86%	14%	0%		96.70%	3.30%	0.50%	1.20%	
	% Based on	426	426	426		424	424	424	424	
14	Year	‘A’	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2011	342	39	0		370	11	0	2	381
	%	89.80%	10.20%	0%		97.10%	2.90%	0.00%	0.50%	
	% Based on	381	381	381		381	381	381	381	
13	Year	‘A’	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2010	377	25	4		400	4	0	2	406



12	%	92.90%	6.20%	1%		98.50%	1.00%	0.00%	0.50%	
	% Based on	406	406	406		406	406	406	406	
	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2009	380	36	0		406	10	0	4	416
	%	91.30%	8.70%	0%		97.60%	2.40%	0.00%	1.00%	
11	% Based on	416	416	416		416	416	416	416	
	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2008	455	42	0		479	17	1	1	497
	%	92%	8%	0%		96%	3%	0.20%	0.20%	
	% Based on	497	497	497		497	497	497	497	
10	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2007	408	57	0		446	18	1	5	465
	%	87.74%	12.26%	0%		95.91%	3.87%	0%	1.08%	
	% Based on	465	465	465		465	465	465	465	
	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
9	2006	420	49	1		462	8	0	2	470
	%	89.30%	10.40%	0.20%		98.30%	1.70%	0%	0.43%	
	% Based on	470	470	470		470	470	470	470	
	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2005	421	51	5		468	8	1	5	477
8	%	88.30%	10.70%	1.00%		98.11%	1.68%	0%	1.05%	
	% Based on	477	477	477		477	477	477	477	
	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2004	401	66	7		464	9	1	9	474
	%	84.60%	13.90%	1.48%		97.89%	1.90%	0.21%	1.90%	
7	% Based on	474	474	474		474	474	474	474	
	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2003	442	89	11		532	8	2	7	542
	%	81.60%	16.40%	2.03%		98.15%	1.48%	0.37%	1.29%	
	% Based on	542	542	542		542	542	542	542	
6	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2002	457	81	9		545	1	1	1	547
	%	83.60%	14.80%	1.65%		99.63%	0.18%	0.18%	0.18%	
	% Based on	547	547	547		547	547	547	547	
	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
5	2001	434	92	5		520	6	5	5	531
	%	81.70%	17.30%	0.94%		97.93%	1.13%	0.94%	0.94%	
	% Based on	531	531	531		531	531	531	531	
	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2000	529	106	7		632	5	5	3	642
4	%	82.40%	16.50%	1.09%		98.44%	0.78%	0.78%	0.47%	
	% Based on	642	642	642		642	642	642	642	
	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	1999	568	123	1		684	7	1	7	692
	%	82.10%	17.80%	0.14%		98.84%	1.01%	0.14%	1.01%	
3	% Based on	692	692	692		692	692	692	692	
	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	1998	410	87	0		486	9	2	9	497
	%	82.50%	17.50%	0.00%		97.79%	1.81%	0.40%	1.81%	
	% Based on	497	497	497		497	497	497	497	



	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
14 Yr Total:	7543	1169	50		8556	178	26	87	8,761
14 Yr ave %	86.53%	15.51%	0.63%		97.58%	2.14%	0.39%	1.03%	
% Based on	7,544	7,544	7,544		8,557	8,557	8,557	8,557	

Table 1 - Above gives a snap shot picture over the past 18 years, as can be seen the average pass rate is sitting at **86.53%** for Hips, with the current average pass rate for 2015 sitting at **84.00%** & based on 375 animals and a **Elbow** pass rate of **95.73%** for 2015.

18 year Chart								
Table 2 ELBOWS								
Yr	Breakdown of Elbow Grades							
18	2015							
	Normal	N/Norma 1	Grade 1	Grade 2	Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	303	6	53	8	15	1	7	375
	80.80%	1.60%	14.13%	2.13%	4.00%	0.27%	1.87%	
17	2014							
	Normal	N/Norma 1	Grade 1	Grade 2	Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	370	2	77	14	6	2	6	467
	79%	0%	16%	3%	1%	0%	1%	
16	2013							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Gr3/Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	336		97	18	2	2	7	455
	73.85%		21.32%	3.96%	0.44%	0.44%	1.54%	
15	2012							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Gr3/Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	323		79	13	7	2	5	422
	77%		19%	3%	2%	0.47%	1%	
14	2011							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Gr3/Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	288		65	22	4	0	2	381
	75.59%		17.06%	5.77%	1.05%	0%	0.52%	
13	2010							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Gr3/Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	337		39	24	6	0	2	408
	82.60%		9.56%	5.88%	1.47%	0%	0.49%	
12	2009							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Gr3/Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	341		42	24	9	0	4	420
	81.19%		10.00%	5.71%	2.14%	0%	0.95%	
11	2008							
	Normal		Grade	Grade	Gr3/Fail	N/S	UAP	Total



			1	2				
	382		64	36	14	1	1	498
	76.71%		12.85%	7.23%	2.81%	0.20%	0.20%	
10	2007							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Gr3/Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	347		66	36	15	1	5	470
	73.83%		14.04%	7.66%	3.19%	0.21%	1.06%	
9	2006							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Gr3/Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	357		72	37	4	0	2	472
	75.64%		15.25%	7.84%	0.85%	0.00%	0.42%	
8	2005							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	348		75	43	10	1	5	482
	73.52%		14.23%	8.70%	3.56%	0.21%	1.04%	
7	2004							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	342		82	40	9	1	9	483
	72.43%		16.59%	7.48%	3.50%	0.21%	1.86%	
6	2003							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	370		99	57	14	2	7	549
	70.71%		16.36%	10.30%	2.63%	0.36%	1.28%	
5	2002							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	369		130	42	5	1	1	548
	68.59%		22.16%	7.90%	1.35%	0.18%	0.18%	
4	2001							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	369		110	38	9	5	5	536
	67.98%		23.32%	7.11%	1.58%	0.93%	0.93%	
3	2000							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	449		121	59	8	5	3	645
	69.61%		18.76%	9.15%	1.24%	0.78%	0.47%	
2	1999							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	501		127	56	7	1	7	699
	71.67%		18.17%	8.01%	1.00%	0.14%	1.00%	
1	1998							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Fail	N/S	UAP	Total



	368		74	45	9	1	5	502
	73.31%		14.74%	8.96%	1.79%	0.20%	1.00%	
	16 Yr Totals							
	Normal		Grade 1	Grade 2	Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	6,501		1,473	574	139	26	84	8,811
	73.78%		16.72%	6.51%	1.58%	0.30%	0.95%	

Table 2 above compares the Elbow results over 18 years, this year the total number of animals submitted to the scheme has reduced by 92 that's a 19.70% drop, Normal has decrease by 18%, Grade 1 down by 1.6%, Grade2 down by 1.7%, Fail has dropped by 5.1% & UAP is up by .44%.

The 18 year average for elbows based on 9,829 animals, with 7,204 having gained Normal Elbows (73.29%), Near Normal 8 = 0.08%, Grade1 with a total of 1,680 = 17.09%, Grade2 718 = 7.31% with a total of 107 animals being effected by UAP (1.09%).

Table 3

Gives us a break down of the various State's participation for our two readers over the last 12 Months including NZ which contributed 6 = 1.32%. NSW is leading with 63 animals or 13.29% of the National total, 91.7% went to Dr Lavelle, 8.3% going to Dr Richardson. followed by Qld with 67=17.9%, Dr Lavelle= 15.5%, & Dr Richardson=2.4%, then Vic with 84 = 2.25%, Dr Lavelle received 20.86%, then SA with 48 Dr Lavelle 12.5% & Dr Richardson .026%, then WA with 44= 11.76%, Dr Lavelle = 0.09% & .27% to Dr Richardson. Overall Dr Lavelle scored 343 = 91.7% & Dr Richardson scored 34 = 8.3%.

Table 3

Club	"N" ELB		"N/N" ELB		GR1 ELB		GR2 ELB		GR3 ELB		UAP	
ACT:	10	0.22%	1	0.27%	0	0.35%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
BH:	0	0.22%	0	0.00%	0	0.35%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NCHR:	13	4.18%	1	0.27%	1	2.79%	0	0.35%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NSW:	63	16.84%	2	0.53%	1	2.67%	0	0.70%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NT:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NZ:	6	1.32%	1	0.27%	3	0.80%	0	0.70%	0	0.00%	1	0.27%
QLD:	60	13.19%	54	14.44%	9	2.41%	1	0.27%	1	0.27%	1	0.27%
SA:	40	10.70%	1	0.27%	11	3.83%	4	1.39%	0	0.00%	1	0.35%
TAS:	0	0.00%	1	0.27%	1	0.27%	1	0.27%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
VIC:	58	15.51%	0	0.00%	19	5.08%	4	1.39%	0	0.00%	5	1.34%
WA:	39	10.43%	0	0.00%	4	1.07%	1	0.27%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	289	77.27%	61	16.31%	58	15.51%	11	2.94%	1	0.27%	8	2.14%

Note with all these charts the numbers and percentages are taken at specific periods, and will vary in numbers and percentages to the charts I present at the NBC meeting, for example the AGM the numbers are taken 1st Oct to 30th Sep and at the same dates each previous year. And for the NBC Meeting the numbers were taken 1st July to 30th June and extracting figures at different dates will give different results and percentages.



Table 4 below gives us a break down of Hip & Elbow results by State for last 12 Months.
The percentage is based on the total number of animals submitted 374.

2015	Table 4					
Club	Submitted	%	'A'	'A' %	'Z'	'Z' %
ACT:	10	3.00%	9	2.41%	10	2.67%
BH:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NT:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NCHR:	15	4.01%	14	3.74%	15	4.00%
NSW:	75	20.00%	63	16.80%	75	20.00%
NZ:	19	5.00%	15	4.01%	19	5.08%
QLD:	66	17.64%	52	13.90%	64	17.10%
SA:	48	12.58%	45	12.03%	46	12.50%
TAS:	14	3.74%	12	3.20%	13	3.47%
VIC:	84	22.45%	71	18.98%	74	19.78%
WA:	44	11.76%	34	9.09%	43	11.50%
	375					

Table 4B Gives a break down by State for the Elbow grades for the last 12 Month Period, NSW had a total of 75 animals presented from the 375 submitted for the year and 63 of those gained the “N” Elbow grade resulting in a 16.80% pass rate. Overall 303 or 81% gained the “N”, 6 1.60% gained Near Normal, 53 or 14.13% received GR1, 8 or 2.13% GR2, & 7 or 1.87% had UAP.

Table	4B	2015										
Club	“N” ELB		"N/N" ELB		GR1 ELB		GR2 ELB		GR3 ELB		UAP	
ACT:	10	2.67%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
BH:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NCHR:	13	3.47%	1	0.26%	1	0.26%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NSW:	63	16.80%	2	0.50%	1	2.67%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NT:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NZ:	14	3.74%	1	0.26%	3	0.81%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.26%
QLD:	54	14.40%	1	0.26%	9	2.41%	1	0.26%	1	0.26%	1	0.26%
SA:	40	10.70%	1	0.26%	6	1.61%	1	0.26%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
TAS:	12	3.21%	0	0.00%	1	0.26%	1	0.26%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
VIC:	58	15.50%	0	0.00%	9	5.08%	4	1.07%	2	0.54%	5	1.34%
WA:	39	10.43%	0	0.00%	4	1.07%	1	0.26%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
TOTALS					5							
:	303	81.02%	6	1.60%	3	14.17%	8	2.14%	3	0.80%	7	1.87%

If members could please ensure they send a copy of their Registration papers with the Hip & Elbow Control Scheme Application form, this is needed to enable me to confirm all the details against the Application form.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the state registrar’s around Australia and New Zealand for their input and cooperation, and to Joylene Neddermeyer, for her co-operation as well as Frank & Val Moody.



National Breed Commission Chairman - Mrs. Joylene Neddermeyer

I was very privileged to be elected to the position of National Breed Commission Chairman in February 2001 and with the support of the fraternity have been elected in that position until February 2017.

During that period there have been a number of changes implemented for the further development and improvement of the breed.

Upon review I would like to highlight a couple of achievements and disappointments throughout my report. Of course these changes would not have been possible without the approval of the membership and I appreciate their support for these changes and the implementation.

➤ **The decrease in the number of animals that have received a Grade Two elbow grading from the Breed Survey Scheme.**

Animals that received a Grade Two elbow grading are now deemed to have failed the GSDCA ED Control Scheme. I have always been of the opinion that elbow dysplasia is a highly inherited disease so per the progeny charts that have been produced over the years clearly show the excellent and poor elbow producers. This year is the first year that no animal has been presented to breed survey with a grade two elbow grading. It should also be noted that the number of animals appearing in the first two generations of animals being presented to breed survey with a grade two elbow grading has dramatically decreased. Breeders have identified the necessity to be proactive in this regard.

➤ **Ununited Anconeal Process**

This is a more difficult area to ascertain the improvement in the GSD and the increased incidence in various bloodlines. As this condition is normally diagnosed at five to eight months of age means that accurate data is not being received by the GSDCA. It is imperative that these cases are reported to the Breed Health and Welfare Chair, Dr Candy Baker, so that accurate statistics are calculated.

➤ **Series of lectures delivered to members at various clubs breed forums.**

Since 2006 I have been invited by a number of member clubs to present to their breeders forum. While originally concentrated on the German VA animals this presentation has grown over the past 12-18 months to include the issues affecting the breed, the top 20 males at the previous National Show and Trial, Sires Progeny at the National Show and Trial and VA males at the German Sieger Show. I have always believed that it is **paramount that information from our breeding schemes is available to all breeders both old and new for consideration in their breeding programs. I believe these talks play an integral part in achieving this goal.** In the past 18 months I have presented to members of the German Shepherd Dog League (twice), German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland, German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania, German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia, GSDCA Breed Surveyors and Specialist Judges meeting and I have received an invitation to present to the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria after the 2016 National Show and Trial in May 2016.

➤ **2016 Sires Progeny at the National Show and Trial**

I have taken a great deal of pride in the development of the report on the Sires Progeny since my appointment in 2001. The inclusion of placings, hip and elbow results and additional information has meant this is a useful document for the conscientious breeder in Australia. While I am disappointed in the change to the age limit qualification for the Sires Progeny I still believe that the verbal report on the day and the written report by the NBC Executive is of immense value and is a very important part of the National Show and Trial. The information prepared is collected by the NBC Executive over the preceding twelve months and not only of the animals presented for assessment. Over this period of time of course some stud owners have not been happy with the information provided to the breeders but the sires progeny is not for stud dog owners it is for the breeders to assess the suitability of the animals to be utilized in their future breeding program. For this reason it should remain under the direction of the NBC Executive.

While improvement has been made in numerous areas I refer to a major issue affecting the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme.



➤ **Uniformity of Conduct of Breed Survey and classification at Breed Survey**

While these issues have been discussed on length on the 2012 Future Directions Workshop and the past three NBC meetings and past two GSDCA Breed Surveyors and Specialist Judges meeting I do not believe that any major improvement has been achieved which is disappointing.

Any improvement in this area is the sole responsibility of the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and is imperative for the integrity of the breed survey scheme to achieve uniformity and consistency everyone is required to work as a team.

It is important for GSDCA Breed Surveyors to be actively seen at club meetings, shows and of course the National Show and Trial to extend their knowledge.

At the 2015 GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges meeting several issues were raised relative to the uniformity of classification at breed survey and the result of these discussions were circulated to all GSDCA Breed Surveyor for their information.

As per the minutes it was agreed that GSDCA Breed Surveyors needs to be more care in finalising the GSDCA BS7 worksheet and more consistency is required in describing animals being breed surveyed especially in the identified areas affecting the breed. The identified areas include:-

- Over-angulation of the hindquarter;
- Instability of the hindquarter – extreme looseness of hock joints and overall ligamentation;
- Strength of dentition – incorrect scissor bite (slightly overshot and very close scissor bite);
- Strength of upper and lower jaws;
- Depth of chest proportions – slightly short to short lowerchest – extreme tuckup;
- Slight roach over the topline;
- Set and carriage of ears

➤ **GSDCA Tooth Certificates issued during 2014 and 2015.**

GSDCA Tooth Certificate No:	Name	Dentition
156	Jaklem Angelina	Re-issue of GSDCA Tooth Certificate 153
157	*Dellahund Asgoodas Madonna 'A' 'Z'	Upper left molar 1 removed due to infection
158	Fremont Mortal Sin	Upper left Canine removed due to trauma
159	Vonpeta Zoom In On This	Upper left Canine missing due to trauma
160	Vonpeta Zoom In On This	Re-issue of GSDCA Certificate 159
161	*Vanland Ava 'A' 'Z'	Remove upper left Canine due to injury

➤ **Changes to the Litter Registrations Limitations (LRLs)**

In December 2015 all member clubs were asked to notify their members that as a result of the motion carried at the 2015 GSDCA Annual General Meeting, the ANKC have approved a survey to be conducted of all owners of registered German Shepherd Dogs to amend the current LRLs relative to screening for hip and elbow dysplasia for German Shepherd Dogs.

These changes will apply for litters born from **1st January 2017** and where the parents were born after **30th June 2015**.

The adoption of these changes is seen as an essential measure for the further improvement in the health of the GSD and evidence that the GSDCA together with the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) take health and welfare issues seriously.

The survey will only take a couple of minutes of your time to complete. You will require your membership number and the registered number and date of birth of a German Shepherd registered in your name.



A copy of the survey has been printed in every State Canine Control Magazine and also appears on their websites. . The survey is also available from the ANKC Ltd Web site at <http://ankc.org.au/AboutUs/?id=2402>. Responses to the survey are required by **COB 1st March 2016**.

The information has also been placed on the GSDCA Website and a notice has appeared on the GSDCA Facebook page. I also need to advise that the GSDCA Executive has agreed that with the Christmas break and holidays, reminders will be sent to the Member Clubs regularly prior to the closing. It is important that we as an organisation do not take it for granted that the amendments will be supported by the majority of GSD owners throughout the country.

➤ **Incorrect Identification found at Breed Survey**

There still appears to be some confusion regarding the correct procedure if an incorrect tattoo number or incorrect micro-chip is found at breed survey the animal should take no further part in the breed survey until the issue of identification at the GSDCA HD/ED Elbow result can be confirmed. Every endeavour is given to the benefit of the animal however if the incorrect identification is on the x-ray plate, the animal will be required to be re-xrayed.

As detailed in the National Identification Registrar's report it is the responsibility of the breeder to ensure that the identification on the paperwork is correct. I would **suggest** that if your animal is tattooed than both the GSDCA Tattoo and the microchip are imbedded in the x-rays.

➤ **Computer Radiography Generated Images (Digital X-rays)**

It has been brought to my attention by the GSDCA HD/ED Registrar that some x-rays are being received not in the correct format. Both Dr Lavelle and Dr Richardson have been advised that x-rays not received in the required format are not to be accepted and should be returned to the GSDCA HD/ED Registrar. The GSDCA HD/ED Registrar shall contact the Veterinarian / Owner advising them of the non-compliance.

May I suggest the owners of animals when booking their animals for x-ray ensure that their veterinarian is aware of this requirement. (*Refer to GSDCA Regulation Manual Section 3.3.5.*)

➤ **Rules for Re-submit of X-rays (*Refer to GSDCA Regulation Manual Section 3.3.11*)**

At the 2002 GSDCA AGM relative to re-submitting hip x-rays to the GSDCA HD Control Scheme that if there was a difference of six points or greater in the total then the both x-ray plates shall be sent for adjudication to the GSDCA Appeal Adjudicator (Independent Radiologist) to verify that the two plates are of the same animal. Once this has been confirmed to the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme Registrar the animal shall be awarded the most favourable result. The GSDCA HD/ED Registrar has confirmed that the owners are advised that the x-rays are being sent for adjudication and their final result is being delayed.

While this does mean a cost is incurred by the GSDCA in the past two years x-ray plates of four individual animals have been sent for assessment. While a number of animals are being re-xrayed the number of animals that show this variance is minimal.

➤ **Positive Identification requirements for New Zealand Animals participating in the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme**

Further to the discussion at the 2015 NBC meeting and advice to the New Zealand German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council (NZGSDAC) after that meeting confirming that the current regulation relative to New Zealand bred animals remains unchanged.

At this time, microchipping is not compulsory for puppies prior to registration with the NZKC therefore, New Zealand bred animals must be tattooed and verified by the NZGSDAC. Residents of New Zealand wishing to participate in GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes must be a member of the NZGSDAC or an affiliate of the NZGSDAC.

The situation has been clarified to the NZGSDAC and a copy of the regulations has once again been forwarded to the President for her information. The acceptance of a microchip as a positive mean of identification was only introduced in Australia once it was a requirement by the Australian Kennel



Control that all puppies must be micro-chipped prior to registration with the ANKC. I have asked to be advised if a requirement for all animals to be micro-chipped prior to registration with the New Zealand Canine Control is introduced so that the regulation can be reviewed.

As NBC Chair I also suggested that the NZGSDAC actively campaign the NZKC to introduce compulsory microchipping ideally for all dogs but at least for all German Shepherd Dogs prior to registration.

***GSDCA ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (microchip)
FOR AUSTRALIAN BRED DOGS***

- a. Effective 1st January 2012 the GSDCA will accept either GSDCA Tattoo or Microchip as the positive form of identification for Australian Bred dogs into the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes.*

For your information please refer to the resolution below which was carried at the 2012 GSDCA AGM.

FOR OVERSEAS BRED DOGS

- a. Effective 1st January 2012 in the case of other overseas countries the GSDCA will recognise either tattoo or microchip identification from that country provided that complete litter records including the tattoo and/or microchip are maintained by the controlling Canine Body, and such information is available from the controlling Canine Body to the GSDCA for verification.*
- b. New Zealand (NZ) bred dogs must still be identified by a tattoo controlled through the NZ German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council (NZGSDAC) system, and the tattoo is verified by the NZGSDAC. At this stage Microchips will NOT be accepted.*

➤ **GSDCA Title Verifications**

All GSDCA title verifications have been processed during the year as per the GSDCA regulation.

➤ **GSDCA Breed Surveyors and Judges meeting and National Breed Commission Meeting**

The GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges meeting and National Breed Commission meeting was held in Adelaide on the 25th and 26th of July 2015.

The meeting was very well attended and it was agreed that the meeting was a successful weekend discussing a number of issues especially in regards to the issues affecting the future development of the breed.

- ❖ Photographic evidence was provided by the NBC Chair to highlight the areas of concern e.g over-angulation of the hindquarter, short, deep underchest etc.
- ❖ *It was unanimously agreed* that this was the major issue affecting the breed was over-angulation and instability of the hindquarter and all breed surveyors need to be proactive in addressing this issue.
- ❖ While the issue of loose hock joints has been evident in numerous bloodlines here in Australia since the lifting of the importation ban, the increase of animals displaying an over-angulation and an unstable hindquarter over recent years is disturbing.
- ❖ The over-angulation of the hindquarter ***impedes the working capability and affects the endurance and versatility of the dog***. It was highlighted at the meeting that this is not only a major problem for us as breed surveyors, judges or breeders ***but more importantly for the public that wish to buy a German Shepherd Dog as their family pet, which of course is the majority of the animals that we breed.***



- ❖ There are now a number of bloodlines currently being utilised within our breeding program that produce slightly deep to over-angulated hindquarters and it is imperative that GSDCA Breed Surveyors take a uniform approach to deal with this issue and record these faults, penalise and issue warnings on linebreeding on these animals before it is further ingrained within the breed.
- ❖ The meeting acknowledged that these problems need to be penalised and comments made regarding the severity of the problem recorded in '*Section 11 General Description*', '*Section V: Particular Virtues and Faults*' and most importantly '*Section VI Advice for Selection of a Breeding Partner*'.
- ❖ Please refer to the motion on the 2016 GSDCA AGM Agenda to amend the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual.



Is this what we want to breed in the future?

- ❖ Consistency of the penalisation of over-angulation of the hindquarter must be without question and it is imperative for the continued development, health and soundness of the breed here in Australia.
- ❖ I do believe that the breed is currently at a cross roads. Compared to past years I do not believe there is a stand out group of sires that are producing progeny of the expected standard. It is very evident in the number of quality of males being exhibited especially in the young classes over the past twelve months.
- ❖ In this day and age soundness in both body and mind is paramount as it is imperative that the German Shepherd Dog is promoted as a valuable and responsible pet for a family.
- ❖ Since becoming NBC Chairman in 2001 I have made numerous comments regarding the length of the lower chest. The issue of the length of the lower chest has been well documented since the early 1990 and is firmly entrenched in our breeding program. The issue of the length of the lowerchest is also apparent in a number of the promoted german bloodlines but what is even more disappointing was the fact that not only was the lowerchest short but in fact was also deep and therefore giving the appearance of an extreme tuck up. A highly respected SV judge once told me that if the lowerchest is not of the required length that there is a tendency for that animal to fall on the forehand. This does make sense as I certainly believe that that deep, slightly short lowerchest impedes the lung capacity of the animal and the restriction becomes more apparent during movement. The problem is that I believe we see the slightly lower chest as normal and we have very few animals in our breeding program that have the correct length of lowerchest.
- ❖ After checking dentition at the 2015 National Show and Trial no improvement has been made regarding the strength of dentition. The number of underdeveloped teeth in the majority of animals is very disappointing. A number of animals are now lacking strength in both skull and foreface and while the head should not be the same as a Newfoundland or Rottweiler it should not look like a greyhound????



- ❖ The size and placement of ears which is still evident in 2015. A number of females entering the breeding program display slightly wide set and or large ears. The set of ears was a problem with Cayos Noriswand progeny and has been further documented with progeny from Vegas Dongmيران and the lines of Vegas Haut Mansard. The other issue is slightly large ears which have been contributed through the lines Sanjessa Crusty Demon and Orrinshir Elton John. In my opinion care should be exercised with any linebreeding of any of the above animals.
- **GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Progeny Results.**
- ❖ The updated progeny results to 22nd December 2015 since the inception of the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme will be circulated by email to all member clubs and delegates for their information prior to the meeting.
 - ❖ The importance of producing progeny results via sires cannot be underestimated and it a very significant tool to advise breeders of the result of sires and bloodlines to show them as excellent, very good, good or poor elbow producers I do feel it is necessary to draw to the attention of all members that when considering the progeny results breeders must consider the whole breakdown of elbow results by any sire.
 - ❖ There is no doubt that breeding restrictions in regards to elbow dysplasia play a very important part in improving the soundness of the German Shepherd Dog in regards to this disease.
 - ❖ I need to reiterate that breeders should view the number of normal, grade one, grade two, grade three and UAP results overall and then compare to the number of animals submitted and from the number of dams to have a clear understanding of the results of any sire.
 - ❖ If any breeder requires any further explanation of the progeny results through the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme please do not hesitate to contact me.
 - ❖ We cannot however rest on our laurels and as a fraternity we must be very pro-active in ensuring that the GSDCA leads the way in adhering to responsible breeding practices.
- **GSDCA DATABASE**
- ❖ The GSDCA Database has been up and running for the past twelve months. From the GSDCA Database Co-coordinator's report it is pleasing to see the active participation for our membership.
 - ❖ As originally advised the database is continually being developed and I refer to the database report for discussion at the GSDCA AGM for the upcoming improvements.
 - ❖ Well done to everyone involved and it certainly is a great asset to the GSDCA.
- **NATIONAL BREED SURVEY SCHEME.**
- ❖ **Correct paperwork at Breed Survey.**
I must say once again that only the correct paperwork is accepted and no breed survey certificate can be issued until all of the required paperwork is received. It is disappointing that in the past six months there has been a decline in the required paperwork being received.
- Only the GSDCA Breed Survey forms are acceptable and these are to be completed and signed by the owners at least seven days prior to breed survey. This situation does need to improve.
- GSDCA Executive Decision regarding two breed surveyors at all future breed surveys.**
As per correspondence forwarded to all member clubs in November 2015 the GSDCA Executive unanimously agreed to ensure that in future at least two breed surveyors will be in attendance at all breed surveys.
- This decision was not taken lightly but it was felt that it was time to make this decision for all future breed surveys.
- This will mean that a minimum of two GSDCA Breed Surveyors will officiate at all breed surveys throughout Australia. The additional cost of the second breed surveyor will be borne by the Council as the GSDCA Executive is aware of the extra cost imposed on the smaller clubs.



Please note that the State Breed Surveyor Co-ordinator for non-surveying state is the National Breed Commission Chair. All clubs are to notify the NBC Chair of the dates of the breed surveys at the commencement of the breed survey year. Of course it goes without saying that the additional breed surveyor will be appointed based on ensuring that costs are kept to a minimum.

While some clubs expressed their concern at this action the GSDCA Executive believes that this is a positive and proactive step to restore uniformity of conduct and consistency of classification at breed survey and should assist in removing the innuendo associated with only one surveyor signing off on character, gun test, dentition, measuring and importantly for the membership, choice of surveyor when there was none.

As previously stated all GSDCA Breed Surveyors present on the day participate in the preliminaries whether they have been selected to complete a worksheet on a particular animal.

➤ **Measuring of animals at breed survey.**

- ❖ As per the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual the size of the animals presented to breed survey must be described as follows:-

Dogs (cms) :	Bitches (cms) :	Description :
60 - 61.....	55 - 56.....	Small
61 - 62.....	56 - 57.....	Under Medium Size
62 - 63.....	57 - 58.....	Medium Size
63 - 64.....	58 - 59.....	Above Medium Size
64 - 65.....	59 - 60.....	Large
65 - 66.....	60 - 61.....	Very Large *
Above 66cms	Above 61cms	Oversize**

* Under Particular Virtues and Faults (Standing on the upper limit of size)

** Under Particular Virtues and Faults (Oversize and breed warnings)

No other description is permissible

- ❖ As per the minutes of the 2015 National Breed Commission meeting there was a lengthy discussion relative to measuring at breed survey and the following points were resolved.
- ❖ Measuring should be carried out by three individual surveyors (where possible) and a consensus reached.
- ❖ Animals should stand on a flat, level surface with forelegs plumb and shall not be stretched in the rear. Height at withers shall be taken by measuring vertically and plumb from the ground to top of withers directly behind the ulna joint.
- ❖ It is paramount that consistency needs to be maintained when measuring animals and the penalisation of animals that measure oversize at breed survey to maintain the integrity of the breed survey scheme.
- ❖ The penalisation of a very well-constructed animal should be highlighted in the general description and particular virtues and faults. Warnings should be given relative to size in regards to selection of a breeding partner.
- ❖ As per the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual the criteria **relative to size is not open-ended**. The GSDCA Breed Survey Manual clearly states animals standing outside the limitations of size and are considered to be of above average anatomical worth *may be considered for Class 11*. *Animals that do not meet this criteria should be denied classification.*



➤ **Breed Survey Statistics for 2015.**

The breakdown of statistics will be circulated under separate cover. At the time of writing the report I am waiting to receive some worksheets from member clubs for breed surveys conducted late in the year.

- ❖ It is pleasing to see an increase in the number of long stock coats being presented to breed survey over the past 12 months. I also believe that there has been an increase in the overall quality and construction of these animals. With the importation of Shernaa Pakros and also the locally bred dog Eroica Catch Me If You Can, I am sure that the overall quality of the long stock coats in Australia will continue to develop.

➤ **Photograph for Breed Survey**

Thank you to the owners that have supplied photographs in the first instance and thank you to the owners that have responded to my repeated requests.

Some of the photographs are not of the same quality as others and it goes without saying that an adult photograph in a show stance is required. Happy shots are not acceptable.

Just remember that the photograph remains with your animal forever and I can not imagine anyone not wanting to show their animal to the best advantage.

➤ **Extract from the December SV Zeitung**

There is no doubt that Herr Quoll is releasing more information on the promoted animals to the fraternity. This is evident once again with the report that Herr Quoll presented in the December SV Zeitung. This year the December magazine was just received at the time of the writing of this report. As I have received positive feedback from the members and breed surveyors I will translate the information prior to the meeting so that it can be circulated to the member clubs as an addendum to my report.

➤ **2016 Sieger Show in Nurnberg 2nd to 4th September 2016 in Nurnberg**

For your information please find listed below the judges for the 2016 Sieger Show.

Open Dog	Herr Lothar Quoll
Open Bitch	Herr Marco Ossmann
Intermediate Dog	Herr Helmut Konig
Intermediate Bitch	Herr Klaus Gothe
Junior Dog	Herr Uwe Sprenger
Junior Bitch	Herr Peter Arth
Herding Classes	Herr Ulrich Hausmann
Long Stock Coat – Males	Herr Ulrich Hausmann
Breeders Group	Herr Lutz Wischalla
Long Stock coat – Females	Herr Lutz Wischalla
Combatative Instincts- Males	Herr Harald Hohmann
Combatative Instincts – Female	Herr Helmut Buss

Breeding and showing German Shepherd Dogs is not only a hobby I enjoy but we must remember that individuals, clubs and this Council are secondary to the reason why we are here the ***“German Shepherd Dog”***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the breeders and owners of German Shepherds throughout Australia for their support not only to me personally but to the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia, its breed improvement schemes and most importantly to the breed.

I have always made myself available either by email or by telephone to answer your queries to the best of my ability and I do believe that open lines of communication are paramount in this position.

Once again thank you for the support from the member clubs breed surveyors and the fraternity and of course to the support and friendship of my fellow Executive.



JUDGES COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robyn Knuckey

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the support and contributions of the GSDCA Executive to the portfolio of the GSDCA Judges Committee. The role has changed since my involvement up to 2010, and wish to thank all involved with supporting this area of the GSDCA.

Judges are requiring more support as they are qualifying as ANKC Championship Show Judges with less experience than those who have qualified previously. This is a reflection of the general community, training has decreased in TAFE and Universities too.

Therefore, we are needing to alter our processes and procedures to reflect these changes and provide more meaningful support to develop and mentor those wishing to take a leadership role in our Breed. This has led to a busy 12 months with fairly significant levels of activity in the GSDCA Judges Committee area.

One of the most important actions over the last year was contacting the SV to clarify the directive sent by Herr Quoll to all SV judges regarding measurement, recording and subsequent penalisation of animals that measure outside the standard. This has resulted in a directive being sent to all GSDCA Specialist Judges and GSDCA Affiliate Clubs, from the NBC Executive about GSDCA gradings and size measurements.

This was to provide the general membership with the consistency and direction that they have been asking for. There has been significant feedback, that the general membership, requesting judges be consistent and fair with their gradings. This is a practical way to assist with the achievement of that aim.

After much discussion about the size of animals in general in Australia. A database has been created with measurements of animals presented in shows across Australia. The importance of this database is showing a small variance of size as presented at breed survey and as measured in the show ring. There have only been a couple of animals that show a significant variation of size from breed survey to shows.

This database will continue to be expanded and updated and will be updated on the GSDCA website on a six monthly basis. I would like to thank Jane Pike for her expertise in making my very basic excel spreadsheet into the professional database it is now. Also for assistance with data entry as well, it is a time consuming, but very useful information tool. All animals are DE identified on the published database.

Another action, was the completion of the PowerPoint presentation of information for aspiring, new and recently qualified GSD judges. This has been completed and is available on the GSDCA website. I have received really positive feedback from those who have found it really useful with a lot of meaningful information.

2015 GSDCA National

The GSDCA National was held in Melbourne in early May 2015. The GSDCV did a great job overall. This year, it was decided to have a draft National Report to be tabled at the GSDCA Judges Committee Meeting. Thank you to both Sharon Thorp, for completing this comprehensive report in a timely manner, and the GSDCV for agreeing for this report to be tabled.

The rationale was to allow the club holding the National the following year, to have access to learnings from the current year in their planning stages. Rather than as the planning for the National is being finalised. This allows for a smoother planning time frame.

A new initiative last year was a Youth Handler Workshop on the Thursday afternoon prior to the National, with support of the cream of the handlers from overseas and Australia. A huge thank you to Jess Lynch for organising this wonderful opportunity for our youth. It was very well received and saw an excellent participation rate with our younger members.

A breakdown of the excellent graded animals was published in the Quarterly National Review, as Tail Male chart for both males and females for the 2015 GSDCA National. Thank you to Stephen Collins for his continued assistance with presenting this data.



GSDCA Nationals

A Discussion Paper on the future planning and growth of Nationals, was circulated with the GSDCA Judges Committee Minutes on 19 August 2015. Consideration needs to be given to how we are going to manage this into the future. A change can be envisioned to be required by the 2018 GSDCA National, so we need to consider alternative options now to ensure a smooth transition by this time. The Discussion Paper is for Clubs to discuss options and ideas, with members. I look forward to receiving feedback from the Clubs on this important topic, to develop a seamless way forward with the current growth of the Long Stock Coat variety.

An Agenda item for the GSDCA AGM 2016 is a Draft Update to the GSDCA National Show Manual. This is step one in the process of updating this document. In the next year, a further draft will be developed for consideration by the Clubs to ensure this is a truly workable reference tool for Clubs, hosting the National on behalf of the GSDCA. Thank you to Ian Urie and Frank Moody for the contributions to this document.

GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course

I had the pleasure of presenting Andrew Jones with his GSDCA Specialist Judge's badge and certificate at the GSDCV/WDC weekend in Melbourne in November 2015. Andrew has been truly committed to gaining as much experience and knowledge as he can from various sources. Andrew has also been able to develop his judging skills with several judging appointments in Australia and New Zealand. Congratulations Andrew.

New participants in the Extension Course are Salvatore Pittelli (South Australia) and Sharon Ballantyne (Queensland). Both are very keen to progress through the Course and actively seeking opportunities. Both of these participants have travelled to complete mentor appointments outside their home state and their dedication is commendable.

The newest participant in the Extension Course is Jenny DeLucia (South Australia). Jenny has also actively sought opportunities, even prior to completing her ANKC Championship Show licence.

I also ask that clubs provide opportunities for ANKC GSD trainee judges to be offered an Open Show to judge, as soon as practicable on entering the ANKC scheme, to gain some valuable experience. Presently enrolled to complete ANKC GSD only licences is 1 in NSW, Jess Kada judged her first Open Show in December for the GSDL. Jess really enjoyed her opportunity. It is great to see the support provided to Jess by the GSDL.

This is fantastic for our breed that we have some younger people aiming to become judges and will work to support the GSD into the future. I have been in contact with these people as they have entered the judges training scheme and am more than happy to provide additional support as required. We also have a few people wishing to enter the ANKC judges' scheme for GSDs next year and I have been liaising with them, providing support and information.

Following a motion passed at the 2015 GSDCA AGM, participants in the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course, will now have their final examination when they are the officiating judge. They will be examined by two GSDCA Specialist Judges appointed by the GSDCA Judges Committee Chair. Another Agenda Item for this Meeting is a form to be used as the assessment tool for this show.

A draft form was trialled by Melanie Groth when Andrew Jones was judging in Newcastle early last year. I would like to thank both Andrew and Melanie for their help and constructive feedback, to fine tune the form as presented at this meeting.

On discussion with Andrew Jones and Mentor Judges that have supported participants in the scheme, there appears to be a few gaps in the current system. A PowerPoint was presented at the GSDCA Judges Committee last year, where some actions came forward as Agenda items for this Meeting on the Extension Course. The other action was the development of a format and information sheet for Mentor Judges, for use when assessing Participants in the Scheme. This has already been put into place.

We should be aiming to provide a meaningful learning experience that helps to develop the skills required for participants in the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course, not just ticking a box on the way through.



Shows for 2015

We currently have 45 judges able to award GSDCA gradings, of these three are trainee specialist judges. The GSDCA show calendar has 39 for 2015, this is 3 more than last year. These consist of the GSDCA National, 4 SBEs by a various number of judges, from 1 to 4. 24 Championship Shows and 7 Members Competitions. We have seen the introduction of Members Competitions in NHRGSDC and GSDCQ this year.

The changes in shows come from a SBE being successfully run in Victoria, well done to Jenny Yuen and Greg Green for their commitment to the process and the work of the Show Manager Andrew Jones, to bring this all to a very successful conclusion. It was very well received by the members and exhibitors. The other 2 shows were the new Members Competitions held in Coffs Harbour with NHRGSDC and GSDCQ. The GSDL did run a SBE this year, although finalised later than other shows in the GSDLs's calendar. Victoria is no longer having a Specialist Judge at the Victorian RAS. The breakup of the 38 shows are as follows.

A further Agenda item for this meeting is a proposed set of rule and regulations to standardise the holding of State Breed Exhibitions. At present that is not the case.

CLUB	INTERNATIONAL JUDGES	AUSTRALIAN JUDGES
ACT GSDA	2	
GSDA WA	2	7 (inc SBE panel)
GSDCQ	1	4 (inc SBE)
GSDC SA	1	4
GSDCT	0	4 (inc SBE)
GSDL	2	3 (inc SBE)
GSDCV	1 + National	5 (inc SBE)
NHRGSDC	0	2

GSDCA State Liaison Officers

As we have a number of members of affiliate clubs entering the ANKC scheme as trainee GSD only judges and hoping to be entering the ANKC scheme next year. I reviewed the list of ANKC Accredited Assessor Judges for Group 5 and GSD Championship Judges. In some states there were gaps identified.

I discussed this gap with Marie Merchant the ANKC Trainee Judges Scheme Chair, and agreed that we needed to ensure at least two GSDCA Specialist Judges were accredited in each state. As the ANKC rules are that to act as an Examiner Judge at a Practical Examination, the Examiner Judge need to have completed the ANKC Assessor Judge Accreditation lecture.

With this in mind, judges have been approached to initiate contact with their local canine control to complete the ANKC Accreditation Process. The SA Specialist Judges have all completed the ANKC requirements and Rod Vernon and Russell Wenham have been accredited as ANKC Assessor Judges in Queensland.

This has gone a long way to filling the identified gaps. In SA, Joylene Neddermeyer acted as an Assessor Judge for Jenny DeLucia's examination in SA recently to become a ANKC Championship Show Judge.

Conclusion

I am looking forward to clubs giving due consideration to the Agenda Items presented and robust and fruitful discussion on the weekend of AGM.

For the next two years of my continued tenure in this role, I intend to build on the work completed, along with my peers and fellow Executive members. Continue to foster open communication and support of those looking to develop their judging skills. To be a conduit for all GSDCA Judges.

I truly believe, by working together and not against each other, we can achieve great things.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report.



OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE – Mr. John DeLucia

I start this report hoping that all achieved their goals in 2015 and continue to set your sights high in 2016.

Should all clubs agree to attend the Obedience Meeting, I would look forward to meeting all there and encourage all clubs to participate.

I have once again received numerous phone calls regarding obedience matters and I trust that I have passed on the required information. I would stress to all however, that your club should still be your first point of contact as they are the main go to people to correct and deal with some of the issues that you have been raised with me.

The Character & Working Assessment (CWA) Manual has now been distributed to the clubs and I look forward to this being fully accepted and implemented. As with any project, this is a work in progress and can be altered if need be. I cannot stress enough the importance of the CWA to the well being and general improvement of the breed. We really do need to have this assessment in place all over Australia.

I wish to once again congratulate all those that entered and attended obedience at the 2015 National. I look forward to the 2016 National in Sydney and hope that you will once again enter your dogs.

In closing, I wish to thank all those that helped me throughout 2015 and I would like to acknowledge the CWA Working Party.

Honey Gross-Richardson
Ian Urie
Stephen Collins
Russell Wenham
Graeme Stevenson
Sasha Beljanski

Dawn Howard
Jenny De Lucia
Anne Clarkson
Karen Eaton
Rhonda Daley

Thank you also to Frank Moody, Ian Marr and Vince Ebejer.

I wish all of you the best for 2016.



EDITOR NATIONAL REVIEW – Mrs. Yvonne Yun

As the meeting is aware, this will be my last report to the Council. As per the recommendations that follow, there are two areas that I believe need to be addressed as a priority. In the course of my editorship, a number of other areas for concern have come to light and I would like to table these for your review and consideration.

1. In order to make the transition for the incoming editor as simple as possible, I would recommend that the current service providers are kept in place for at least the first twelve months, so that the new editor has the benefit of their experience and expertise to support the transition into the role.

To facilitate this, I have obtained quotes from both designer and printer that will hold firm for the coming twelve months and allow for the editor to familiarise herself with the processes and ease the learning pathway.

2. One of the issues that is a constant problem is the issue of commercially viable print numbers and surplus stock. After 4 years and despite a number of attempts to sell surplus copies, I have been storing 35 boxes of surplus magazines containing between 46 and 80 copies in each.

I have previously raised the issue with the Executive of clubs orders being below expectation, leading to a very weighty stock of back issues. It is understood that there will be internal membership fluctuations of membership and this will be reflected in the surplus for any single edition; however, these are valuable resources, that are incredibly difficult to store and which do deteriorate with storage. I also currently hold approximately half a ton of waste that cannot be recycled because of the coating on the paper. These are magazines that are either dust or water damaged and it is pointless holding them.

For the future, I would propose that a stock of between 100-200 copies are held by Council for promotional purposes and that the remainder are despatched at the time of posting directly to the member clubs in the same ratio as the quantity purchased and that the clubs be asked to pay the bulk freight.

To illustrate:

Of the 2500 magazines produced, there is a surplus of 600. Of these 100 are provided to the Editor for stock leaving a balance of 500 available for distribution.

Club A bought 1000 units of the 1900 ordered by clubs. This would mean that this club would receive 52% of the available surplus or 263 magazines.

This would provide the club with promotional resources for new members and for event activities.

3. Advertising in the Review is a major problem in the current period. A number of factors are currently impacting on this, including:

Cost is not competitive with other forms of promotion, particularly when you consider the extensive use of social media and electronic means to promote your dogs and breeding for what amounts to no charge at all. It is recommended that the current pricing levels are formally adjusted to reflect the increasing competition for advertising dollars.

The Treasurer undertook to secure corporate advertising earlier this year and to date, this has not met with any success. Again, it must be assumed that advertising dollars are being channelled into electronic media.

Fear on the part of advertisers of having their dog publicly ridiculed by critics.

It is therefore recommended that consideration be given to re-vamping this aspect of the magazine and developing a more viable approach to the issue. It is suggested that at this time, the return for the Council is not strong.



4. The Council needs to make some determinations about prescribed content for the magazine and stick to these. There have been numerous occasions on which a deadline has needed to be extended to accommodate the inclusion of Club News. Quite frankly, obtaining this content, mailing lists and other articles that individuals undertake to submit and then back out at the absolute last minute is just quite staggering. And it is not the offender that gets it in the neck – it's the Editor, who has allocated space and at the last minute has to come up with something to fill it; it's the Editor who is subjected to the criticism about lack of content or late delivery.

There have been a number of occasions on which I have asked Judges and Surveyors to provide an article only to be let down at the last minute. There have been a number of occasions on which not one, but four or five reminders have to go to clubs about Club News only to have nothing arrive. The magazine will be at the mailing house sitting waiting for despatch because a single club has not provided labels. The entire mail out has to be held for this one club.

The point here is that:

If you wish to continue producing a paper product, if you wish to continue with items such as Club News, then there has to be a commitment from each Club to meet deadlines and make the required contributions. Otherwise there could be significant savings in producing a smaller magazine on time.

To conclude, I would just like to say thanks to those who have assisted throughout the last four years.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Show Liaison Officer – Mr. Ian Urie

I congratulate the GSDCV on the running of the 43rd National in partnership with the Council.

I was glad to be able to contribute as Assistant Show Manager of the organising Committee. As I was a member of the host Club I was unable to act in the capacity of GSDCA Liaison Officer for this show and I wish to thank Sharon Thorp for standing in for me again as acting National Show Liaison Officer, at the request of the Executive. Sharon will be providing a report on the 43rd National to this meeting. My personal impression was that the show was a great success, despite rather unfavourable weather, and I thank everyone who was involved in any capacity including members of the Executive and volunteers from other Clubs.

During the year I attended the NBC and Judges Meetings in Adelaide. I wish to thank Robyn Knuckey and Frank Moody for participating in the review and re-formatting of the National Show Manual (which is presented for approval at this AGM). I also thank Jane Pike for her continued work in updating the judge's database. Finally I thank those Clubs which have nominated me to continue in the NSLO position this year, and look forward to working with the GSDL for the coming 44th National in NSW.



The 43rd GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc., was held on the 8th, 9th and 10th May 2015.

The following report was submitted by Acting, National Show Liaison Officer – Sharon Thorp

Lead up

As acting National Show Liaison officer my participation was limited to a few emails from the hosting club. The information the Club sent regarding stewards, and the information sent to the judges was very good, and something that would benefit other clubs to obtain.

Awarding of GSDCA Breeder Awards

Though this is now being done at a State level they are National awards and to reinforce this printing in the National Show Catalogue as well as the Quarterly review would give National recognition to the breeder's achievements.

43rd National Show

Overview

Well done Victoria, on the whole a well run and executed show, though it was highlighted again this year with the need for interstate helpers to assist with the running of the show despite the size of the Victorian Club. This is something that needs to be addressed, and subsequent discussions post National has suggested a list is compiled of people willing to assist as our Premier Event, a well worth exercise. The weather unfortunately was not kind to us, an element that the Victorian club had no control over. This I believe had an effect on the atmosphere and also attending of social events. After a long cold wet day people just wanted to get back to their accommodation and relax.

The innovation at this National was the move into the digital world with an App. This was brilliant and those involved are to be congratulated.

Judges

Both gentlemen were professional, knowledgeable, friendly, and considerate of the exhibitors, though their English was very good, last year I mentioned lack of interpreters and again this year there was none. This year one judge actually asked for an interpreter. It is my belief there is still a need for interpreters for the critiques and also possibly on the pegs. Both gentlemen's knowledge of the English language is very good, especially towards the end when they were tired it was difficult for them translate their thoughts into English. FYI, the National Show Manual states "Interpreters must be invited from the Official List and organized well in advance by written invitation". If this is not to occur then perhaps the Manual needs to be changed.

Stewards

Due to the information given to the steward's prior and meetings prior to the show on the whole this went very well, a learning curve on Friday whilst the stewards settled into their roles with the judges and learnt their preferences, by Sunday the rings were running very well. Well done to those that stewarded and for the planning prior to the show to ensure this ran as smoothly as possible. No show is without hiccups and these were handled with professionalism. A walkie-talkie between the stewards would still be a good idea or a designated person to go between rings to keep the stewards informed would also be beneficial. All clubs should take under advisement the changing rules regarding stewarding, as in QLD unless you have completed an accredited stewards course you cannot steward in the ring.

Rings

The rings were of good size, as were the double handling rings, though a bit of housekeeping, the ropes for the double handling ring should have been tightened over the weekend as especially on Sunday the exhibitors pushed in and the double handling rings became smaller. There was a need to keep the exits clear for the double handlers and someone to patrol the double handling ring, especially with the wet weather, as it was quite slippery underfoot. I was approached quite a few times by double handlers to clear the exits, they were getting frustrated they couldn't exit the double handling ring, and some thoughtless people with umbrellas in the ring with no concern for other peoples safety, which was dealt with quickly and efficiently. I didn't see one catalogue in the ring, sometimes organizers need to jump in and sort a problem and they might also be exhibiting, no choice.



Classes

With the increasing numbers of long stock coats, weather considerations etc, timing is always an issue. Though there is a standard format in the order of the classes perhaps it is time to seriously reevaluate the days on which some classes are held. Or to perhaps consider the number of days the National is held over. I have included below the same chart as I included in last year's report to give an indication of number this is the numbers that were entered in the Show. As a comparison in brackets are the numbers entered last year. As an added insight I have detailed the day in which the class is held. The number of long stock coats has increased since their introduction from 9 to 84 in the last 4 years.

Class	Stock Bitch	Stock Dog	Long Stock Bitch	Long Stock Dog	Day Held
Baby	37 (47)	13 (24)	12 (5)	7 (4)	Friday
Minor	57 (51)	23	10 (9)	4 (4)	Friday
Puppy	27 (37)	7 (12)	6 (5)	2 (2)	Saturday
Junior	65 (48)	20 (18)	10 (8)	4 (2)	Friday
Intermediate	70 (690)	30 (27)	8 (10)	6 (1)	Saturday
Open	83 (79)	45 (46)	9 (3)	5 (4)	Sunday

Sires Progeny and Breeders Group

To the exhibitors it ran quite smoothly and efficiently, though it would have been of substantial benefit to keep the space between the assembly ring and the Sire Progeny Ring clear, that way the Sire Progeny groups could have been viewed by those waiting with dogs either handlers or owners. Those that exhibit are those that use stud dogs and should be afforded as much opportunity as possible to view what Sires are producing. Otherwise it proceeded well.

Social Events

Meet and Greet

Despite ensuring my flight would arrive in plenty of time to attend the Meet and Greet due to congestion of traffic it took over 3 hours to get to Cranbourne from the airport and I was unable to attend. This was the case with quite a few people that had hoped to attend. Advice from those that attended was that the bar was a little late opening, and the instruction session for the junior handlers was well received even though not all got there in time.

Presidents Dinner

The venue was lovely the band appealed to an older age group (I loved them) though they were a bit loud at times. The belle of the event was Dawn Fraser who danced and entertained us all. Lothar Quoll gave a presentation on the Seiger show dogs, and it was one he had given in Germany though compacted, to hear about the dogs from the SV Breed Warden was good though the presentation was more a glossary rather than an in-depth analysis. As with all such events with an alternate drop the food quality was mixed, my entrée was great my main meal slightly overcooked.

Saturday Night

I didn't attend this event, as I was one of the people who suffered with the cold and wet, and happily had dinner at the accommodation.

Feedback from the event from Dawn Fraser was that the food was very good, and she enjoyed herself.

Other feedback from the event was that due to the set up, the event was very much two different groups the inside and the outside. The cost of holding the Saturday night is an expensive one, and numbers are required well in advance, the Victorian club did their best to accommodate all that wanted to go. People say they are sick of spit roasts, but what is the alternative, it is a cost effective alternative for the exhibitors that don't wish to attend the Presidents dinner, and it also allows them to have their dogs on site.

As always there were many that ate and left, this happens at a lot of these events. Also each state is different and in Victoria a number of people were in houses rather than motel rooms, and just wanted to get back to where they were staying.



Opening Ceremony

This ran smoothly and didn't take too long, the Service Dog award was the highlight, it was great to see a police bitch be awarded the Service dog Award. The money raised for the Museum and for the Ted Whitten foundation was terrific. Though some deemed it as a Victorian Charity, and perhaps a National organization should be considered so that all clubs would see fit to donate.

Trophy Presentation Table

Trophy presentation was slightly delayed to always to allow the final trophies to be got ready. I originally thought not many are here, but discovered the party tent outside, where fun was being had by all. Trophy presentation was a packed affair and all winners were greeted with good sportsmanship and cheering. The MC was entertaining. The medal winner trophies were a welcome change to cutlery or something similar, and reflected what the show was all about "The dogs" It would be great to see trophies created, and used exclusively for the National that reflects the event. The presentation table displayed the plaques and trophies very well. The dais in the rings was great to see, and appreciated by the winners.

Catering

The Victorian club adopted what the ACT club did last year and served the judge's lunches in the tents, this I believe again worked well. The Saturday lunch, which was an expensive affair for the Victorian Clubs, was not as well attended as expected, and people tended to come in grab something to eat and go. There has to be a happy medium between cost and timing, and also according the dignitaries and life members their due.

The exhibitors were catered for with the traditional and very welcome egg and bacon breakfast, which ran long into the morning. The food vans were varied and I didn't hear any grumbles about the food. The running of the catering by a club is a financial windfall, but it requires many people to put into place. Unless a club has a great canteen staff, the way forward is to hire out the catering in return for a cut of the profit.

Junior Handlers

Candy Baker did a great job with the Junior Handlers, though this does take time to give all the children their due, we should all remember that they are the future breeders and exhibitors.

Catalogue

The standard of the catalogue was excellent, easy to read and well set out, well worth the money.

Overseas handlers

Owners of dogs who might have overseas handlers were made well aware of the requirements of the overseas handlers, though feedback from the other direction is that NO ONE should be handling in the ring unless they are a member of a State Canine Body. We do not check this, nor do I suggest we start, rather add this note to requirements for all handlers in the catalogue.

Housekeeping

No show despite any clubs best effort runs without a couple of hiccups, and for me and to the best of my knowledge any small problems were dealt with in a quick manner, from the accident in the men's bathroom due to the wet floors, to the sign on the show secretary's window 'Back soon.'

Lessons Learnt

The main things to take to future Nationals are that we have to seriously consider the scheduling of the classes due to the increased popularity of the Long Stock Coats. I mentioned in last year's report options that were suggested to me, it is up to the clubs to decide how to best move forward.

Where there is wet weather safety becomes a major factor, and safeguards should be in place should the weather become inclement.

The double handling rings are always a problem and they need to be monitored carefully.

There is a need for a list of willing people to assist with the running of the National over the weekend.

The Victorian Club will probably also have some valuable input into lessons learnt and they should be encouraged to share these with other clubs, be it cost of Judges, Events or problems that they encountered.



We also have to seriously consider the costs of hosting an event such as this and ways to make it as cost effective as possible without increasing the cost of Entries.

Summary of the 43rd GSDCA National Obedience and Rally Trial - Melbourne 2015.

59 exhibitors made 68 entries in the Obedience trial and 26 entries in the inaugural National Rally trial. There were 14 competitors from interstate, coming from Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales. It was notable that 12 of the interstaters competed in the Rally classes as well as show or obedience. So provision of Rally at the National was appreciated by those competitors.

The Obedience Dual Performance trophy was awarded, as was the Obedience Team competition won and there was a Gold, Silver and Bronze medallion run off. So all major awards were presented at the Show presentations.

Class	Number entered	Number competed on day	Number passes achieved	Number of Excellent medallions achieved	Dual entry++ with Conformation	Dual entry with Rally
CCD	19	13	4	0	8	5
Novice	20	16	6	4	10	7
Open	24	21	5	1	5	2
UD	5	4	1	0	0	0
UDX	0	0	0	0	0	0
Obedience Total	68	54	16	5	23	14
Rally Novice	13	10	6	3	10	0
Rally Advanced A	3	3	2	0	1	0
Rally Advanced B	4	4	4	0	1	4
Rally Excellent A	2	2	0	0	1	0
Rally Excellent B	4	4	4	1	1	4
Rally Total	26	23	16	4	14	8
Total	94	57	32	9	37	22

++ 9 dogs were entered in all three disciplines available.

There were a total of 23 dogs entered as dual exhibits for conformation /obedience, 9 of these dogs were also entered in the Rally competition as well. A further 4 dogs were entered as Conformation/Rally dual exhibits.

Rally increased the number of competitors, but the entry fee proved to be a deterrent for a number of local competitors who refused to enter in the senior rally "B" classes because both classes were the same price. At regular trials offering Rally, the price of entry for competitors entering in both the Advanced B and Excellent B classes is normally a combined price for the two classes giving a discount of 50% on the second class. This is because those competing for the RAE title have to enter both classes on the same event and pass both. (The competitors have to achieve 10 RAE passes in order to qualify for the RAE title). At \$39/\$29 combination \$68 the National is an expensive trial to enter.

If Council intends for Rally to be included in future Nationals, consideration should be given to changing the entry fee structure for the RAE classes to entice the "top dogs" and handlers in Rally to compete.

Council should also enable the Triangle medallion to be made available to Rally competitors at the National. Now that Excellent medallions are able to be awarded at all GSDCA Member Club sanctioned trials, the National Rally Excellent medallion needs to be something special rather than the same medal available at an ordinary trial. The Rally competitors at the National expressed disappointment that they were not afforded the same excellent medal as the obedience competitors received just "because Rally was not in the manual".

The walk way was a distraction for some of the competitors, while competing and possibly should have been blocked off.



All were very happy to see Dawn Fraser attend the presentations and overall they were happy with the way the Trial went and conducted by the Club and effort of the Trial Manager and helpers to make this a successful event.

Thank you to Dearne Jackson for the help in preparing this report
John DeLucia, GSDCA Obedience Chair

Conclusion

Well-done Victoria I enjoyed the weekend, and you are to be commended for a well organized and executed event. Special Congratulations to the Show and Trial organization team, and those that worked tirelessly over the weekend, so that everyone had a great National.

Sharon Thorp

Acting National Show Liaison Officer

National Database – Mr. Frank Moody

It is my pleasure to submit this GSDCA Database progress report to the 55th GSDCA AGM.

We are just completed our first year of Club Member access to the GSDCA Database.
You will see in the table below that it is being actively used by our members/breeders.

Month	Unique Visitors	Number of Visits	Pages Viewed	Queries Requested
Jan 2015	703	1,216	36,376	54,828
Feb 2015	324	549	14,689	24,748
Mar 2015	326	590	20,120	29,346
Apr 2015	342	594	12,316	21,569
May 2015	341	534	14,042	23,414
Jun 2015	350	586	15,761	25,138
Jul 2015	350	682	24,112	35,319
Aug 2015	363	735	20,174	31,497
Sep 2015	312	540	11,641	20,080
Oct 2015	358	662	15,326	24,378
Nov 2015	390	679	23,966	35,071
Dec 2015	304	540	10,806	19,537
TOTAL	4,463	7,907	219,329	334,925

There are a couple of motions in this AGM Agenda, which I strongly urge you to support.

- The addition of search options by Sire and Dam for HD/ED and Breed Survey (Item 16.6)
- The NBC Executive have authority to approve changes to the Members access to the Database (Item 16.7).

We have just recently provided access to Breed Surveyors to enter their own Breed Survey data directly into the Database – this will be available for the 2016 Breed Survey year.

There will be a procedure provided to each Breed Surveyor advising the process to be followed when inputting the survey data.

The NBC Chair will still review this information prior to the Certificates being issued, and once this is done the information is also available to the Members on the database.

It is envisaged that this will reduce the workload on the NBC Chair, and make the data more readily available.



Future tasks:

1. The program needs urgent upgrade:

The version of programming language the database is written in (PHP version 5.2) is starting to be phased out by web hosts in favour of newer version of the same language. Unfortunately several changes have been made to these newer versions that prevent the current code from running “as is” on any version after 5.2. To address this we need to go through an upgrade process of identifying parts of the current code that need to be modified to allow the database to run on these newer versions of PHP. The analogy is a bit like “we wrote it to run on Windows XP and now we need to upgrade it to run on Windows 10.”

This is a major task and will be undertaken in Q1-2016.

2. The “Sire Statistics” for HD/ED which are manually prepared half-yearly by Joylene and Doug will be automated – thereby reducing a significant task, and making way for more regular updates. The statistics will also be available to the Members on the Database enabling easy sorting of the data into the form that each individual requires:

- Alphabetically by Sire,
- By Mean score – highest to lowest / lowest to highest,
- By number of progeny registered by each Sire,
- By number of progeny submitted to the scheme by each Sire.

(It will also still be available on the GSDCA website and QNR)

The value of the Database is in providing easy and rapid access to information, statistics and analysis that are meaningful and of value to our Breeders and Members.

Currently there is a lot more potential within the Database to provide Breeders (in particular) with valuable information to assist them in their breeding programs and selection of breeding partners.

I urge all Clubs and Members to send me an email with ideas for the information that they would like to see from the Database, and how this should be presented – these ideas will then be considered for future planning.

REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR DATABASE.

A brief update on each of the sections:

Dog Database

Registrations are updated quarterly from the ANKC.

Tattoo/Microchip Database

Entry of the Tattoo data is a major concern.

This is the area where we need the Club Managements to take an active role to fix.

For years now we have been reporting that the Club Tattoo/ID Registrars (some worse than others) are not doing their job – with the exception of Queensland.

Most Registrars have not entered their Tattoo details for 2 or more years, regardless of consistent requests.

I know Adam will also be addressing this in his Identification report.

HD/ED Database

The HD/ED certificates are produced from the database. There are nearly 9,900 HD/ED records on the system (going back to the mid 1990’s – prior to that they were manual records).

Breed Survey Database

The Breed Survey Certificates are produced from the database. There are nearly 600 records on the system – commencing from 2013 Survey Year, with some previously, as we continue to enter historic data.

Haemophilia Database

This section is now fully operational. Karen has entered all Dogs that have been issued a Certificate up to the end of 2015. Thank you, Karen.



Thank you to Daryl Bourke (the programmer) for his ongoing commitment to this project, as well as Joylene Neddermeyer, Doug West, Karen Hedberg and Adam Toretto for their time, and assistance in ongoing data entry and maintenance of the Database.

I am sure that this project will continue to evolve for years to come, as additional information and/or reports is required.

Regulations Officer – Ms. Sharon Thorp

With the introduction of the Regulations Manual, I can honestly say I have not had one enquiry this year regarding any regulations for the GSDCA.

The regulations were updated in line with motions passed from the 2015 AGM. My thanks again, to Frank Moody and Steve Collins.

With the adoption of the Regulations manual, the clubs have a good tool for their information and in the formation of any future motions.

After the 2016 GSDCA AGM, any motion that is pertinent to the Regulations Manual, will be changed in a timely manner.

Trophy Officer – Mr. Terry Jarvis

The year 2015 has been a busy year for me with a very large Trophy table for the Melbourne National. The show was quite the spectacle and a trophy table to be proud of. I have had a lot of time due to illness where I was chasing my tail for some time not knowing what the future would bring but we have the all clear now which is a relief. Thank you to the GSDCA Executive for their best wishes and those people who sent cards and touched base with me to enquire how things were going.

The presentation went off well and was well displayed and received by all. Everything came together at the end of the show. The cooperation between the Victorian club and Council made it easy to standardise the table. The Handlers awards proved the younger generation are being encouraged to participate in their own state handler class's and are being rewarded by Council for their efforts.

The Ex/Merit plaques for breeders of excellent graded animals are proving popular with a number of member Clubs. Those Clubs not yet participating can contact me direct for information mobile 0407 271 418 or email tepe@bigpond.net.au and I will tell you how to go about joining in as an added incentive for the members of your club.

Preparation for the 44th National in Sydney is well underway and being on the committee can see that the show committee members are working hard in their area's and all is coming together.

The Trophy table has been ordered and will be started in the next week in preparation, Obedience and Handlers awards will be done closer to the show as they have as they have shorter time frames.

Please note: That those people that have the jobs in organizing the nominations for Junior Handlers, Obedience awards and any special Council Awards please get them to me as soon as possible so we do not have a rush on at the last minute.

Thanks must go to the National Council Executive and member clubs for their support during the year.



Historian – Ms. Maya Bar-Tor

Picking up the position early in 2015, I was set to make great strides with the creation and update of the Historical Archives. Due to circumstances beyond the control of the committee, no material was available for me to archive until October, 2015.

It is with regret that I will not be able to archive this information as I have taken up a full time working position in the UK from late 2015 and into the foreseeable future.

I wish to leave this office giving the next person more preparation than I was afforded (again, due to circumstances outside the control of the committee).

Firstly, the GSDCA has a large amount of material requiring archiving. This material needs to be collected in one central location, scanned and properly archived (using appropriate archival materials). There is a storage locker and at some point, the material needs to be concentrated there.

Secondly, I have floated the idea of an online museum for the GSDCA so that all members have access to some fantastic literature and images through the years. I am happy to assist the new Historian, remotely, in developing this.

Lastly, there are several willing donors who have donations for the club. These people will make their trophies, images, documents, etc available to the Council once there is evidence of active archiving. Details will be left with the GSDCA secretary.

I thank the GSDCA for providing me with the opportunity to act as Historian and I regret that my move has hindered my ability to continue with the role. I wish the next person the best of luck. The committee is supportive and will assist the next historian as they have assisted me.

Youth Coordinator – Jess Lynch

In 2015 it was great to see a number of youth becoming more involved in the ring and also some new events and ideas to continue to encourage the youth in the GSD.

In NSW it was great to see a number of new youngsters around at the shows and enjoying participating in junior handlers.

At the 2015 National we held a handlers workshop on the Thursday afternoon which despite the cold and rainy weather attracted a number of young handlers eager to learn. At this event the youngsters were split into small groups and had mentoring from an experienced handler. This gave them all a great opportunity to ask questions and try things they may not have been sure about in the past. It was great to see not only a large number of youngsters but also a large number of spectators. I have to say a big thank you to the Victorian club for their help in organising the event and also to all the handlers that came early to help with the event. Hopefully we can organise another great event for Thursday at this years national.

We have also had a great variety of articles in the magazine this year. In 2016 we will be looking to do some on the structure of the GSD to help increase the understanding and knowledge for the youth.

A big congratulations to all the youngsters who have done well in the ring this year and have helped in their local clubs, a special mention to Trinity Jones who handled at the siegershow this year.

I look forward to 2016 we are looking to revamp junior handlers, organise a great event for the national and continue to have interesting articles in the magazine.

If anyone has any ideas or content for the website and magazine please feel free to email me jess_lynch@hotmail.com.



COMMUNICATIONS – Yvonne Yun

No report received.

Breed Specific Legislation – Mrs. Margaret Adams

In this report I firstly must apologise on several fronts.

Firstly for dragging my feet with the email address. I won't bore people with my ineptitude with technology – ***I am great until there is a speed bump in the road!*** Suffice to say it was on my list and Jacinta sorted it out and now I have to address the emails – I am aiming to respond by Australia Day – Let's see if I can achieve that!!

Secondly for not submitting a report in a timely fashion – this is not normal practice for me. I had happily tapped away with the W.A. reports and my B.S.L. report – I should have sent it to Ian Marr and saved me some grief but sadly the report and the Christmas edition of the G.S.D. news were lost during an unscheduled update to my ancient computer. It was only on receipt of the A.G.M. report from Val I realised what had happened.

Now I have access to the email address I can address some of the issues which have come to lights over the past 6 months.

Thanks to the Executive for supporting the B.S.L. in the states and territories I am particularly pleased that we have some states coming on board with naming a go-to person for the B.S.L. team. I will be contacting them this week to introduce myself and hopefully we can nip any problems in the bud before they become a poor reflection on our breed which in turn could cause problems and possible restrictions to our hobby with government bodies.

Thanks for all the hard work on the draft Media code of conduct document – it is imperative that we all show a sincere and positive persona to the outside world.

Thanks to those who have submitted information and documents such as the recommendation of early de-sexing, dog attacks and puppy farms/factories and companion animal code of conduct and the like. I noted that these have been sent to all states for their information. If we have access to these types of documents it gives us a chance to speak up and use this to reduce any fallout for our breed.

The ABC was the “special” award winner for not only placing the same photograph of a G.S.D. (snarling and cranky) on their news page BUT once again they did not respond to our correspondence – that is the third time we have contacted them – please note that we ask them not to publish photographs of our breed in articles where our breed is not involved. We all cross our fingers each and every time a dog attack is mentioned in a news item.

I truly believe that as a group we can utilise our people power to change attitudes by positive and proactive efforts.

Thanking you once again for the opportunity to sit in this “chair”.

I wish you all very successful A.G.M. and send every good wish to you and yours for 2016.



Webmaster – Ms. Jacinta Poole

The GSDCA website underwent a major redevelopment in 2015 that has revolutionised our online presence. The new GSDCA website was launched on April 14th 2015 and has been well received by members and the general public. A clean modern interface with a clear menu structure ensures simple navigation, information is easy to find and the website is visually appealing. Recent news and updates are easily located and content has been revised. The website is also linked with the GSDCA database which provides information on all surveyed dogs in Australia. The GSDCA provides information, education, promotion and marketing of the GSD to the breed fraternity and the general public in Australia and worldwide. The new website covers all these attributes and ensures we achieve this in a well presented and transparent manner.

Following the 2014 AGM the Website Working group (Jane Pike (chair), Jacinta Poole, Yvonne Yun and John Fenner) was tasked with developing and implementing a new website. Following a detailed quote process, we worked with a Melbourne based design company (Larkscapes) to build a new GSDCA website based on a Wordpress Content Management System (CMS). Technically, the CMS is flexible for design and ensures the website is easy to update in future and user management is simplified and streamlined. Ecommerce can be integrated if financial transactions are required. The theme selected for the visual interface is easy to manage, update and is simple in navigation for users. The design is fresh and clean and follows the current trend of using images and graphics. The theme is responsive and works well on all handheld and mobile devices. The improved design and use of images and slideshows now provides an opportunity to reach the broader GSD enthusiast and to reach the ‘pet owner’ as much as the breed fraternity. There is an average of 3000 visitors each month to the GSDCA website.

The visual identity aspects of the website have been updated with new GSDCA graphics. These have been utilised in fact sheets and other printed material to ensure consistency in appearance. Content from the old website was revised and updated before addition to the website and archived if not required. The website graphics have also been utilised on the GSDCA facebook page, creating a seamless transition for our online visual identity.

The website design and implementation costs totalled \$5142.50 (inc gst). This was \$346.50 over the original quoted price, and related to additional design modifications the GSDCA requested. This final cost was well below the \$8000 expenditure originally approved by member clubs for the project. There have been no additional maintenance costs since the website was launched.

The combined website and dog database server hosting fees total \$196.00 per calendar year. These are the ongoing yearly costs for the website and database hosting. Ongoing or further significant fees for software upgrades or maintenance for the website are not anticipated.

The GSDCA Facebook page has been a useful and valuable communication tool which also drives traffic to our website. The rapid and expansive coverage that facebook posts achieve can be an insightful way to provide information and engage with both members and the general public. We will continue to utilise facebook as part of our digital communication strategy that works hand in hand with the website.

The website redevelopment project has been successfully completed under budget, with a tangible improvement to the online presence that the GSDCA offers to the GSD fraternity and the broader community.

My thanks in particular to Jane Pike for her assistance with updating and preparation of content for the redeveloped website.

Thanks to the Executive for their support in my role, and I look forward to continually improving our online presence.

www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org

www.facebook.com/GSDCA

Public Relations Officer – N/A



NATIONAL SHOW REPORT 2015 – Host – GSDC of VICTORIA

GSDCV Report – 43rd National Show & Trial conducted in Victoria on 8th, 9th and 10th May 2015

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria is pleased to present this report on the 43rd GSDCA National Show and Trial, held in May 2015.

While we did have some weather issues for part of the weekend, the excellent ground conditions and the overall feeling of camaraderie and friendly competition made for a very enjoyable event.

Our online entry system provided a boon for participants with members being able to pay for every aspect of the event. Entries for the weekend were 553 Conformation and with this being the first time that Rally would be offered, a massive 96 entries in Obedience / Rally.

It was a pleasure to have our Patron Mr Tom Luxton and his lovely wife Ginni as well as the GSDCA Patron Mrs Dawn Fraser AO MBE and her delightful friend Mr John Marriott in attendance over the entire weekend.

We were pleased to secure the services of our distinguished guest judges for the weekend, with Heinz Sheerer (SV) judging the Stock Coat Bitches, Lothar Quoll (SV) judging the Long Stock Coat Dogs and Bitches as well as the Stock Coat Dogs, Jill Houston (WA) judging UD, Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent B, Amanda Houston (WA) judging Open, Rally Advanced A and Rally Excellent A, Dawn Ayton (Vic) judging Novice Obedience and Rally Novice and Ross Carlson (Vic) judging UDX and Community Companion Dog, with Dr Candy Baker (WA) judging the Junior Showmanship Class.

While the addition of Long Stock Coat Classes and the diminishing supply of handlers in the conformation rings has in the past lead to scheduling issues, the work of the marshalling and ring stewards as well as the exhibitors and handlers themselves, despite a shaky start, enabled us to run very close to schedule with the only delay being attributed to dealing with an incident.

The obedience section were placed on the competition area of the park, within a short distance of the show rings which enabled observers to wander between the two areas to view both events. The large number of entries, interstate judges and general feeling of the event created an excited buzz around the trial precinct with many exhibitors staying back to witness and cheer on the winners, though that may have been the excitement of being up close to Dawn Fraser too.

A major consideration in the financial viability of an event such as the National is the contribution of the sponsorship it attracts. For this event we were able to attract quite a number of contributors, businesses, sister Clubs and individuals that sponsored trophies, classes and rings. A special mention is required for the sponsorship by our long term partner Royal Canin who provided considerable cash and product as prizes. They also provided a sponsor marquee with a dedicated representative to answer nutritional questions over the weekend. We also thank Monash Vet Clinic for their sponsorship of our exhibitor vests which were a cut above the regular garment and certainly looked classy.

The numerous social events over the weekend started on the Thursday evening with the regular meet and greet and Breed Survey. In an attempt to generate interest among the youth, a Master Class was conducted by Jess Lynch, Andrew O'Loughlin, Peter Hersant, Sharon Ballantyne, Craig Rice and Hazel Docherty for Junior Show Handlers. With the event being run by members of similar age and who they see currently running around the ring, the event was well attended and received. We hope this continues in the future.

The Friday evening President's Dinner was held at the Sandhurst Club, and the night was a great success. The band IC Rock provided an opportunity for dancing with many letting their hair down. The highlight of the evening would have to be the presentation by Herr Lothar Quoll, not only a distinguished SV judge in his own right, but also the current Breed Warden.

The social events on the Saturday included the opening ceremony, as well as the evening function. We strived to ensure that the opening ceremony was kept as short as possible while maintaining the dignity of the event. It is important as a National organisation that these ceremonial functions are not relegated to something we must endure, rather that we properly recognise the contribution that members make in a formal setting at what is undoubtedly our most attended event.



In addition to the service awards received by members, Police Bitch Angel was awarded the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award, a well deserving example of our Breed at work. The chosen charity for this year's National was the EJ Whitten Foundation, supporting prostate cancer and men's health. Ted Whitten Jnr was a guest over the weekend, being asked to judge the 'best looking tent'. A cheque to the foundation was presented to Ted Whitten Jnr at the opening ceremony with the final donations being for \$4892.95.

The GSDCV also took the opportunity to present the Canine Museum with a donation of \$5000 towards their building fund for an extension that is sorely needed, with the Museum bursting at the seams with their collection. Rather than a formal sit down lunch, the official lunch on Saturday followed a more informal format with a stand up arrangement featuring tasty finger food. By all accounts it was very well received, with many discussions taking place in a friendly relaxed atmosphere.

Unfortunately, the inclement weather marred the Saturday evening function with many choosing to return to their accommodation. Those that did attend enjoyed themselves in a relaxed and informal setting. The chicken and champagne breakfast on the Sunday, which also happened to be Mother's Day was as always very well received.

Presentations on the Sunday evening were attended by a large crowd in addition to the winners with the MC providing a more formal atmosphere and the distinctive trophies being well appreciated.

The catering over the entire weekend was well received with the Club choosing to invite outside caterers for the majority of items and only manning the 'egg & bacon' sandwich bbq for breakfast.

The merchandise range at this year's National exceeded expectations with items ranging from the traditional clothing items to bags and coffee mugs. The availability of the items through the online system and the hard work done by Dearne Jackson and her team ensured everybody was well stocked with apparel, which should last them till our next National.

The standout items for this year's National would have to be the National phone app developed by Jacinta Poole, which provided a boon for anyone that downloaded, providing quick access to results, Judges profiles, news events, photos, sponsors and so much more. It certainly moved us into the 21st Century. The phone app combined with the live video streaming of the Open Dog and Bitch class will certainly ensure this National is one to remember.

The success of any event is co-dependent on not only the attitude of those that take part but also on the attitude and effort of those that undertake the work that is needed. With 'The 'National' being the largest event that is currently held, the workload is enormous and required the input and dedication of many Victorian members, all of which had a can-do attitude and undertook to do Victoria proud, wanting to produce a wonderful event.

In addition to the Victorians, there were quite a few interstate helpers who undertook specific allocated tasks as well as jumping in when needed. I would like to extend a special thanks to the Executive of National Council for the assistance they provided, and while it is impractical to list every person that assisted in the National, I would like to highlight a few key players that made the 'National' the show it was. Our Show Manager Andrew Jones and our Show Treasurer Rachael Jones, our Merchandise Officer and Trial Manager Dearne Jackson, our Show Secretary Vicki Dobson, our Stenographers, Louisa Rodger and Barbara Blythe, our Stewards Peter Tjerkstra, Greg Jones, Kerrie Pearce, Shelly Turner, Dom Cafari and Jonathan Marshall, our BBQ/Bar Managers over the weekend Peter & Rosie Garbett & Jenny Burley, our video technical team Jacinta Poole & Grant Milne and our 'jacks of all trades' Ian Urie, David Berry, Frank Moody, Christine Begbie and Jeanette Wolk.

On behalf of the Management Committee and members of the GSDCV, I would like to thank each and every person that assisted in the running of the 2015 National.

Mr. Vince Ebejer (President GSDCV).

Below is the preliminary financials from the National for your information.



Account Name

Selected Period Year To Date

35 -National

Income

Canteen income	\$8,543.28	\$8,543.28
Catering - Vendor Commission	\$2,352.09	\$2,352.09
Donations - National 2015	\$11,104.54	\$11,104.54
Donations -Branches EJ Whitten	\$1,550.00	\$1,550.00
Raffles & special efforts	\$2,213.50	\$2,213.50
Show & Trial entries	\$21,995.44	\$21,995.44
Catalogue Sales with entries	\$581.80	\$581.80
Catalogue Sales at the event	\$472.72	\$472.72
Catalogue Advertising	\$4,227.28	\$4,227.28
Marquee Hire	\$10,881.80	\$10,881.80
Merchandise Sales	\$26,359.10	\$26,359.10
Social functions	\$10,795.47	\$10,795.47
Sponsorship	\$3,318.18	\$3,318.18
Total Income	\$104,395.20	\$104,395.20

Cost Of Sales

Canteen	\$5,836.81	\$5,836.81
Total Cost Of Sales	\$5,836.81	\$5,836.81

Expense

Catering	\$1,748.18	\$1,748.18
Chicken & Champagne Breakfast	\$432.23	\$432.23
Life Members Lunch	\$3,754.54	\$3,754.54
Donation -EJ Whitten	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00
Fees, Licences, Registrations	\$196.00	\$196.00
Flowers, Memorials & Gifts	\$300.00	\$300.00
General expenses	\$103.39	\$103.39
Grounds Maintenance expenses	\$1,454.00	\$1,454.00
Clubhouse Maintenance Expenses	\$581.82	\$581.82
Meet & Greet BBQ	\$913.02	\$913.02
Postage & Stationery	\$769.98	\$769.98
Trophies & Plaques	\$5,432.31	\$5,432.31
Medallions	\$2,472.55	\$2,472.55
Ribbons & Sashes	\$1,968.05	\$1,968.05
Clearance Fees - VCA*/ANKC/SV	\$629.40	\$629.40
Judges' Airfares	\$5,234.01	\$5,234.01
Judges' Accommodation	\$2,071.45	\$2,071.45
Judges' Entertainment Expenses	\$3,289.90	\$3,289.90
Judges' & stewards' expenses	\$448.31	\$448.31
VCA Levy	\$2,129.65	\$2,129.65
GSDCA Levy	\$3,029.68	\$3,029.68
Catalogue Printing	\$4,072.00	\$4,072.00
Merchandise Purchases	\$22,608.77	\$22,608.77
Marquee Rental (for hire)	\$10,904.09	\$10,904.09
Schedule Publication	\$1,309.09	\$1,309.09
PA & other Equipt Hire	\$2,200.91	\$2,200.91
Print & Photocopying	\$632.27	\$632.27
Purchases Small Items of Equip	\$1,234.49	\$1,234.49
Social functions	\$8,937.29	\$8,937.29
Telephone Expenses	\$36.36	\$36.36
Total Expense	\$91,993.74	\$91,993.74
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$6,564.65	\$6,564.65



GSDCA SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED DURING 2015

Congratulations are extended to the following people as the recipients of the 2015 GSDCA Service Award, which took place at the 43rd National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial and presented by the GSDCA President, Mr. Vince Tantaro.

- Mr. Ian Urie
 - Mrs. Robyn Knuckey
 - Mrs. Val Moody
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GSDCA CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME OF DOG</u>	<u>CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED</u>
2005	Police Dog "Titan"	June 2005
2005	Iljaberg Yokone Gold "Famous Amus" SES	June 2005
2006	Police Dog "Silky" (Vic)	March 2006
2006	Police Dog "Duke" (Qld)	September 2006
2007	Police Dog "Tyson" (Qld)	September 2007
2007	Police Dog "Hutch" (Qld)	September 2007
2007	Police Dog "Bear" (SA)	December 2007
2008	Police Dog "Carts" (NSW)	March 2008
2008	Police Dog "Koby" (SA)	March 2008
2009	Police Dog "Ike" (Qld)	June 2009
2010	Police Dog "Salem" (Vic)	May 2010
2010	Police Dog "Zac" (Qld)	July 2010
2011	No Awards Given	-
2012	Police Dog "Bosun" (QLD)	May 2012
2013	Police Dog "Riggs" (May 2013
2014	No Awards Given	-
2015	Police Bitch "Angel"	May 2015



GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award

Police Bitch – Angel

Handler – Snr. Constable Cail Tuckerman



History of Service:

March 2009:- Issued to S/C TUCKERMAN for participation in General Purpose Course 38

20 August, 2009:- Qualified as an Operational General Duties Police Dog.

29 September, 2009:- First Operational Arrest.
Located a suspect hiding in a back yard after he damaged a house.

Since August 2009, PB Angel has been involved in:-

- The arrest/location of 113 people.
- 41 instances of property locations.

During this time PB Angel has also attended numerous Public Order, Crowd Control and Disorder incidents, an aspect of operational duties at which PB Angel excels. It is impossible to quantify through statistics the impact PB Angel has, and the value of the support her presence provided to uniform members when attending such incidents.

Notable Incidents.

1. In August 2010, PB Angel was deployed to search for an elderly man who had gone missing from a nursing home. The resident had been missing for several hours and his direction of travel was unknown. Due to his age and medical history, there were severe concerns for the wellbeing of this individual. While a formal search plan was being formulated, PB Angel began searching a creek reserve located in close proximity to the nursing home. Within five minutes of commencing the search, PB Angel had located the missing male, lying partially in a swiftly flowing creek at the bottom of a ten metre ravine in thick undergrowth. The male was unconscious and therefore unable to request help or call for help from searches. Due to the nature of the terrain, it required four police and several ambulance members to carry the male along the creek, through the undergrowth and to a location where the walls of the ravine could safely be traversed. If not for PB Angel, the missing male would not have been found until the following morning at the earliest, as a night time search of the creek at this location was unsafe.
2. Another example of good work by PB Angel occurred in December 2011, and involved the location of property which proved instrumental in solving numerous armed robberies. At this time, an unknown male was committing dozens of armed robberies on service stations around Melbourne's west. Although he was believed to be utilising a car for transport, PB Angel was deployed after an incident at a 7-11. While being cast in a nearby street, PB Angel indicated the presence of human scent on a seemingly innocuous piece of cloth next to the curb. Despite initially being unsure what this item was, a detective was advised who diligently secured the item for perusal by the Armed Offenders Squad. It was subsequently ascertained that this item was a very distinctive bandanna that the offender had worn while committing a large number of the robberies. DNA obtained from the bandanna and surveillance footage definitively linked a suspect to these offences, for which he was convicted and imprisoned. It can be stated with a degree of certainty that had PB Angel not been used, this vital piece of evidence would not have been located.



GSDCA “NATIONAL” WINNERS – Stock Coat

<u>1st National 1967 – North Sydney NSW</u> Ch ALMARK BLACK PRINCE S: La Salle Avalon Raja D: Redwood Lady Star	Ch GLEN ANGUS TONI S: Fair Haven Mateo D: Ch Bieder Della CD
<u>2nd National 1972 – Canberra ACT</u> Ch HORAND PRINCE HUZZAR S: Bratara Lord Huzzar D: Bratara Miss Gypsy	BRATARA ADELE S: Ch Horand Prince Huzzar D: Ch Glen Angus Toni
<u>3rd National 1974 – Dandenong Victoria</u> Ch SHOOTERSWAY URBANUS S: Rossfort Premonition D: Shootersway Europa	Ch KINGSMENS WITCHCRAFT S: Hendrawens Syrius Norge D: Kingsmens Naomi of Jugoland
<u>4th National 1976 – Nurioopta SA</u> Ch INGO v HAFENLOHRTAL (Imp Gmy) S: Lido vd Allmannspforte D: Gitta v Hafenlohrtal	Ch TANDINA MOLLIE S: Ch Shootersway Urbanus D: Rossfort Sahara
<u>5th National 1977 – Canberra ACT</u> Ch INGO v HAFENLOHRTAL (Imp Gmy) S: Lido vd Allmannspforte D: Gitta v Hafenlohrtal	Ch GOLDSTEINS ORLINDE S: Ch Ingo v Hafenlohrtal D: Delicia of Krakatoa
<u>6th National 1978 – Camden NSW</u> Ch VOLSCAIN JESTER S: Hendrawens Saggiarius D: Brydel August Sunset of Volscaín	Ch EDENSMUIR VITAL SPARK S: Rossfort Premonition D: Edensmuir Aurora
<u>7th National 1979 – Ballarat - Victoria</u> BARRY v BERTELSDORFER HANG (Imp Gmy) S: Xanto v Coburger Rosengarten D: Cora v Hauterberg	EDENSMUIR LIZ'S GIRL OF BEDWIN S: Rossfort Premonition D: Amulrees Michaela
<u>8th National 1980 – Nurioopta SA</u> Ch DUNMONAIDH JUNKER S: Elan v Michelstadter Rathaus D: Dunmonaidh Branda	TANDINA JENNI S: Jacco v Steigerhof D: Heike v Steigerhof
<u>9th National 1981 – Sydney NSW</u> Ch DUNMONAIDH JUNKER S: Elan v Michelstadter Rathaus D: Dunmonaidh Branda	Ch BRATARA JOLA S: Nico di Val del Tiepido D: Silvy Dell'Alta Quercia
<u>10th National 1982 – Canberra ACT</u> Ch DUNMONAIDH JUNKER S: Elan v Michelstadter Rathaus D: Dunmonaidh Branda	Ch DINA v RESTRAUCH (Imp Gmy) S: Argus v Aducht D: Alfa v Restrauch



11th National 1983 – Dandenong Victoria BESCHUTZ BENHEIM S: Feger v Grunen Teufel D: Xarra Graf Edelmann	TANDINA MATCHMAKER S: Bedwins Reza D: Sadira Petit Fleur of Bedwin
12th National 1984 – Nurioopta SA FIDELITAS KAISER A S: Voirlich Amigus D: Fidelitas Flora	CELLY v OLFENER KIRCHSPIEL a (Imp Gmy) S: Lasso di Val Sole D: Sara v Olfener Kirchspiel
13th National 1985 – Penrith NSW Ch KARLRACH SATANS RITES A S: Liakar Satan of Fuhren D: Fairycross Clickety Click	EIKE v MONS TABOR a (Imp Gmy) S: Quai vd Boxhochburg D: Anja v Mons Tabor
14th National 1986 – Canberra ACT Ch AMOR v DREIBIRKENHAUS a (Imp Gmy) S: Igor v Hylligen Born D: Viola v Dreibirkenhaus	Ch KARLRACH WYOMING BELLE A S: Liakar Satan of Fuhren D: Kurtlee Minnisota
15th National 1987 – Dandenong Victoria Ch HASENWAY PUTZ A S: Condor v Arminius a (Imp Gmy) D: Dina v Restrauch a (Imp Gmy)	Ch LANDRINA MAJIC MELODY A S: Karlrach Kentucky Lad A D: Duval Royal Velvet
16th National 1988 – Nurioopta SA Ch QUINCITO AWOL A Z S: Heiko vd Burg Hausbrunn a (Imp Gmy) D: Hella v Staark	Ch ALDERHAUS YONNI A Z S: Karlstadt Tumblin Dice A D: Alderhaus Lara
17th National 1989 – Richmond NSW Ch QUINCITO AWOL A Z S: Heiko vd Burg Hausbrunn a (Imp Gmy) D: Hella v Staark	Ch DARKANA KALANI A Z S: Ch Hasenway Putz A D: Karlstadt Hot To Trot A
18th National 1990 – Durack Queensland Ch PRIMA ZORBA A Z S: Ch Erntemond Gold Lancer A D: Prima Tiffany A	Ch DARKANA KALANI A Z S: Ch Hasenway Putz A D: Karlstadt Hot To Trot A
19th National 1991 – Canberra ACT Ch DORSTEN MONTE CITO A Z S: Hasenway Putz A D: Ambala Lovely Lady A	Ch DARKANA KALANI A Z S: Ch Hasenway Putz A D: Karlstadt Hot To Trot A
20th National 1992 – Lyndhurst Victoria Ch INIFF VAGRANT A Z S: Ch Baccara Red Beret A Z D: Iniff Majesta A	Ch INIFF TAPESTRY A Z S: Karlstadt Tumblin Dice A D: Karlrach Wyoming Belle A
21st National 1993 – Nurioopta SA Ch DORSTEN MONTE CITO A Z S: Hasenway Putz A D: Ambala Lovely Lady A	Ch HAGENSTOLZ DRAW CARD A Z S: Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z D: Landrina Majic Melody A



<u>22nd National 1994 – Newcastle NSW</u> KARDIN CHATS CHAMPION A Z S: Ch Prima Zorba A Z D: Hasburn Back Chat A	HASENWAY TRULY RULY A Z S: Iso v Friedenspark a (Imp Gmy) D: Hasenway Rina A
<u>23rd National 1995 – Durack Queensland</u> Ch HASENWAY WILD KNIGHT A Z S: Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z D: Darkana Nerida A	Ch HAGENSTOLZ DRAW CARD A Z S: Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z D: Landrina Majic Melody A
<u>24th National 1996 – Lyndhurst Victoria</u> Ch DORSTEN MONTE CITO A Z S: Hasenway Putz A D: Ambala Lovely Lady A	Ch SAN RANCHO CINNAMON A Z S: Ch Iniff Vagrant A Z D: Randinka Gitta A
<u>25th National 1997 – Castle Hill NSW</u> Ch LESKO v WILDSTEIGER LAND a (Imp Gmy) S: Unto v Loherstein a D: Rita di Casa Mary a	Ch ASTASIA YANA A Z S: Alk v Domenica a Z (Imp Gmy) D: Ch Astasia Lola A
<u>26th National 1998 – Canberra ACT</u> Ch IWAN v LECHTAL a Z (Imp Gmy) S: Immo v Batu a D: Kimba v Lechtal a	Ch TURNBERRY HONDA A Z S: Bedwins Siegfried A Z (Imp UK) D: Turnberry Topaz A
<u>27th National 1999 – West Beach SA</u> Ch TURNBERRY STANDS ALONE A Z S: Adam aus Wattenscheid a (Imp Gmy) D: Turnberry Nicolette A Z	Ch SAN RANCHO CINNAMON A Z S: Ch Iniff Vagrant A Z D: Randinka Gitta A
<u>28th National 2000 – Durack Queensland</u> Ch DENARGUN BROWNE OFF A Z S: Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z SchH3 (Imp Gmy) D: Ch Denargun Blue Print A Z	Ch TURNBERRY SMARTY PANTS A Z S: Eng Ch Bedwins Siegaro A Z (Imp UK) D: Turnberry Nicolette A Z
<u>29th National 2001 – Lyndhurst Victoria</u> Ch DENARGUN BROWNE OFF A Z S: Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z SchH3 (Imp Gmy) D: Ch Denargun Blue Print A Z	SALVIKO MONTANA A Z S: Eng Ch Bedwins Siegaro A Z (Imp UK) D: Aimsway Raving Poser A
<u>30th National 2002 – Erskine Park NSW</u> DEMTORI ANALIZE THIS A Z S: Ch Turnberry Stands Alone A Z D: Zenrista Tabriz A Z	Ch EISENLAND ZILLI A Z S: Ch Triumphs Kazan a ED (Imp Swd) D: Eisenland Persuasion A Z
<u>31st National 2003 – Canberra ACT</u> Ch AMBALA CAPRIO A Z S: Tacko vd Felsen-Grotte a Z (Imp Gmy) D: Trissi v Wildsteiger Land a (Imp Gmy)	Ch KANTENNA NUTMEG A Z S: Ch Troy vd Noriswand A Z (Imp Gmy) D: Kantenna Ally McBeal A Z
<u>32nd National 2004 – West Beach SA</u> Ch LEISHJACLYN ZPARTACUS A Z S: Ch Leishjaclyn Rain Dancer A Z D: Leishjaclyn Livin Doll A Z	Ch ICCARA VEGAS SHOWOFF A Z S: Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z SchH3 (Imp Gmy) D: Iccara Dirty Dancer A Z



33rd National 2005 – Durack Queensland Ch UNOX v ADUCHT a Z (Imp Gmy) S: Mack v Aducht a D: Brenda v Aducht a	Ch BHUACHAILLE JAZZ LEADER A Z S: Ch Aimsway Abacus A Z D: Bhuachaille Xpectations Z
34th National 2006 – Lyndhurst Victoria Ch UNOX v ADUCHT a Z (Imp Gmy) S: Mack v Aducht a D: Brenda v Aducht a	Ch SUNHAZE INTRIGUE A Z S: Ch Ambala Caprio A Z D: Sunhaze Luv on the Rocks A Z
35th National 2007 – Erskine Park NSW Ch AIMSWAY ABACUS A Z S: Balou v Eppelein a Z (Imp Gmy) D: Rakishka Ali A Z	AIMSWAY KOODA-TA A Z S: Ch Aimsway Abacus A Z D: Aimsway Santa Fe A
36th National 2008 – West Beach SA *VIMO vd HOPFENHALLE a ED(Imp Gmy) S:Zeppo v Klebinger Schloss a D:Chandra v Arline a	*Grand Champion VONPETA TAYKALL BY STORM A Z S:*Vonpeta Questor AZ D:*Ch. Eisenland B Witched AZ
37th National 2009 – Durack Queensland *ITURNA NOBLE KNIGHT A Z S:*Ch.Sannjesa Crusty Demon A Z D:*Randinka Yana AZ	*Ch. VOITLANDER PINA COLADA A Z S:*Cayos vd Noriswand a ED (Imp. Gmy) D:*Stunadel Olympia AZ
38th National 2010 – Lyndhurst Victoria *Ch. KWINT v JEURIKSTALL a ED (Ndl) S:*Levis di Fossombrone a ED D:*Perry v Arjakjo a ED	*LAGO BIANCA A Z S:*Ch. Kwint v Jeurikstall a ED (Ndl) D:*Adelora Zena A Z
39th National 2011 – Erskine Park NSW *Ch. JIMMY v BARUTHER LAND a ED (Imp Gmy) S: *Naxos vomHoltkamper See D: *Yenti vom Baruther Land	*Ch. SANNJESA ELECTRA AZ S: *Ch. Kwint v Juerikstall a ED (Ndl) D: *Sannjesa Copy Cat AZ
40th National 2012 – Newcastle NSW *KAZKIRI XAVI AZ S: *Mika vom Overledingerland a (Imp Gmy) D: *Jannire Black Betty AZ	*Ch. SANNJESA ELECTRA AZ S: *Ch. Kwint v Juerikstall a ED (Ndl) D: *Sannjesa Copy Cat AZ
41st National 2013 – West Beach SA *USTINOV vom ROMERLAND a ED (Imp Gmy) S: *Quantum v Arminius a D: *Kira v Lacros a ED	*BRONACRE DARK DIAMOND AZ S: *Ch. Orrinshir Elton John AZ ET D: Bronacre Imogen AZ
42nd National 2014 – Canberra ACT *GERRY vom SCHACHER a ED (Imp Gmy) S: *Arex v d Wilhelmswarte a ED D: *Zaskia vom Schacher a ED	*JAKYNA ALEXIS AZ S: Ch. Kwint von Juerikstall a ED (Ndl) D: *Karmay Kasey AZ
43rd National 2015 – Lyndhurst Victoria *Toby von der PLASSENBURG a ED (Imp Gmy) S: *Wegos v Fichten schlag a ED D: *Grace de Cuatro Flores a ED	*Ch. ALBATA YOLEE AZ S: *Ch. Kwint v Juerikstall a ED D: *Albata Hayley AZ



GSDCA “NATIONAL” WINNERS – Long Stock Coat

YEAR	
<u>41st National 2013 – West Beach SA</u> *CH TONAKER TERRA AZ *Gr Ch Kuirau Regan A Z *Tonaker Dash of Class A Z	*CH. NARATHOR JAZZ DIVA AZ S: *Vegas vom Dongmiran a Z (Imp Ndl) D: *Ch. Bhuachaille Jazz Leader AZ
<u>42nd National 2014 – Canberra ACT</u> *CH. SIMONELLI CHEVY BOY AZ S: *Gazza vom Tamaraspitze a Z (Imp Bel) D: *Simonelli Baileys Crème AZ	*CH. NARATHOR JAZZ DIVA AZ S: *Vegas vom Dongmiran a Z (Imp Ndl) D: *Ch. Bhuachaille Jazz Leader AZ
<u>43rd National 2015 – Lyndhurst, Victoria</u> *SHERNAE PAKROS (Imp UK) a ED S: *Pakros v Pendler a ED D: *Shernae Cookie a ED	*CH. AVAHLEE GIRLS KEEP SECRET AZ ET S: *Calli v Fiemereck a ED D: *Freevale Secret Girl Stuff AZ



GSDCA “MAIN BREED EXHIBITION” WINNERS

SIEGER	SIEGERIN
<u>RICHMOND NSW 1987</u> *Ch Edlenblut Orkan A Hneg S:*Ch Edlenblut Fedo (Imp UK) D:*Ch Brackenbrae Disco	*Ch Landrina Magic Melody A S:*Ch Karlrach Kentucky Lad A *Ch Duval Royal Velvet A
<u>CANBERRA ACT 1988</u> *Ch Edlenblut Orkan A Hneg S:*Ch Edlenblut Fedo (Imp UK) D:*Ch Brackenbrae Disco	*Ch Landrina Magic Melody A S:*Ch Karlrach Kentucky Lad A D:*Ch Duval Royal Velvet A
<u>LYNDHURST VICTORIA 1989</u> *Ch Prima Zorba A Hneg S:*Ch Erntemond Gold Lancer A Hneg D:*Prima Tiffany A	*Ch Darkana Kalani A S:*Ch Hasenway Putz A Hneg D:*Karlstadt Hot to Trot A
<u>WEST BEACH SA 1990</u> *Ch Prima Zorba A Hneg S:*Ch Erntemond Gold Lancer A Hneg D:*Prima Tiffany A	*Ch Bluemax Flare A S:*Masuta Piaute (Imp UK) D:*Bluemax Geisha A
<u>CASTLE HILL NSW 1991</u> *Ch Quincito Awol A Hneg (Imp NZ) S:*Ch Heiko vd Burg Hausbrunn a (Imp Gmy) D:Hella v Staark	*Ch Darkana Kalani A S:*Ch Hasenway Putz A Hneg D:*Karlstadt Hot to Trot A
<u>CANBERRA ACT 1992</u> *Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z Hneg S:*Ch Hasenway Putz A Hneg D:*Ambala Lovely Lady A	*Ch Kantenna Love Match A S:*Ch Heiko vd Burg Hausbrunn a (Imp Gmy) D:*Cabernae Inspired A
<u>LYNDHURST VICTORIA 1993</u> *Ch Iniff Vagrant A Z CDX TD Hneg S:*Ch Baccara Red Beret A Hneg D:*Iniff Majesta A	*Hasenway Truly Ruly A S:*Iso v Friedenspark a (Imp Gmy) D:*Hasenway Rina A
<u>WEST BEACH SA 1994</u> *Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z Hneg S:*Ch Hasenway Putz A Hneg D:*Ambala Lovely Lady A	*Ch Denargun Flying Colours A Z S:*Vasall v Kirschental a CDX Hneg (Imp Gmy) D:*Denargun Charisma A
<u>ERSKINE PARK NSW 1996</u> *Ch Hasenway Wild Knight A Z Hneg S:*Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z Hneg D:*Darkana Nerida A Z	*Ch Hagenstolz Draw Card A Z S:*Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z Hneg D:*Ch Landrina Magic Melody A
<u>LYNDHURST VICTORIA 1998</u> *Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy) S:*Immo v Batu a D:*Kimba v Lechtal a	*Ch Turnberry Honda A Z S:*Bedwins Siegfried A Z (Imp UK) D:*Turnberry Topaz A



<p><u>WEST BEACH SA 2001</u> *Troy vd Noriswand a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy) S:*Hinnerk v Kiemoor a D:*Jenny v Falltor a</p>	<p>*Ch Bronacre Ramoth A Z S:*Ch Hasenway Wild Knight A Z Hneg D:*Hagenstolz Hi Noon A</p>
<p><u>ERSKINE PARK NSW 2003</u> *Ch Denargun Brownd Off A Z Hneg S:*Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy) D:*Ch Denargun Blue Print A Z</p>	<p>*Kantenna Nutmeg A Z S:*Troy vd Noriswand a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy) D:*Kantenna Ally McBeal A Z</p>
<p><u>LYNDHURST VICTORIA 2005</u> *Ch Aimsway Abacus A Z Hneg S:*Balou v Eppelein a Z (Imp Sing) D:*Rakishka Ali A Z</p>	<p>*Ch Denargun Moz On You A Z S:* Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy) D:*Ch Denargun Flying Colours A Z</p>
<p><u>NEWCASTLE NSW 2006</u> *Ch Astasia Heico A Z Hneg S:*Troy vd Noriswand a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy) D:*Astasia Xcess A Z</p>	<p>*Sunhaze Intrigue A Z S:* Ch Ambala Caprio A Z Hneg D:*Sunhaze Luv On The Rocks A Z</p>
<p><u>WEST BEACH SA 2007</u> *Ch. Sanjessa Crusty Demon A Z S:*Jasso vd Bimsgrube a Z D:*Kronika Arni A Z</p>	<p>*Ch. Iccara Vegas Showoff A Z S:Ch.*Iwan v Lechtal a ED D:*Iccara Dirty Dancer A Z</p>
<p>2 0 0 8</p>	<p>As approved at the 2009 GSDCA AGM <i>"As at 1st July 2009 the Main Breed Exhibition is to be held in abeyance."</i></p>
<p>2 0 1 1</p>	<p>As approved at the 2011 GSDCA AGM under a "60 day" Motion. <i>"That the Main Breed Exhibition be terminated".</i></p>



GSDCA - SERVICE AWARDS

NAME	STATE	YEAR OF PRESENTATION	VENUE OF PRESENTATION	AWARDED BY
Dr Harry Spira	New South Wales	1987	MBE - Sydney	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Bob Curtis	New South Wales	1987	MBE - Sydney	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Terry Jarvis	New South Wales	1987	MBE - Sydney	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Max Stokes	New South Wales	1987	MBE - Sydney	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Fay Stokes	New South Wales	1987	MBE - Sydney	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Tom Luxton	Victoria	1987	MBE - Sydney	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Joylene Neddermeyer	South Australia	1988	National - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Ivor Snaith	South Australia	1988	National - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Rae West	South Australia	1988	National - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Riley Wing	South Australia	1988	National - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Malcolm Willis	United Kingdom	1988	English National Show	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Bill Kinsman	Victoria	1989	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Roger Lavelle	Victoria	1989	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Fran Farley	Victoria	1989	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Anita Pettenhofer	Victoria	1989	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Louisa Rodger	Victoria	1989	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Doug West	South Australia	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Jan Strachan	South Australia	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. John Cowdroy	New South Wales	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Harold Ireland	Queensland	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Phil Ireland	Queensland	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Barry O'Rourke	Western Australia	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Carol O'Rourke	Western Australia	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Mary Davidson	New South Wales	1991	Sydney - Royal Easter Show	Mr. Sam Bonifacio (GSDCA Judges Sub-Committee Chair)
Mr. Ray Stephens	ACT	1992	MBE - ACT	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Wolf Meffert	ACT	1992	MBE - ACT	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)



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Mr. Louis Donald	ACT	1992	MBE - ACT	Mr. Jurgen Neddermeyer & Mr. Max Stokes (Distinguished & Meritorious Service Award)
Mrs. Jean Butterfield	South Australia	1993	National - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Myra Smith	South Australia	1994	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Lance Young	Queensland	1995	National - Queensland	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Dianne Ballantyne	Queensland	1995	National - Queensland	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Col. Underwood	Queensland	1995	National - Queensland	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Pearle Weise	Queensland	1995	National - Queensland	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Louis Donald	ACT	1996	National - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Jurgen Neddermeyer	South Australia	1996	National - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Ron Orchard	Victoria	1996	National - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Ian Cameron	Victoria	1996	National - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Bill Dunn	Victoria	1996	National - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Vince Tantaró	Victoria	1996	National - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Anne Mitchell	Western Australia	1997	45th SA Championship Show	Mrs. Carol O'Rourke (GSDCA Public Relations Officer)
Mrs. Marilyn Wrigley	Victoria	1998	National - Canberra	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Margot Haines	Victoria	1998	National - Canberra	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Christine Collins	South Australia	1998	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Steve Collins	South Australia	1998	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Ron Donaldson	Queensland	2000	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Nancy Croston	Queensland	2000	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Coralie Kirkpatrick	Queensland	2000	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mr. Alan Christie	Queensland	2000	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mr. James Rodger	Victoria	2001	National - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mr. Chris Hollingworth	Victoria	2001	National - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mr. Frank Moody	Victoria	2001	National - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Sandy O'Rourke	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Ann McKenzie	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mr. Peter Worthing	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Gay Worthing	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Dr. Eva Francis	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)



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Ms. Veronica Fairbairn	ACT	2003	National - Canberra	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Jenny Kenworthy	ACT	2003	National - Canberra	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Gillian Oats	ACT	2003	National - Canberra	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Paul Oats	ACT	2003	National - Canberra	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Fay Christie	Queensland	2003	National - Canberra	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. John DeLucia	South Australia	2004	National - South Australia	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Lyle Strachan	South Australia	2004	National - South Australia	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Glen Hickey	Queensland	2005	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Prof. Robert Wyburn	Western Australia	2005	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Honey Gross-Richardson	Western Australia	2005	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs Elke Effler	Victoria	2005	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Hon. Don Chipp	Victoria	2005	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Rick Richardson	Western Australia	2006	National - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Roy Brabham	South Australia	2006	MBE - Newcastle	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mr. David O'Rourke	New South Wales	2006	MBE - Newcastle	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Dr. Karen Hedberg	New South Wales	2006	MBE - Newcastle	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President) (Special Presentation Large Medallion)
Mr. Robert Zammit	New South Wales	2006	MBE - Newcastle	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mr. John Fenner	Western Australia	2007	National - Sydney	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Dawn Howard	Victoria	2008	National - South Australia	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mr. Graeme Stevenson	New South Wales	2009	National - Queensland	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Yvonne Yun	New South Wales	2009	ACT Championship Show	Mrs. Jenny Kenworthy (GSDCA Treasurer)
Mrs. Helen Galbraith	New South Wales	2011	National - Sydney	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Christine Davis	New South Wales	2011	National - Sydney	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mr. David Kilner	New South Wales	2011	National - Sydney	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mr. Greg & Mrs. Jeannie Priest	Tasmania	2011	National - Sydney	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mr. Bruce Knight	Western Australia	2012	NBC Meeting 2013 - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Dale Halling	South Australia	2012	National - Newcastle	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Sean Lynch	Newcastle	2012	National - Newcastle	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Leeanne Lynch	Newcastle	2012	National - Newcastle	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Judy O'Loughlin	South Australia	2013	National – South Australia	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)



Mr. Tom Ory	South Australia	2013	National – South Australia	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Marie Merchant	South Australia	2013	National – South Australia	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Lenore Harris	ACT	2014	National – Canberra	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Rhonda Daley	ACT	2014	National – Canberra	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Ian Marr	Western Australia	2014	West Coast Challenge (WA)	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Ian Urie	Victoria	2015	National – Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Robyn Knuckey	Western Australia	2015	National – Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Val Moody	Victoria	2015	National – Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)



GSDCA EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS HISTORY

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PATRON</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>FIRST VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECOND VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>THIRD VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>EDITOR QNR</u>
1960	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1961	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr V Huth	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1962	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr K Stubbs	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1963	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr D Carnegie	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	Mr R Brabham
1964	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Dr G Giles	Mrs B Ryan	N/A	Miss J Atkinson	Miss J Atkinson	Mr R Brabham
1965	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mrs B Ryan	N/A	Mrs J Brabham (nee J Atkinson)	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1966	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1967	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1968	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	No Review Published
1969	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	No Review Published
1970	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Wing	Mr R Brabham	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1971	Judge Mitchell	Mr B Cooper	Mr E Van Bael	Mr J Neddermeyer	N/A	Mrs F Stokes	Mrs F Stokes	No Review Published
1972	Judge Mitchell	Mr V Atkinson	Dr I Upton	Mr J Neddermeyer	N/A	Mrs F Stokes	Mrs F Stokes	No Review Published
1973	Judge Mitchell	Mr I Murrell	Mr G Hallinan	Mr S Beeton	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1974	Mr D Chipp	Mr I Murrell	Mr S Beeton	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1975	Mr D Chipp	Mr S Beeton	Mr G Moody	Mr G Hallinan	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1976	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr G Hallinan & Mrs G Donald	Mr G Hallinan & Mrs G Donald	Mr W Reimann
1977	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1978	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1979	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1980	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Reimann & Mr J Rodger
1981	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Moody	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Reimann & Mr J Rodger



<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PATRON</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>FIRST VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECOND VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>THIRD VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>EDITOR QNR</u>
1982	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Moody	Mr W Steinbacher	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1983	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mrs F Farley (nee Moody)	Mr M Stokes	Mr W Steinbacher	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
<i>* In 1983, the AGM approved an Executive recommendation that the Vice Presidential system be abolished and be replaced on a functional basis as described below.</i>								
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1984	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mr P Burrett	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1985	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr U Schwab	Mrs M Barnes	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1986	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr U Schwab	Mrs M Barnes	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1987	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs A Pettenhofer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1988	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs A Pettenhofer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1989	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1990	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1991	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1992	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1993	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr R Stephens
1994	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs F Farley	Mr B O'Rourke	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr R Stephens
1995	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr V Tantaro	Mr D O'Rourke	Mr N Richardson	Ms F Gehring	Mr R Stephens
1996	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Mr B O'Rourke	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross- Richardson	Mr N Richardson	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1997	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Dr K Hedberg	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross- Richardson	Mr N Richardson	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1998	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Dr K Hedberg	Mr L Donald	Mrs H Gross- Richardson	Mr J Rodger	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1999	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs F Farley	Mrs H Gross- Richardson	Mrs M Barnes	Mr S Collins	Ms C Spalding
2000	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Dr K Hedberg	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross- Richardson	Mrs M Barnes	Mr S Collins	Ms C Spalding
2001	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross- Richardson	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Collins	Mr A Christie
2002	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Mr A Christie



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2003	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Mr A Christie
2004	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Ms Y Yun
2005	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Ms Y Yun
2006	Mr D Chipp (Deceased)	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Ms Y Yun
2007	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2008	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2009	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2010	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
2011	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
2012	Vacant	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms. J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2013	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie/ Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2014	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2015	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun

