



**The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2013**

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## **PRESENTING**

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

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I have great pleasure in presenting the 2013 Annual Report of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (GSDCA), covering the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

This Annual Report reflects the financial status of this Council, and the work undertaken by the GSDCA Executive 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 inestimable value to those who follow us within the Breed.

I thank my fellow Executive, Member Club Presidents and Secretaries and all Member Club Committee's for their prompt and efficient response, thereby enabling me to have this report completed in readiness for the 53<sup>rd</sup> GSDCA Annual General Meeting held in Adelaide.

**Val Moody**  
**Honorary Secretary**

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## **PATRON**

Mrs. Dawn Fraser AO MBE

## **BANKERS**

Westpac Bank  
Glenelg SA

## **AUDITORS**

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BDO Audit (SA) Pty  
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ADELAIDE SA 5000

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## MRS. DAWN FRASER AO MBE

The GSDCA Executive is very proud to advise all members that the GSDCA was delighted when Mrs. Dawn Fraser accepted the appointment as the GSDCA Patron during 2013.

Dawn Fraser is Australia's greatest Olympian. In November 1999, Dawn was awarded "**World Athlete of the Century**" at the World Sport Awards in Vienna. In the same year was also awarded "**Athlete of the Century**" by the Australian Sports Hall of Fame. She was voted the person who best symbolises Australia and in 1998 was included as one of Australia's National Living Treasures.

Dawn Fraser's sporting accomplishments are unlikely to be repeated - in swimming or any other sport. She is an international phenomenon: a multi-Olympic and Commonwealth Games **Gold** Medal winner whose success stretched over fifteen magnificent years. During her career she broke and held 41 World records and was undefeated over 100 metres freestyle.

Born in the Sydney suburb of Balmain, Dawn is the youngest of eight children from a working-class family. In 1952, her awesome swimming ability was noted by coach Harry Gallagher, who took over the **training** of the broad-shouldered teenager and set the 1956 Olympics in her sights.

In 1955 Dawn won her first Australian title in the 220 yards freestyle and, during that summer season, went on to re-write the record books: setting new Australian records in all freestyle events up to 880 yards. At the 1956 Melbourne Olympics she became an Australian national hero and world swimming star, winning the 100 metres freestyle **gold** medal in world record time as well as taking gold in the 100 metres freestyle relay and silver in the 400 metres freestyle.

Dawn won two more **gold** medals at the 1958 Commonwealth Games in Cardiff, Wales, and another gold at the Rome Olympics in 1960 for the 100 metres freestyle. By this time she had attained the status of a legend, in the first rank of Australian sporting heroes. Yet then, as today, she remained untouched by her fame.

After winning four **gold** medals at the 1962 Commonwealth Games in Perth, Dawn finished her international swimming career at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964 silencing her critics by winning a gold medal in the 100 metres freestyle at the age of 27. Taking her total Olympic medal count to four gold medals and four silver medals.

She has continued to give back to her sport and other sports by being mentor for Able and Disable Australian Olympic Teams since 1988.

Twenty years later Dawn returned to the public life as an independent member of the New South Wales Parliament. She has since maintained an active role in the sporting and wider community as Patron of the Cerebral Palsy Sports Association, the Wheelchair Sports Association of Victoria and of the Ladies Professional Golf Association. Is a Founding Member of the Laureus Sports Academy, a member of the Sport for Good Foundation and Vice President of the World Association of Olympic **Winners**, while continuing to support sporting clubs across the country. She is also a member of the NSW Sports Advisory Board and is a Director of the Wests Tigers Football Club, Balmain Leagues Club and Balmain Football Club.

At the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games Opening Ceremony, Dawn was honoured by the Atlanta Olympic Organising Committee as one of seven greatest athletes of all time and also carried the Olympic torch on its way to the main stadium.

At the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee made Dawn, First Lady of the Olympic games partnering him to the Opening Ceremony in which she was one of seven Australian women to run with the Torch in the main Stadium. She also was the Attaché to the Australian Olympic Team in 2000. She remains one of Australia's best-loved identities.

This and more information is documented in an Autobiography that she wrote called "**DAWN ONE HELL OF A LIFE**". Published by Hodder Headline Australia.



**OFFICE BEARERS**

President	Vince Tantaro
National Breed Commission	Joylene Neddermeyer
Judges Committee	Barry O'Rourke
Secretary	Val Moody
Treasurer	Jane Pike
Obedience Committee	Julie Urie/John DeLucia
Editor National Review	Yvonne Yun

**POSITION HOLDERS**

Public Officer	Lenore Harris
Hereditary Diseases Registrar	Karen Hedberg
HD/ED Registrar	Doug West
National Identification Registrar	Frank Moody
NBC Registrar	Gillian Cafari/Dawn Evans
Public Relations Officer	N/A
Website Officer	John Fenner
National Show Liaison Officer	Ian Urie
Historian	Diane Ballantyne
Rules & Regulations Officer	Sharon Thorp
Trophy Officer	Terry Jarvis
Breed Specific Legislation Officer	Margaret Adams

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**MEMBER CLUB COMMITTEE'S FOR 2013**

**ACT GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION**

President	Wolf Meffert
Vice President	Sasha Beljanski
Secretary	Veronica Fairbairn
Treasurer	Jenny Kenworthy
Training Coordinator	Rhonda Daley
Breed Affairs Administrator	Veronica Fairbairn

**BROKEN HILL GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB**

President	Tony Lines
Vice President	Dale Halling
Secretary	Joylene Neddermeyer
Treasurer	Donna Lines
Breed Affairs	Joylene Neddermeyer

**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE**

President	Graeme Stevenson
Vice President	Terry Jarvis
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	Sherri Whitford
Secretary	Haydn Andrews
Treasurer	Craig Whitford
Breed Affairs Administrator	Margaret Adams
Public Officer	Steve Jones

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF QUEENSLAND**

President	Rod Vernon
Vice President	Kenny Hills
Secretary	Nicole Hammond
Treasurer	Nicole Hammond
Breed Affairs Administrator	Debbie O'Keefe/Rod Vernon

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

President	John DeLucia
Vice President	Stephen Collins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Salvatore Pittelli
Secretary	Doug West
Treasurer	Peter Flynn
Breed Affairs	Salvatore Pittelli
Obedience	Ian Cooke

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF TASMANIA**

President	Greg Priest
Vice President	Bruce Mason
Secretary	Monica Stewart
Treasurer	Jeannie Priest
Breed Affairs Administrator	Ken Millhouse

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA**

President	Vince Ebejer
Vice President	Graeme Jacobs
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Louisa Rodger
Secretary	Norma Meaney
Treasurer	Michael Simmons
Breed Affairs Administrator	Ian Urie
Training Administrator	Marilyn Wrigley

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

President	Ian Marr
Vice President	John Crace
Secretary	Richard Hosking
Treasurer	Eric Herson
Breed Affairs Chair	John Fenner
Show Chair	Robyn Knuckey
Obedience Chair	Honey Gross-Richardson

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Vince Tantaro**

Ladies, Gentleman and visitors I again welcome you and look forward to your participation in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA).

In my second year as President I am happy to report that communication between Member Clubs and the Executive has improved. There is now an atmosphere where frank and open discussion can take place, this is essential to ensure everyone is able to contribute to the decisions that are made.

The Executive has worked very well together and as a team. The administering of Council affairs is conducted in a professional manner and the aim is to always ensure clear communication between Member Clubs and the Executive. There is a high level of respect between the Club Presidents and members of the Executive: I encourage fearless debate at all levels and again reiterate: decisions are made with full consultation, majority rule and are owned by the whole of Executive and or Member Clubs. I also note the contribution and thank the many members who work tirelessly for their Member Clubs, your voluntary work sees the German Shepherd Dog well served and promoted throughout Australia.

In order to improve member's awareness of decisions and notices, Council this year established a Facebook page that as an additional tool compliments the effectiveness of our website. The decision to only post notices and not commit to dialogue was intentional as all matters regarding the Council and Member Clubs should be discussed via the correct channels. The use of social media to publicly air opinion whilst in theory makes sense, in reality, as can be seen, can have a dividing and somewhat negative effect as it really depends on how and who leads the debate. When a group of members decides to lobby an issue via this medium as opposed to raising it at Club meeting, I believe the debate is skewed as other facts and opinions are not given by all the informed persons who may have an interest in the subject matter. The whole process may lead to frustration on both sides of the debate, as one group pushes forward in an evangelic fervor, whilst others looking in see them as 'fanatics' who really do not understand or have the facts to make informed comment. I can only urge members to attend Club meetings and progress your ideas through your Club.

I want to again emphasise the fact that the GSDCA is the Member Clubs; the Executive is not the Council. The Executive, as elected, is in place to administer the business of the Council and is expected to show leadership by putting forward discussion items and or programs for the Member Clubs to consider, amend, reject and or accept in order to progress the GSD in Australia. Further, it is important that the membership understands that the Council has no control over the way each Member Club conducts its affairs: that control is held by the Clubs respective membership. What the Council does expect is that their members are kept informed and have a right to contribute and or initiate debate via their Club on matters related to breed welfare and improvement of national programs that serve the breed.

I again thank all the Officers of the Council and my fellow members of Executive for their continuing dedication and work for the Council. Many of the Officers have been long serving workers for the breed and in addition to their Council roles are praised for their continuing contribution to their Clubs.

I would personally like to thank my fellow Executive Members and note:

Val Moody, Secretary: Val as Councils long serving Secretary has much experience and is most diligent and professional in all she does. We work well together. Val has a rational approach and her advice and contribution across all matters is most valued.

Joylene Neddermeyer, NBC Chairperson: Joylene also is a long serving position holder and administers what is a very large portfolio. She has been, as usual, dedicated and makes herself freely available to the membership. As a member of the NBC Executive and together with Barry O'Rourke and myself, has contributed to matters being progressed. The challenge for the coming year for the NBC Executive, and Joylene in particular, is to start to map out the restructure of the National Breed Commission as was discussed at the Future Direction Workshop.

Barry O'Rourke, Judges Committee Chairperson: Barry has a long history of supporting the Council and the Breed. He has over the history of Council served in various positions and at a Club level was a key driver in instilling the national ideal. He is most passionate about the Breed and his most notable reform, as agreed and

progressed by Council back in 1996, that gave members of our fraternity the opportunity to sit for a single breed championship show judges license for GSD has this year after further approaches by the Council to the ANKC has seen it now adopted as the only way one can apply for a single breed GSD license: this is a great achievement for the Council and one that we are all proud of. Barry has also worked very closely with trainee judges and seen improvement in the way we conduct the GSDCA Specialist Judges training.

Julie Urie: Obedience Committee Chairperson. Julie is most passionate about the GSD and has always promoted the working ability and conformation as integral elements of our Breed; it is most unfortunate that half way through her current term she has, due to personal reasons, resigned. She raised the profile of the activity and reminded us all of a need to implement and or undertake some working activity with all GSD - they are after all a working dog. On behalf of the Council I would like to thank her for her positive broad contribution to the Council. I would also like to thank John De Lucia who upon a request from Executive accepted and acted in the role up to the AGM.

Jane Pike: Treasurer: Jane as Treasurer is very good at what she does. In her first term as an executive member she has become a valued member of the team; she has much experience, and been a long-time enthusiast who has worked hard for her Club. She has in the short time on Executive contributed positively with her proactive and practical approach to the business of Council.

Yvonne Yun: Editor Quarterly National Review (QNR): Yvonne as Editor is in fact unofficially our 'communications manager' and whilst not formally recognised as such has been instrumental in changing the way we approach communications: her position is the hardest job on Council and her proactive stance, enthusiasm, ability to progress ideas and contribute to the wider debate on all issues is indeed appreciated.

I believe each member of the Executive has fulfilled their responsibility by ensuring matters are dealt in a professional and timely manner. Member Clubs and their members must also realise that as volunteers, members of the Executive do face other pressures and at times are unable to meet the instant demands of the membership. It must also be noted that at times circumstances outside the control of the Executive impact on services provided. In these cases I can only urge all to show patience.

I am pleased to report that Dawn Fraser MBE AO has accepted our invitation to be our Patron. On behalf of the fraternity I welcome Dawn and can report that she has accepted our invitation to attend the 42<sup>nd</sup> National GSD Sow & Trial in Canberra as our guest.

The major highlight of the Council every year is the conduct of the National GSD Show & Trial which this year saw GSD Club of South Australia host the event on behalf of the Council. It must be noted that this Club has a proud history of conducting a great event and again delivered excellent organisation that made for a memorable show. On behalf of the Council I again thank the Club for what saw a new bench mark reached and an event that showcased the Breed. The idea to sponsor the charity the McGrath Foundation with 'Pink Day at the National' was well supported by the membership and the Club together with Yvonne Yun must be thanked for taking up the initiative at such short notice and making it a successful inclusion. We must continue to challenge ourselves on how best to enhance this event in order that it is used as the major annual promotional and marketing tool for the hosting Member Club and Council. The introduction and presentation of GSDCA Junior Showmanship Awards for the first time at a National together with the way Junior Handler Classes were conducted was most successful. The suggestion of the Youth Group in having our younger experienced handler's judge this event has made a difference and the awards as presented were indeed appreciated by all recipients. Of concern was the degree of xenophobia and concern that was expressed by exhibitors about the judging of the Open Dog Class. The fact is that currently and for whatever reason we have quite a number of members who have imported animals from Germany and other countries. This trend I believe will continue. We therefore must accept that more than likely as happens in other countries, overseas handlers are employed to handle these imports. Please let's not get paranoid about handlers being known to judges, after all like in Australia, the same applies overseas: the fraternity has a finite number of handlers and these are known to the judges. Couple this with concern and mild paranoia about clothing advertising dogs and kennel names as worn by handlers and double handlers, we could see us again heading back to the dark days when judges were locked away and only to be seen on show day! I would suggest this is the least of our problems whereas the real problem is more about accessibility to judges via social media. We can only trust judges to be sincere, honest in their judgements and approaches towards the fraternity. To pander to an alarmist element that sees the exhibiting of foreign bred dogs at the National and or other shows as something detrimental to our sport would definitely be a backward step and the idea of having Australian bred classes offered at our shows is in my

opinion a most regressive step. We have over the history of Council matured to a point now where competition is welcomed and the only way to ascertain exactly where ones animal sits in regard to type and quality, is to compete against all comers. Let us not go backwards! The challenge for all of us is to offset the paranoia with rational thought and ensure we attract the best possible judges and entry each year: It is only with this goal in mind will we be able to truly ascertain ‘the state of the breed’ on an annual basis.

I am also pleased that 3 of the Breed Surveyors who resigned last year have been reinstated as of the 2013 NBC meeting. Despite all the protracted angst over the resignations, I and no doubt others, are most pleased and welcome back Mrs Fran Farley, Mr Louis Donald and Mr James Rodger to the peer group.

As you are all aware my approach continues to be proactive and I have no hesitation in putting forward items for discussion. I firmly believe we must continue to instil idealism and review and improve on what is in place. We cannot remain idle and therefore change must be considered so that we are able to meet the future needs of the membership and welfare of the GSD. The peer group that includes Breed Surveyors and Judges must continue to be engaged and proactive at Member Club level. It is this groups that has much knowledge and can definitely shape the future. Further, they have an obligation to be involved and bring along others through education and leadership. There is no doubt that the peer group is in the main of one generation and we need to start encouraging the next generation to take up positions across Member Clubs and also to become Conformation & Obedience Judges. I believe we have reached a critical point where succession planning must take place across all Member Clubs: long-time position holders should have younger assistants that can take over. It is only with renewal that organisations can progress.

Now to some aspirational goals I believe the Council should seriously consider:

**GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme:** Is the base for all of our Breed Improvement Schemes and noting its core purpose; we should only breed with Breed Surveyed animals. I would propose that after 50+ years we should agree that an application is made to the ANKC to have a Litter Registration Limitation (LRL) that sees only GSDCA breed survey recognised animals being those only allowed to be bred with. This control if adopted would be the crowning achievement that would give the Council control over the breeding of GSD. This control would be a most valuable point to make when presenting and promoting responsible dog ownership to all governments. We should initiate a 5 year plan to see such a milestone achieved.

**Breed Improvements Schemes:** We must start planning on having the same standards as apply to the prerequisites for Breed Survey apply to the current LRL that covers off on HD & ED prerequisites. This will automatically apply if the LRL regarding Breed survey is adopted.

**Character Testing:** I have spoken about this over the last two years. I understand there has over the history of the Council been numerous attempts to introduce better character testing either as a prerequisite for or conducted during Breed Survey. Unfortunately all tests have to date never been approved for implementation. We still require a simple test that can ascertain the core traits of working ability and character. This is something that will be pursued together with the Obedience Committee Chairperson.

**Knowledge sharing:** It is important that Member Clubs also look at ways they can improve: look at other clubs: what’s working for them? There is no doubt that Clubs that conduct obedience training are reaching more owners of German Shepherds and by doing so are educating owners on the benefits of responsible dog ownership. I can only again urge those Clubs that do not offer the training to consider the options available in the short term - possibly form partnerships with Obedience Clubs, talk to fellow Member Clubs and ask for assistance.

**Responsible Dog Ownership:** We cannot underestimate the threat and realisation of restrictive and discriminatory dog legislation. The work of Member Clubs in promoting responsible dog ownership is essential and must be praised. It is this work that can demonstrate to all types of governments that we do take our responsibility seriously. I can only ask that we improve on the way we do this. Yvonne Yun and Margaret Adams are trying to get a more unified approach in place. I thank them for their effort to date, however as a Council we still have a way to go. It is most important that we are all on the same page and have total awareness along with the ANKC and Canine Controls to stay ahead of the game. Further, the promotion of the German Shepherd Dog must take precedence. We must as a collective take responsibility, share and give the same message and not be afraid to allocate funds for innovative programs that are aimed at new owners of our Breed to be put in place.

In closing I wish to thank the Member Clubs for their consideration and hospitality as extended to my wife Frances and I during our visits. I would also like to thank the membership and my fellow Executive, for their continued support and confidence in me.

I only trust that I continue to meet your expectations.

Thank You  
Vince Tantaro  
President

## **TREASURER’S REPORT – Ms. Jane Pike**

At the completion of my first term of Treasurer, I present to the Members of Council and my fellow Executive the audited financial statement for the organisation for the financial year ending 30 September 2013.

During my term I introduced Quarterly Reports to the Members Clubs and the Executive which hopefully are informative.

The financial report shows an operating deficit for the year of \$(6,819) compared to 2011/2012 of \$(13,273). This is a reduced deficit compared to the previous year. The deficit is primarily the result of expenditure for the Quarterly National Review September 2012 edition which is explained below.

**Quarterly National Review (QNR)** – The income for the review reflects three magazines and the expenses four. The expenditure for this financial year is overstated by \$10,151.69 being the result of expenditure for the QNR September 2012 being accounted for this financial year and the income was reported in the previous reporting period. The following table shows the surplus achieved for the December 2012, Autumn 2013 and National Editions. The 2013/2014 financial year will reflect the income and the expenditure for four editions. It should be noted that the Editor has been particularly diligent sourcing advertisements for the magazine, as without this income the publication would be running at a significant loss. The cost to produce one magazine based on 2300 copies (6900 for 3 editions) is \$5.62 (ex GST) per magazine. Current charge to members \$4.00 (ex GST). The agenda offers motions that reflect a way forward for this communication tool.

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses</b>		
Club Subscriptions	\$25,496.00	Postage	\$19,595.54	
Advertising	\$14,295.49	Less September 2012	(\$4,056.69)	\$15,538.85
Private Subscriptions	\$920.92			
Back Copies	\$0.00	Printing	\$29,316.26	
Postage Recovery	\$10.91	Less September 2012	(\$6,095.00)	\$23,221.26
		Flipbook		\$440.00
	<b>\$40,723.32</b>			<b>\$39,200.11</b>
Surplus (Deficit) for December 2012, Autumn 2013 & National Editions				<b>\$1,523.21</b>

**Inventory** - Nearing the end of the financial year a large order of National Medals/Memento’s and standard excellent medals were purchased off shore which totalled \$7,430. This has resulted in an increase of inventories and decrease in cash just prior to year end. The accounting records reflect cost of sales relating to medals and the Golden Jubilee Books. Breed Survey Books are not included in the inventory figures within MYOB as they are considered to be a “consumable”, that is, hopefully purchased and sold in the same year.

**Stock on hand** – Below is a summary of stock on hand as at 30 September 2013

Golden Jubilee Book (Leather)	5	Stock to be kept for future gifts
Golden Jubilee Book (Soft Cover)	220	Stock to be sold at full price of \$75 for 2013/2014
Standard Excellent Conformation	2124	
Standard Excellent Obedience	50	
National Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals	106	
Medal Cases for Gold, Silver Bronze Medals	35	
National Excellent	704	

National Memento	1037					
National Service Award	13					
Breed Survey Books 2012 \$52; 2011 \$40; 2010 and prior \$20	2012 111	2011 98	2010 77	2009 19	2008 44	2007 & previous 43

**Breed Survey Year Book** – the cost to produce the 2012 book was \$13,004 plus GST for 300 copies. Sales compared to last year are down by 16 books, however the deficit has reduced compared to last year as 300 books were purchased compared to 400 in the previous year. The cost of the 2012 book rose to \$52 (inc GST). Of the 300 books purchased 155 have been sold, 29 were allocated to the surveyors and 5 retained as gifts for overseas judges.

Further explanations regarding the financial information:

- Total expenditure incurred at meetings over the year reduced by \$3,747. This included the AGM, NBC/Judges Meeting and the Future Directions Workshop.
- Income from Tattooing is down a further \$1,299 compared to the previous year. Some Clubs have been tardy in providing payment for whelps tattooed which have been followed up.
- Postage, Repairs and Maintenance, Stationery expenses and general travel expenditure is down.
- The members of the current Executive team do not claim for telephone/internet and expenses, consequently there is no expenditure in this area.
- Equipment replacement – purchase of 2 external hard drives and an overhead projector.
- The Breed Survey Scheme and HD/ED Control Scheme have recorded an increase in surplus.
- Accounts receivable of \$8,674 included outstanding payments from Clubs and Eukanuba which have now been received.

If you have any enquires regarding the Financial Statements please contact me on 0413 347 247 prior to the meeting so that I can ensure that questions can be answered at the meeting.

I have enjoyed my first term as Treasurer and would like to thank the South Australian Club for supporting my nomination for a further term. I am also humbled by the support and nominations received from the League, Western Australia, Newcastle and Victoria for a further term – thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Member Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, HD/ED Registrars and my fellow Executive members for their assistance, support and timely payment of accounts during the year!

## NATIONAL COUNCIL CHARGES as from 1 October 2013 – GST INCLUSIVE

Service or Product	Charge to Clubs/Applicant	Charge to Members by Clubs
<b>TATTOO CHARGES</b>		
Tattoo per pup	\$2.00	
Tattoo Prefix	\$25.00	
AUS Number	\$25.00	
<b>TOOTH CERTIFICATE</b>		
Tooth Certificate	\$35.00	
<b>BREED SURVEY</b>		
<b>Charge to Clubs</b>		
Breed Survey Pass	\$27.00	\$35.00
Breed Survey Fail	\$27.00	\$35.00
Breed Survey Book 2012	\$52.00	\$52.00
Breed Survey Book 2011	\$40.00	\$40.00
Breed Survey Book 2010 and prior	\$20.00	\$20.00
<b>HD &amp; ED CONTROL SCHEME</b>		
<b>Charge to Members and payable to National Council</b>		
HD Appeal	\$100.00	
HD/ED Form – Hips & Elbows	\$65.00	
HD/ED Form – Hips only	\$47.00	
HD/ED Form – Elbows only	\$30.00	
<b>Paid to Readers by National Council</b>		
HD/ED – Readers Charge	\$47.58	
HD - Readers Charge	\$29.74	
ED - Readers Charge	\$17.82	
<b>QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW</b>		
QNR Magazine cost to members per edition	\$4.40	
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	
<b>NATIONAL COUNCIL MEDALS</b>		
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	
<b>GOLDEN JUBILIEE EDITION</b>		
Soft Cover	\$75.00	



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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements, being special purpose financial statements of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2013 and the operating statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the Executive of Council.

### **Executive of Council's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Executive of Council are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Association's constitution and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Executive of Council's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Executive of Council determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statements that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 Executive of Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

Communications, Meetings, National Show Levy and National Breed Commission income are significant sources of revenue for the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc. The Association has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over this revenue prior to entry into its financial records.

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Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from these sources was limited, our audit procedures with respect to Communications, Meetings, National Show Levy and National Breed Commission income had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records amounting to \$93,439 and \$105,564 for the year ended 30 September 2013 and 2012 respectively. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether Communications, Meetings, National Show Levy and National Breed Commission income the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc. obtained is complete.

#### Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Incorporated as at 30 September 2013, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the significant accounting policies described in Note 1 and the financial reporting requirements of the Association's constitution.

#### Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements have been prepared to assist the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Incorporated to meet the requirements of the Association's constitution. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

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G K Edwards  
Director

Adelaide, 19 December 2013

**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC.  
ABN 25 515 310 063**

**STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE**

The Executive has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the members of the Executive the financial report:

- a) presents fairly the financial position of the German Shepherd Council of Australia Inc. as at 30 September 2013 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- b) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

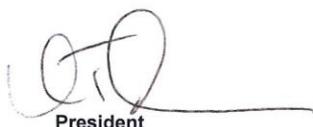
Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Executive

Place

*Melbourne*

date

*11/12/2013*



**President**



**Executive Member**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mrs. Val Moody**

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) being held in Adelaide, South Australia.

I wish to present my Annual Report, along with the correspondence lists as sent to all Member Club Delegates for your perusal prior to this meeting.

In May we started the year with the 2013 National Show & Trial. My congratulations are extended to the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia, which with a very small group of very hard and committed workers hosted a most outstanding and successful National Show & Trial.

I sincerely thank the GSDCA of SA Committee for making all Executive members very welcome and for the hospitality extended to us all. Well done to everyone involved.

As part of the National we supported the “Pink Day” (Jane McGrath foundation) and the total raised for our combined fundraising effort was \$2,819.34. Congratulations to all those who contributed so generously to this great cause.

### **GSDCA SERVICE AWARDS:**

Congratulations are extended to the following people that received the “GSDCA Service Award” at the 41<sup>st</sup> National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2013 for their dedication covering long periods, to the German Shepherd Dog and it's improvement of both body and mind along with the continued support and commitment at Club/Canine Control level.

- ❖ Marie Merchant
- ❖ Judy O'Loughlin
- ❖ Tom Ory
- ❖ Bruce Knight

*(The GSDCA Service Award was presented to Bruce at the 2013 National Breed Commission Meeting by the GSDCA President, Mr. Vince Tantara.*

### **GSDCA OUTSTANDING CANINE SERVICE AWARDS:**

During 2013 the GSDCA presented the “GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award to : Police Dog “Riggs” and handler Senior Constable First Class Neil Stevenson at the 2013 National Show & Trial in the presence of Neil's wife Tracey and children Sam & Noah.

We also welcomed Snr. Sgt. Kurt Newcombe from the OC Dog Operations Unit.

Mr. Barry O'Rourke, Chair Judges Committee presented the GSDCA Judges Badge at the National to Peter Cocks and Viv McCambridge (NZ) *(not in attendance but collected by Jan Saltiel).*

During July, I attended the Breed Surveyors Meeting, National Breed Commission Meeting and Judges Committee Meeting hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia Inc. Copies of minutes for these meeting were distributed to all Member Clubs and the attendees.

Items of interest during 2013 were :

### **Resignation of 6 Breed Surveyors**

It was a disappointment to receive the resignation of 6 Breed Surveyors, with two of them resigning due to personal reasons.

It was however pleasing to note that three (3) of the Breed Surveyors requested reinstatement with ratification taking place at this AGM.

### **GSD Long Stock Coat**

Since the introduction of the Long Stock Coat variety, there has been a considerable amount of work completed with regard to this matter with the ANKC and the implementation of the GSD Long Stock Coat.

### **Extended Breed Standard**

Due to the implementation of the Long Stock Coat the GSDCA has worked with the ANKC to update the GSD Long Stock Coat Extended Breed Standard. The GSDCA has provided a power point presentation that is used for the Aspiring GSD Judges and for placement on the ANKC website. We

wish to thank John Fenner for the work he put into preparing, completing and updating the power point presentation on the Extended Breed Standard and the Long Stock Coat.

#### **Verification Application Form and Verification Information Sheet**

The GSDCA has also provided to the ANKC in “draft” format the GSD Long Stock Coat Verification Application form and Verification Information Sheet. This has now been adopted by the ANKC and is available on the ANKC website. These forms are used to verify the coat of any Long Stock Coat.

There has been much discussion regarding the intervariety breeding of the Long Stock Coat and the Stock Coat, with a motion at this AGM requesting that the GSDCA approach the ANKC to seek intervariety breeding. Based on the outcome of this motion, the GSDCA will move forward accordingly.

#### **Royal Melbourne Show**

This year in Melbourne our breed was showcased at the Royal Melbourne Show with Herr Hans-Peter Fetten (SV Germany) as the judge.

Showcasing our breed at this very prestigious event, allowed the general public to view both varieties of quality GSDs that meet the breed standard. Congratulations to the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria for maximizing participation and use the opportunity to promote our breed. Well done to all.

#### **GSDCA Website and use of Facebook Page**

It is the intention of the Council to make use of the GSDCA website as a communication tool. With the enhancement of a GSDCA Facebook page, communication is indeed exciting by providing notification of reference materials, details of events etc.

We look forward to the membership visiting the website and making use of these available tools.

#### **Storage King**

During the year it became apparent that there was much stock/paperwork being held in homes of Office Bearers and position holders.

The GSDCA Executive has arranged for storage with “Storage King” in Sunbury. To date we have stored 200 Golden Jubilee Editions, along with over 20 tubs of paperwork. I have asked James Roger to work through the Historian items so they too can be stored in this facility.

Also, I wish to express my delight that the GSDCA Liaison Officer Mrs. Honey Gross-Richardson is well on her way to a full recovery after a series of illnesses. I wish Honey well for the future and again express my sincere thanks to Honey for her valued service in dealing with the SV/WUSV.

I wish to sincerely express my appreciation to Barbara Blythe with the assistance of Louisa Rodger, for their valuable expertise in taking the minutes over the weekend of the Annual General Meeting. Not an easy job but greatly appreciated. Thank you so much Barbara and Louisa, I do appreciate your efforts.

I would like to express my appreciation to all Member Club Presidents, Secretaries and Committee’s for their continued support throughout this year.

It is with pleasure that I extend my appreciation to my fellow Executive for their assistance and support over the year and I look forward to an exciting year ahead and a great working relationship that will ensure the future betterment of this organization and the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.

## **MEMBER CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **President ACT GSDA – Mr. Wolf Meffert**

2012 - 2013 was another active year for the Association. Membership has not fluctuated very much, however, as usual there is still a high turnover with the number of stalwarts remaining at about 70. The Associations main activities are obedience training and managing the related breed issues. New GSD owners are basically interested only in fundamental control over their dog before they depart to pursue other personal interests. This appears to be a general problem throughout the canine world.

An important aspect of our training school are the puppy classes where we accept pups from the age of about 8 weeks in order to provide important socialisation for the both the pups and their new owners. This is very successful with pups being used to associating with 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, so we were rather surprised to receive some ill-informed virulent comments about this programme from a non-member via the social media face-book.

The Association conducted 2 Championship Shows on the October 2013 long weekend. Once again we managed to share one of our judges with New Zealand, a financial win-win outcome for us all.

Two Breed Surveys were conducted during the year with Faye Stokes from Sydney adjudicating. Our members also actively participate in the tattoo and HD/ED Schemes.

The ACT also operates a 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.

The Association has agreed to conduct the 2014 National in Canberra, and this will be the subject of a separate report. Following discussions with the GSDCA President we were hoping to make this a 'true' National with specific agreed input by fellow clubs. This, however, has not eventuated so we are still looking towards sharing the load. I must say that it is a little cumbersome with potential activities spread over a third of Australia – however, we are managing to keep it together at this time.

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## **President Broken Hill GSDC – Mr. Tony Lines**

This year the committee of the Broken Hill club decided to explore the feasibility of being able to hold shows in Broken Hill. Unfortunately, our show coincided with well organised well advertised pilgrimage which many people decided they would make to the 2013 Seiger Show. Committee has no doubt this affected the number of entries we received. The show was memorable and should the club cease to exist then it has served as a celebration of what this club has always tried to be about.

This year we broke from the tradition of having a new judge and an experienced judge and engaged two of the best judges we could find, Joylene Neddermeyer and Louis Donald.

While the entry wasn't huge, the atmosphere was the same fun, and the judges were relaxed and very engaged with the competitors. Both Joylene and Louis were able to spend time explaining their decisions, with Louis giving a master class on the angle of the lower thigh. This was well received by competitors.

The trophy table was its usual highlight, with Tony sourcing some lovely glass and silver wear. Picton oval, a new venue for the show, was an excellent choice. The ground was well used by the local footy teams so was easy to run on and had a small but capable canteen which was fully stocked and run by a friend of the club. And on the matter of friends of the club, the show committee is grateful for all the help given before and on the show weekend. Especially to those who had a crash course in new skills.

After discussing with competitors the likelihood of continued support of the show should it be held in Broken Hill overall the feedback was that the location is too remote and that despite the excellent atmosphere and trophy table as well as the affability of the judges at such a show the competitors were not willing to travel the distance to Broken Hill each year.

The committee of the club has made a number of enquires regarding the number of german shepherds currently in Broken Hill and the likelihood of enthusiasts revitalising the club as we have seen recently with the Darwin Club. The reality is that numbers of pedigree german shepherds are low and there is not the passion for the breed required to keep a club running.

Committee has, therefore, decided that a meeting is to be held in Broken Hill to discuss the future of the club and at this time the general feeling is that the club will probably not continue.

As a committee we would like to acknowledge and thank the people both within Council and the wider membership that have supported the club over its history and have offered their support to keep the club running. Sadly the feasibility of doing so just does not seem a reality at this time. Obviously we all wish that this is not the outcome but at this time it seems inevitable.

**Dale Halling** *(Written by Vice President on behalf of Tony Lines President).*

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## **President GSD League – Mr. Graeme Stevenson**

Another great year has passed and it is reassuring the GSDL has such a dedicated committee working toward the betterment of the German Shepherd Dog League and the guardianship of the German Shepherd Dog.

Our clubhouse Grounds have always been known as existing at Erskine Park. Because navigators identify the local as Orchard Hills, Dogs NSW in their wisdom changed the advertised locality to Orchard Hills.

I would like to express my appreciation and many thanks to my fellow executive and committee. Their knowledge and tireless, selfless work ethic has been an asset and should be appreciated by all members of the GSDL. Also, I extend my thanks to the general members that have helped over the year. The financial status of the GSDL showed a healthy profit and membership. General meetings are held quarterly rather than monthly.

Our shows have been successful and I thank our Show Secretary, Anne Mackenzie, Show Manager, Vince Panetta, Committee Members and the general members that assist on the day, in the canteen, our stenographers and stewards. Many thanks go to Tony D'Arcy and many others, working continuously in support of our Show Manager. The GSDL has discussed the elimination of intersex and inter-variety judging at our shows. For this to happen, the GSDL need to have something in writing from the ANKC. An alternative is to advertise it in our schedules for 2014 and hopefully GSDL will have the schedules approved by Dogs NSW.

We continue to acknowledge and promote obedience, tracking and all areas of utility of the GSD. We hold four Obedience and two Tracking trials each year and are pleased to report that entries are growing steadily. Although we have had to close training branches in the past, the GSDL opened up a branch on the Central Coast through the initiative of Karen Eaton. This branch opens our facilities to new and old members in the central Coast that find it difficult to get to our clubhouse grounds.

The introduction of exhibiting Long Stock Coats (LSC) and the organisation of this has been an interesting learning curve and are now becoming more formalised. The LSC are now in the revamped point score competition for 2014 and beyond.

Our Demonstration Team is working very hard and with enthusiasm. The increase of the demand for their participation at events is undertaken with dedication. The Demonstration Team is our marketing facility for the general public to realise how wonderful our breed is.

Our kitchen area has been refurbishment which came about with the help of Dogs NSW and has made life a lot easier for all that function within it.

The 2014 committee has a new marketing person, Megan Porter, Show Manager, Kathy Minton, Membership Registrar, Nev Kirkham and a Youth Officer, Kurt Morton.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of life member of the GSDL, Mary Davidson aged (we believe) 87 years. Mary's membership of the club commenced sometime prior to 1970. Many older GSDL members will remember the Arngold German Shepherds, which were bred for many years by the twins Mary and Margaret Davidson.

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

I would like to thank the current committee 2013 for a job well done. We have had a good year of working together and all round commitment to seeing the League go forward. As always with any committee we have had some difficult times but this has not affected the running of the club. Again this year we have had financial success as will be shown in the treasurer's report.

I have been general roustabout helping out when and where I can. It is good to see the help we are getting in setting up shows on a Thursday night and taking the rings down after the show and also the exhibitors who leave the ground in such a clean condition after the show, it is always nice to look out onto the grounds after a show and see it that way.

I would like to see if we can help the Demonstration team get up and running with more participation from those out there with dogs that are able to do some outstanding exercises coming forward and help in our displays. The Demo Team put a lot of time and effort into their training and deserves more help from any

interested parties out there. It would be only a small part of your time to help in this area and would be well appreciated by the League and the Demonstration Team as well.

We are still looking for someone with some photography experience to take photo's at our shows and obedience trials, so do not be afraid to come up and have a go, we would like some help in this department so we may continue building a picture history of the League and the dogs and owners that support.

My position throughout the year was again to be backstop to Graeme in his position as President and he has steered the League again into calmer waters. It has been my pleasure to work with him and the rest of the team. I would like to thank Graeme Fay and Karen Eaton for the professional way they have handled their respective portfolios this year and also the rest of the committee for a job well done.

Last but not least I would like to thank you the members for your support of the League and hope that your support is ongoing, we can only prosper with a good committee and a supportive membership and look forward to the coming year.

Terry Jarvis.

#### SECRETARY

I would like to thank the committee for their assistance one again through the past twelve months.

The concept of giving toys to the Baby Puppies at our shows is proving successful and this practice will continue.

This year at the election of judges we elected only one judge to adjudicate at our shows as entries do not warrant two judges and this also assists with the smooth running of the show with exhibitors not having to dart from ring to ring it does create a much more relaxed atmosphere.

Our Annual General Meeting has been moved to the last Monday of November at the request of the auditors which gives them that little extra time to complete the audit.

I would like to thank the committee and members for their assistance and co-operation when requested throughout the past twelve months.

Fay Stokes

#### SHOW SECRETARY

This year has seen another decline in entries to our shows, especially in the male classes. There is very little improvement in LSC entries. Obedience trial numbers are staying about the same.

If anyone has any Constructive Criticism or ideas on how to improve on our shows please don't hesitate to contact me.

The League has conducted 4 Obedience Trials & 8 shows this year, two Championship Shows, two Open Shows, 2 Sanction Shows and 2 Championship Shows at the Spring Fair which is held in conjunction with Dogs NSW. Most of the shows made a small profit but the Spring Fair in August was very disappointing in numbers and at the time of writing this report I have nonknowledge of the financial outcome.

The State Breed Assessment was held again in July with an increase in numbers on lastyear and was very well received by all who attended; hopefully we will see more exhibitors next year.

This year's committee has tried to reduce expenditure and keep entry prices down as much as possible.

Thank you to all our Exhibitors and Triallers who have supported our Club this year

And to the stewards Karen Higham & Teresa Curry & stenographers Fay Stokes & Mary Matuschka

My Special Thank You to Judy Connors (Vest Controller) we are getting better at returning our vests & Fay Stokes for printing the catalogues your help is invaluable

Ann Mackenzie

#### SOCIAL SECRETARY

Coming to our shows I know your concentration is on showing your dogs and trying to spend time with friends to catch up with each other.

My job in running the canteen has made that a lot easier as when you get hungry you come to see me and the team and so we get to see more of everyone than you do. Bruce has been a great help getting your breakfast ready for you and we have tried to make sure that what we serve is quality and value for money.

Our Beer Battered Fish and Chips along with the Chicken Schnitzel, Cheese, Lettuce and Mayo that we introduced havensold very well and we try to make sure we have a quality, varied menu available for you to choose from. I am also trying to make sure that when Breed Surveys our held our canteen is always open so we are ready for your lunch.

We also try to cater for the little ones, so if you haven't been to our canteen yet, we would love to see you.

I would like to thank you all for making our canteen a success and a BIG thank you to all my helpers who assisted during 2013.

Sharon Laughlin

## TATTOO/MICROCHIP

During the current financial year, tattooing and microchipping has gone well.

The figures for this year are down on last financial years recording.

Tattoo is still an alternative requirement for the Breed Improvement Schemes. With the introduction of compulsory Microchipping prior to registration, the input of Tattoo Numbers into the database indicates that there are many breeders that have forgone tattooing although here are still a large number of breeders that are continuing to tattoo.

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to all the Tattoo Officers and Tattoo/Microchip Officers who donate their time and expertise as a service for the breeders within the GSDL and also to those officers that get their reports in on time.

Graeme Stevenson.

## WEBMASTER

The GSDL web site has continued being developed as useful tool for both the members as well as visitors to the site.

I would like to thank members and committee for providing me with information for the website.

Frances McAdam

## PUPPY LISTINGS

The last twelve months has been again successful with members taking advantage of and enjoying the service provided by the G.S.D.L as backup to their own efforts to sell pups. This year the litters have been up and down with some weeks having a good number of litters on to perhaps just one! But the reality is the members using the listings are selling their pups and are happy with the results they get through the listings.

Puppy Listings is a job that is enjoyable to oversee. Being able to assist puppy enquirers with help and direction to the Breeders listed to the purchasing of their puppies being the pleasing aspect. I have again enjoyed the position of puppy listing over the last twelve months and look forward to another pleasing year. The Website is of great assistance this year, more than before because a lot of the enquiries are by direct contact through the Website as the general public become more savvy with using the internet and it is pleasing to see new people and members taking advantage of it. The new purchaser is ringing the breeders direct and asking the right questions on most occasions as they are more conscious of what is needed to know prior to purchasing their new pup. This in the main is because they have been in touch with me through the website and are a lot more wiser when they ring or email the breeder and are appreciative of this service. I have had feedback from breeders stating that when puppy buyers contact them they are well informed which I believe is a plus for the service.

Members using the older dog listing find that their animals do get placed through the service but we have had only a few listings throughout the year. And we now have a section on the website with information on tracing lost dogs. The email "The Puppy Registrar" gets plenty of use and enquires are answered in detail in quick time.

Breeders using the listings are sent a courtesy email about one week prior to them coming off the listings to see how the pups are selling and if they need to extend their time. The majority of breeders do advise me when their litters are sold which is a condition of being on Puppy Listings and essential to the correct running of the listing service.

We do get a lot of calls for people wishing to re home their older Shepherd and to hear some of the stories where the animals are 8 & nine years old and have to go as a pair and sometimes have to be split up. We do what we can and sometimes we cannot help but when we get genuine enquiries our Welfare officer Jo Tucker and her merry band of helpers get out and about and work actively trying to place these animals and our thanks should go to them for the work they do.

Our Website manager Fran McAdam is another one that needs a thank you as the litters change and pups are sold she is the lady that does all the work taking them down and putting them up and she and I work well together in this effort, thank you Frances.

As I said previously that I have enjoyed the position of Puppy Listing Registrar and helping people who are not sure whether they should or should not own a shepherd, whether they have enough room to keep one, also about when and where to train.

I have quite a few people who buy from our listings, also ringing up to thank me and tell me all about their new pup.

Pam Jarvis

## SHEPHERD NEWS EDITOR

I am continuing to try and develop Shepherd News into a well structured and more consistent type of magazine. However to make this a more relevant publication for you the members, I continue to need more feedback from the members. I am only too pleased to get your emails and comments as to what we should be including in these pages.

The need is for more response and feedback from the members, as to what type of articles and is needed in the magazine.

We have been fortunate over the last two issues to have an excellent 2 part article from Phillip Scaysbrook which has given us all the benefits of his experiences and research. I am sure that many more members could also contribute articles that share these types of benefits, we will be only to glad to publish any such articles. Or even links to information you have seen that could be of interest or benefit to all.

(Articles attached at the conclusion of the AGM report)

I would like to thank all those that have helped with articles and information to include in our magazine.

Bruce Laughlin

#### TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR

Firstly a big thanks to Judy and Alan Connors, Tony D'Arcy and the other instructors at Erskine Park for running obedience training on Tuesday nights.

Thanks to Norm Macdonald and all the stewards for running our obedience trials and also to Tikki Friezer and all the stewards/tracklayers who assist at our tracking trials.

2013 being my second year in this role has been another year of reviewing and planning and setting goals for the future in relation to obedience, tracking and related dog sports.

Karen Eaton

#### PUBLICITY/DEMONSTRATION TEAM

The number of invitations to participate in a wider variety of community and specific animal and/or pet events and festivals has increased markedly during the last few years. Other invitations have come from people who have seen our displays and recommended us to organisations in which they are involved. The more events we participate in, the more people are able to see our wonderful dogs and become better educated about the breed and the more inspired we are to continually improve what we do and how we do it.

When Tracey & Annette assumed the organisation of the Demo Team, we were able to achieve high expectations for commitment to regular training throughout the year, not just prior to performances and almost 100% participation rate for performances and have had up to 17 team members. But for a range of reasons, now in September 2013, we are down to a nucleus of eight members and for the rest of the year only four members and their dogs are available to perform at events.

Reasons for members leaving the team are: change in family circumstances (4); illness (1); moved interstate (1); and work commitments (2). Reasons for current members' unavailability: medical (1); showing commitments (3); and overseas travel (1).

The five members at the last team meeting are very committed to the team and want to continue. In 2014 Tracey will be overseas mid year and Annette will be overseas from September 2014 until March 2015.

However they can continue leading and organizing the Demo Team BUT WE NEED MORE MEMBERS for the team to continue.

Another consideration is that three of our current members are over 70 years of age and the rest of the team members are over 50 years. So an effective plan to recruit and keep new members is required to sustain the team into the future.

In the past the majority of new members have come from Cumberland and Campbelltown Clubs, both no longer operating. We have tried to attract new members by advertising in the GSDL Newsletter and from All Breeds Obedience Clubs with very little success.

Tracey, Annette & the team members are willing to try anything to rebuild the team for 2014 and beyond BUT we need help. Our intention is to continue meeting and training every month, so if we found potential new members, they could come to training in preparation for 2014.

Committee suggestions and agreed actions:

- Advertise for new members in GSDL Newsletter and Spring Fair Schedule
- Jo Tucker will attend events to do the commentary during performances and promote Shepherd Rescue
- New member recruitment will be promoted at Erskine Park and Hornsby Training Clubs

Karen will provide a contact list of members with high performing dogs from the Central Coast Training Club who wish to showcase high level obedience skills as part of the demo Team routine.

Annette Whiley

## WELFARE AND RESCUE REPORT

We have had a very busy year with many dogs being surrendered directly to us instead of being taken to the pounds. At the moment there are at least 10 tattooed dogs needing homes and the owners are telling me it is because of changes in family circumstances i.e. divorce, moving house, having children. The other excuses are no time for the dog as the owners work full time and or the dog is becoming unruly and jumping on the children. The actual facts are: the puppies or the dogs are not trained, disciplined, exercised, or given the proper diet and often the owners are ignorant and for whatever reason chose to ignore the advice given by the breeder. They also choose not to refer to the information provided in the puppy packs. I have seen many puppy packs when the dogs are surrendered and they provide excellent advice and information and there is no reason for not referring to this as the dog develops. Therefore I am at a loss to explain why there is a need to just dump a dog because they have become too much. We had one demand from a woman to take her dog and train it while the woman was on holiday and when she returned she wanted the dog back fully trained and perfect. The dog was 12 months old and a handful but that is to be expected when she wasn't exercised, mentally and physically stimulated and fed properly.

We have a 10-year-old dog at Parramatta who was purchased from a breeder by the son against the wishes of his mother. Son has since moved out and will not take the dog with him and will not take responsibility for the dog. He is not being walked and he is left out in the back yard and his ears are fly bitten. He is apparently an aggressive resource guarder and the family have told me to pick up the dog and find a home for it all within a very short space of time as the mother is moving to a unit. I have since spoken to the mother and she is not moving into a unit. I did go and meet the dog and he was in very poor condition. He had a go at me through the bottom of the gate and would not let up even when the mother was with me. I told her and the daughter I cannot be expected to take the dog and rehome it when it is so aggressive and also may not last another year due to his condition. The dog was extremely thin and has never had a brush or a bath. I told the family they will have to take the dog to the vet for a health check as they argued the fact that the dog was in good condition and had been well looked after and I also told them at the same time to talk to the vet about having the dog put to sleep as this was the kindest thing to do. They told me none of them drove and he didn't behave in the car anyway. I contacted the breeder to let her know the situation as I had a feeling this family may contact her and complain that I will not take their dog.

We have a long coat bitch who was surrendered to us because one of the owners, the husband, was jailed for bashing his wife. The wife had to move quickly to an address that would not allow her to keep a dog so consequently the dog was an emergency surrender. This bitch is 6 years old from a breeder who won't assist us with kennelling costs and will also not take the dog until we can rehome her. They have however advertised her on their website. The good news is she is becoming much better with other dogs and she is wonderful with children and people. As we go to press we may have a home for her so fingers crossed for her.

I received a phone call from a dog trainer expressing concern about a pup who had been sold to a couple who work full time and have a 12 year old desexed staffy. The couple were informed by the breeders that the two bitches would get on and there would be no problems and there was no need to introduce the dogs off territory. The pup is now 10 months old and the two dogs have to be kept separate as Bella has bashed the staffy with severe intent. Half the side of the staffy's face had been ripped off. The owners at the trainer's recommendation contacted me with the hope I could help with the behaviour.

Unfortunately they have not been firm enough with this little girl and she has no respect for either owner. I need to find her a home quickly where the new owner has a lot of experience and will be prepared to carry on obedience training and allow this little girl to have a role in the family. This bitch is only 9 months old. I have received many calls for Bella and none of them were suitable. Unfortunately people do not read the information about the dog and decide to ring anyway. A couple contacted me asking for my assistance to rehome their dog as they acquired a puppy from a breeder and they told the breeder they both work long hours and they rent a unit on the northern beaches. This little girl was born with a faulty heart valve and it didn't close as it would normally do. The breeders were made aware of this and the owner's ensured Autumn had the problem fixed. Autumn has become extremely aggressive on lead to the point where the owners cannot take her out without being frightened of what she may do to another dog if she sees it. The owners have contacted behaviourists and trainers but to no avail. A vet did suggest she be euthanased due to her aggressive behaviour. Her owners adore her but are admitting defeat and would like us to rehome her. This is going to be very difficult due to her aggression and the owners are in a hurry to find the right home for her. I received a call regarding a shepherd down in Canberra who was surrendered to the RSPCA. I arranged for the 8 year old to come up here to Sydney and he is still here with us in kennels. This boy is lovely natured but full

on. His owner let him get away with too much but he is responding very well to extra training and discipline. His breeder has been very supportive and has offered to come and help with his training and also assist with the kennelling fees for which I am very grateful. We also had a breeder deliver her dog to us from the owners and also offered to pay the kennelling. Both these breeders have been proactive and have advertised the dogs on their websites.

Unfortunately though breeders are still homing pups to owners who work long hours, have had no experience, don't train the dog, don't socialise the dog and expect it to while away its time in the backyard while the owners work. What is worse is that breeders are now asking owners to contact me to rehome their dogs. One prime example is a dog was acquired as a family pet, the owner works long hours away from home, the wife has no clue is too soft and now the dog is jumping on the kids in the back yard. They are now too scared to interact with the dog so the owner rang the breeder and was told to ring me. I am always happy to help with training and behavioural issues but I feel the responsibility should be on the breeder to at least talk it through and see if they can assist. At least call me and let me know that the owners may be calling so I know what the problem is before they ring. Most of the time there is no real problem just ignorance but the owners are not prepared to put in the work. They expect someone to wave a magic wand and all will be well. Also I have had complaints from owners who have phoned breeders and are spoken to very abruptly and rudely and on more than one occasion the breeders have hung up on them. They then phone me and the problem is more often than not easily fixed. At the end of the day these dogs/puppies are the breeders responsibility not mine or my team.

I have noticed on a very regular basis that breeders are advertising dogs on Dogzonline and rehoming them without desexing them. This is adding to the puppy farming and back yard breeding problems. Breeders need to ensure their dogs are desexed prior to being rehomed. We as a rescue group are obliged to and I do not see why it would be any different for a breeder unless the dog is being moved onto a show home or to another breeder. I appreciate the new owners tell you they will get it done and some do but many do not and we see the result. About a year ago a bitch and a dog from the same breeder were sold to two separate homes and were used for breeding. When they were no longer able to be bred from they both ended up with us. We had to get them desexed and find homes for them. They came to us in appalling condition and had to be in our care before they were well enough to be rehomed. These two dogs were from a well known breeder and while the breeder may have been careful about choosing the original home the subsequent owners were backyard breeding low life. These dogs should have been desexed before they left the breeder. If that occurs then the chances of the new owners being decent caring pet owners are much higher.

On a more positive note thank you to all the breeders who have been supportive and assisted as best they can to find their dogs a good home. Also thank you once again to our team of helpers whose names I won't mention as you know who put in the hard yards for the cause! You have been wonderful support and I am very grateful that you are able to drop everything without hesitation to pick up dogs, deliver dogs, spend time with the kennelled dogs and ensuring they are properly temperament tested and have basic obedience by the time they leave us. Also thank you for temperament testing the prospective owners as well! That is the hard part because not everyone understands that shepherds are highly intelligent loving animals that need to be with their family and not being left outside all day every day to do nothing but guard the property. No wonder there are behavioural issues. No exercise and sheer boredom leads to a destructive unruly aggressive dog. Finally! Is there anybody out there who would be able to foster dogs that have been surrendered? Pound dogs would be quarantined at kennels and then vet checked prior to being fostered. All dogs that come to us are fully vaccinated and vet checked and of course desexed. When owners contact me to surrender their dog I do ask that they keep the dog for as long as possible otherwise we would run out of kennel space and money very quickly. This tends to work well as owners appreciate we do our best to find homes but we are sometimes given no notice and the dog has to go. Perhaps if a breeder is downsizing and has room for a foster dog or two or even has no dogs at the moment and wishes to help. This would save us \$1000's in kennelling especially during the school holidays. At that premium time we are charged \$39 per dog per day and we not even able to kennel dogs at Christmas unless we book way in advance. We do tend to do that as we know that owners are going on holidays and they need to get rid of their dog but we usually only have a maximum of 2 spaces at 2 kennels. At the moment we have 20 or more shepherds needing rehoming. As I mentioned 10 of these are tattooed.

Jo Tucker

## **President N & HR GSDC – Mr. Sean Lynch**

I am happy to report that the club continues to run along smoothly despite this year being very hectic for some committee members. Any club can only be as strong as its members and our club enjoys a great mateship amongst its members, with the committee united and working together to see the club prosper.

Our March show was very well attended and Fran Farley did an excellent job, as always, judging the conformation classes and Ali O'Brien judged the obedience trial. All in all, it was a great weekend enjoyed by all.

Our August show and trial was judged by Russell Wenham for the conformation classes and George Bartolo stood in at short notice to oversee the obedience trial. The numbers were a little down at this show but we felt this was due to various other events in close proximity.

Our club has participated in all national council schemes, having four breed surveys seeing a total of animals being presented through the scheme. We have also issued a total of 47 hip and elbow forms which is quite an increase.

During the year, we forged new ground with enthusiasts in northern NSW and now we have a branch in the north of the state which I believe is a healthy thing for our club. This necessitated a few changes in the point score and the like but I think this is worthwhile in the interests of gaining extra members.

A couple of long standing members have taken a step back from the club due to personal commitments and this has necessitated a rebuilding of sorts, however what is heartening is that we had willing members to step in and take over.

Our plans for the forthcoming year, is to consolidate our services. We are also looking at ways to increase our membership as our area has seen a dramatic decrease over the last ten years, of breeders and this in turn affects the new puppy buyers attending the club.

We would like to congratulate the Adelaide club on the National last year and we look forward to once again seeing the national return to Canberra in May. Our club is committed to showcasing our breed in the best possible light and look forward to working with all members clubs to sure the betterment of the bred.

Finally my apologies for my absence from the AGM, work commitments see me currently in Japan, and I would like to thank Leeanne for stepping in.

Thank you

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**NEWCASTLE AND HUNTER REGION GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB**  
**GSDCA NATIONAL 2012 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FROM 17 AUGUST 2010 TO 31 DECEMBER 2012**

**\$**

**Income**

Entry Fees	18,593.50
Catalogue Sales	154.00
Catering receipts	710.00
Function receipts	13,403.00
Raffles / Fundraising	6,921.05
Donations	2,658.50
Sponsorship income	7,890.00
Tent Hire	1,500.00
Camping	319.00
Training income	3,202.00
Interest income	21.11
Merchandise	2,934.00
Uniform Sales	35.00
Other income	500.00
Unallocated income	10,018.90
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>68,860.06</b>

**Expenditure**

Prizes, Trophies and Ribbons	(7,995.08)
Judges' Expenses	(8,522.70)
Catalogue Expenses	(1,785.30)
Catering Expenses	(918.63)
Merchandise costs	(8,821.63)
Other Show/Trial expenses	(23,505.06)
Repairs and maintenance	(524.16)
Function Costs	(1,400.00)
Printing, postage and stationery	(111.06)
Travel and Accommodation Expenses	(744.92)
Bank charges	(105.77)
Advertising	(1,667.49)
Equipment Hire	(8,404.75)
Minor Equipment (<\$1,000)	(1,010.16)
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>(65,516.71)</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>3,343.35</b>

## **President GSDC of the Northern Territory – Ms. Margaret Adams**

First of all I would like to thank our committee for all the work that we have done throughout the last 12 months. It has been a busy year for our club which has included fundraisers to keep our club afloat.

A successful AGM held 30th July with all positions being filled.  
The Club currently has 69 members. It has grown over the last couple of years.

The Club has participated in a number of Community Events which includes Million Paws Walk, Defence Force Orientation Day, Pet Expo and Darwin Expo.

Fundraising continues with great support from its members. This enables the club to buy agility equipment for training.

The Club has also had a lot of success with Sausage Sizzles which has been held at Bunnings and Harvey Norman.

We also travelled to Adelaide River (60kms south of Darwin) for Northern Cowboys Association for catering in the dry season. We also have done catering at Dog Shows in Darwin.

A big congratulations for the Breed Survey that was conducted on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013. We only had one bitch presented.

Name: Ch Leppsdorf Demina CDX TD AZ. She received a Class 1. Congratulations to her owners, Jenny & Louise Jettner. Well done!!

A big thank to the Breed Surveyor/Judge Mrs Jean Butterfield who donated her time for the Breed Survey. She also judged a All Breed Show that night in Darwin. We are grateful to Jean for offering to do a Breed Survey for us. As a small club we would not have been able to afford to bring a judge up.

We held a Presentation Night on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in which the club presented trophies to Jenny & Louise Jettner for receiving Breed Survey Class 1.

Haydn Andrews who received a CCD Title for Scully, Declan Trick or Treat.

All other members received a trophy for attending training and the effort the members put in.

It has been a very successful year with our trainer Jenny Jettner who has put a lot of work into training and helping members achieve titles with their dogs. Jenny is doing a wonderful job, so good in fact that we have members doing obedient trials, something that has not happened in a long time, with this club.

We have had a few new members over the last few months so hopefully we can entice them to stay on and join trials and show ring.

We also had puppy classes, which has proved to be quite successful and most of them have continued on to Class 1.0.

HD & Elbows Register Report no results for 2012/2013.

Breeders sending puppies to the NT and in particular to Darwin, we depend on them participating in the club to educate and assist owners and avert the problem of “out of control older puppies that has had no training or what’s worse no socialising”. We see this in many cases through the club.

In closing I would like to wish every one of our members, success for the next 12 months.

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## **President GSDC of Queensland – Mr. Rod Vernon**

This is my first report to National Council. The year started with a few ongoing problems left over from the last Committee. There was some angst around the State but I am happy to report to Council that 95% of all angst between members throughout the State has been arrested by the current Committee. Much has been done within the Club to promote harmony.

The Committee has also been working hard to weatherproof our show rings. We have filled all the holes and re-laid turf where needed and top dressed the rest of the rings. Concrete slabs have been laid on which to measure all dogs. Shade covers are to be erected in the assembly rings next year for exhibitors and their dogs.

Members of the Committee erected two off lead runs for Dogs Queensland as a goodwill gesture. Next year Dogs Queensland Grounds Committee will be installing kerb and channeling along the roadway next to our show rings. We hope that this will stop all the rainwater from the hill and roadway cascading down upon our show rings.

I am very pleased to advise National Council that the Club via the Committee has lifted the Club profile and improved communication with the Councilors of our governing body here in Queensland. We even had the President of Dogs Queensland steward for us at our State Breed Exhibition in September. I also advise that the Show Manager for all our shows this year is also a Councilor of our controlling body.

The Club at present is working in conjunction with the Judges board here in Queensland to hold an educational Seminar on the German Shepherd Dog for our members and Judges. This event is to be held in February 2014.

The Club has purchased a trailer for the storage and transport of our show gear. A Puppy Picnic was held in May for members and the public. This was very well attended. The event MC Louis Donald did an extremely good job. As I write this report the Committee is busy organizing another Puppy Picnic and our Xmas breakup for the 8th December 2013. Through fundraising and BBQ's held during the year the Club realised a genuine profit of \$3,739.45 – a great effort from all who assisted.

I would like to make special mention of the contribution made by our Surveyors, Russell Wenham, Louis Donald, Barry and Carol O'Rourke who conducted our Breed Surveys during the year and who also assisted the Club in many ways at all our Club events.

### **Vice President Report – Kenny Hills**

I have enjoyed my year on the Committee as Vice President and feel we have made quite a bit of progress regarding the Club grounds. Rod has been very active indeed with getting things done with the Grounds Committee which certainly has paid off for our Club. There have been a small group of us turning up to lend a hand when we have the time and I think we shall see the results of our labour next year. Hopefully we will get some rain over Christmas and the two rings will be looking terrific for our first lot of shows next year. The Club purchased a trailer this year and this has turned out to be a great help with setting up and pulling down the rings. All the Club gear is in one place and can be towed close to the rings to make setting up a breeze. For example at the July Championship show the Bitch ring was pulled down and packed up before the Dogs had finished being judged. We can also tow it straight up to the top field for the State Breed Exhibition and get the rings set up without carting gear over long distances. It is much easier to keep track of all the Club gear and I can take it home and keep everything maintained and ready for the next show, Breed Survey or Trial. The Club has achieved major savings by not having to hire the shed and pay the associated insurance costs. These savings mean that the trailer will have paid for itself in less than two years - a terrific long term benefit for the Club. I particularly would like to congratulate the majority of the Club members who have participated in Club events this year and made it a pleasure to attend shows and Breed Surveys. It is nice to see the camaraderie and social aspect returning to the Club and the Puppy Picnic was a classic example of this.

### **Breed Affairs**

Debbie O'Keefe was our Breed Affairs Registrar until August by which time we had had 5 Surveys conducted and 33 dogs presented. Following a residential move Debbie felt that the distance of travel was too great to attend meetings and submitted her resignation from the position. The last two Surveys for the year were conducted by myself with 11 dogs being presented. 44 dogs were presented during the year - 38 were Class I and 6 were Class II.

### **Shows and Trials**

The Club held its Open show in February. Entries were down because it was advertised in the Dogs Queensland journal that there would be no double handling. This ruling has been rescinded and double handling will be allowed as before.

In July the Club held its double header Championships shows and Trial, with Freddie Christensen and Vince Tantaro doing the judging honours in the conformation rings and Coral Pethers judged the Obedience Trial. The entry was good in both areas without being great. I personally was very pleased to see the exhibitors smiling and laughing around the rings. The Club also held shows in conjunction with the Working Dog Club and Ipswich Kennel Club and these show were well attended by members.

### **Obedience - Debbie Goodwin**

We have had quite a busy year with a few of our members gaining titles with their dogs. Some also ventured into different areas of our sport [herding, agility, tracking and endurance] with pleasing results. The GSDCQ held two obedience trials this year. Both trials were very successful. Both Judges, Coral Pethers and Val Bonney thought the standard of our dogs was very good. Special mention should go to Club member Jo Morgan who I must add is wheelchair bound, who trialed her dog and achieved a perfect score of 200 at the State Breed Exhibition Trial in September – congratulations Jo.

### **Herding - Debbie Williams**

Herding was well attended and had a very good year. Herding has made a profit this year which I know was largely due to Debbie`s untiring efforts. On the down side of herding Debbie has informed the Committee that at years end she will not be seeking to re-nominate for the position as she wants to spend more time with her family. Debbie`s many years of work for the Club in organising the herding trials at her own property cannot be understated. Whilst Debbie doesn`t want to be involved in the running of these trials she is still prepared to hold them on her property and we thank her for this. At the present time no one has come forward to take on the position for 2014.

### **Club Magazine Fidelity - Editor Diane Ballantyne**

Diane has done an amazing job with the Fidelity for the year. Fidelity has been out on time every issue and all editions were of the highest quality. A job extremely well-done Di.

### **Zone 2 - Stephanie Allen**

It was a quiet year in the north for the Zone. They did however hold two Surveys, one in Mackay and the other one in Bundaberg. Next year Zone 2 will be holding a show in conjunction with Sarina Kennel Club.

### **Zone 3**

Long serving member Gary Hickey Zone 3 did not re-nominate for the position this year and no-one came forward to fill the position. I must add that Club members were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Gary`s wife Ann in September.

### **Website - Manager Irene Hayton**

Irene has looked after our website for another year and she has done a very good job once again and I am pleased to say Irene will stay on as web master for next year.

### **Facebook - Lyn McIntosh and Sue Robertson**

The Club has its own Facebook page now and it is administered by Lyn and Sue. Thanks girls, a great job well done.

### **HD/ED and Tattooing - Sue Robertson Registrar**

Sue reported a total of 98 HD/ED contracts were issued for the year.

**Tattooing** Sue reported 45 litters consisting of 267 puppies were tattooed and 55 puppy booklets sold.

In Conclusion, I as President am very satisfied with the progress made by my Committee in promoting harmony within the Club and promoting the benefits of owning, breeding and exhibiting German Shepherd Dogs in Queensland. If anyone has any questions at all please call me 0438 729 100.

## **President GSDC of South Australia – Mr. John DeLucia**

I am pleased to present this report on the GSDC of SA Inc. activities for the year 2013.

This is only a brief summary as comprehensive details are contained and presented in our Annual Report covering all club activities, financial report and portfolio holder reports.

### **CLUB**

We are always trying to improve our facilities, our club now has an espresso coffee machine which is a great money maker along with the fact of making great coffee and hot chocolate. We also have a large screen TV which has been mounted up on the club room wall. We were fortunate to have a dedicated band of members who painted the outside of the club rooms prior to the National and now over the Christmas break have painted the kitchen area and main hall. We were fortunate to have our club grounds and junior members and dogs used for the Totally Wild TV segment which showcased our breed in a very positive and encouraging way. Despite all these improvements, our finances are in a healthy state with monies in the bank.

In the New Year our grounds will be modified by Adelaide Shores to make way for the new Football pitch "Soccer". This is a work in progress and hopefully will not disrupt us too much. We will lose some of our grounds which will cost us parking spaces but they are going to put parking spaces on the outside of the fenced area.

We have had the facilities and grounds well utilized this year again by various organisations. It is pleasing that one of our Breeders has once again two years in a row supplied German Shepherds to the Guide Dogs For The Blind so fingers crossed that they make the grade.

Our club Website has been constantly improved and updated this year as has our Facebook page.

I would like to thank Advance for their continued Major sponsorship which our club is extremely grateful for, along with all others that sponsor and contribute to the club finances.

Once again our Club was put under pressure along with the dog world in South Australia with another attempt to have a discussion paper put through earlier in 2013 to Parliament. Our club submitted a paper with the help of the NBC Chairperson, Joylene Neddermeyer and Our club Patron Mr John Quirke. Once again a lot of effort and hard work to keep us on our toes, it has been a constant looking over your shoulders mentality to keep up with the possibility of tightening regulations on keeping and owning dogs.

It was also a sad day when one of our Police dogs 'Koda' was stabbed twice in the chest with a 8cm knife as he apprehended an alleged thief and home invader in the line of duty. Even with his injuries Koda still kept his grip on the offender until he was asked to release by his handler, Constable Simon Rosenhahn. Incidentally, Koda was bred by one of our club breeders and we are all grateful that a full recovery was made. I am pleased to report that following this incident, the Government is now putting forward harsher penalties on any incidents like this.

### **OBEDIENCE**

Our trials have been well received and we have again had that winning feeling by taking back our own Balmead Sheild which has eluded us for 10 years. We currently have seven active instructors and are fortunate to now have in training three aspiring Instructors which will boost helpers on the grounds in the New Year.

We conducted an ET Trial along with our two Obedience trials and two Agility trials with exhibitor numbers remaining steady over the years for these events.

We also had an increase in the number of titles awarded this year which is fantastic news.

### **BREED AFFAIRS**

We held a number of events throughout the year that were well participated in with the main event being the National Show and Trial. We conducted four Breed Surveys this year and again our numbers of participants has been great, three Members Competitions along with one Open Show and one Championship Show conducted over two days. Participation in these events is also pleasingly high. Over the Christmas break we will once again hold our puppy days which are always well received. We also conducted eight learner handler classes which are to help the novice along with the experienced handler trying to pick up new tips.

## **President GSDC of Tasmania – Mr. Greg Priest**

It is with pleasure that I present to the members my Annual Report.

I would like to express my thanks to the Executive Officers and Committee Members whose tireless efforts over the past year have kept the gsdctas functioning. I am well aware of the pressures that work and family life can have on all committee members.

To our retiring Secretary Monica, who has done a sterling job and at all times, over and above the call of duty, I wish her a very happy and relaxing retirement.

The Treasurer has done an outstanding job managing the Clubs finances and also the fundraising events to which the Club could not survive without these events being organised. A huge thank you to the volunteers for all your help, and time given.

Kellie Fahey has done a great job as Membership Secretary and reports that currently there are 48 members consisting of 70 members (plus children). Kellie also has performed the duties of Editor and has continued to produce a commendable magazine. Well done Kellie and the Editorial Team of helpers.

There has been only one Championship Show conducted in the last twelve months due to the change in format. The back to back Championship Shows are in two weeks, this is the first time these two shows have been held in September.

Many thanks to Russell, for his time and effort in organising these shows and all the helpers as well. A special thank you to Barry Apted for crafting the lovely trophies.

There were three Breed Surveys conducted in the last twelve months with a total of twelve animals presented. Well done Ken for a great job, as this being your first time in this office. The SBE was a very successful event and a very friendly atmosphere.

Our HD & ED Administrator, Carol Mason reports that a total of sixteen contracts were issued for the year. Congratulations Carol at your efficiency at progressing the contracts in 24-48 hours and returning back to the applicants.

Two Obedience trials and two RallyO trials were conducted this year with very good entries. Well done to our Trial Secretary Denise Ashcroft, and all that helped.

Tattooing of litters is down this year and only three litters consisting in total of sixteen pups being tattooed. This is due to breeders opting to microchip pups only.

In closing, I wish to thank all members for supporting the Club throughout the year and the Committee for the confidence that they have shown in me.

## **President GSDC of Victoria – Mr. Vince Ebejer**

I am pleased to present my report to the GSDCA.

The GSDCV has had an outstanding year, with an increase in membership and further progress along projects previously started. While each area or project of the GSDCV is chaired and driven by an individual, the GSDCV is a collaborative effort, with each group made up of members working together to ensure the success and smooth running of the organisation. The GSDCV is much more than the sum of its parts. Each year we continue to build upon the foundations laid down long ago, strengthening the structure to protect and promote the GSD.

Royal Canin and the GSDCV have continued their long term relationship during 2013 and Royal Canin will continue as the Club's major sponsor for 2014. The relationship is one we cherish and benefits both the GSDCV and Royal Canin. We continue to offer members through our Branch structure access to Royal Canin premium pet food at significant savings. Monash Vet Clinic has been a sponsor of the GSDCV for the past few years and we are pleased to announce they will continue for 2014.

We are pleased to announce that Royal Canin has agreed to sponsor the 2015 GSDCA National Show & Trial, this will be held at KCC Park on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2015. The planning is underway to make this an outstanding event. More details will be provided in due course.

Our support of our Instructors continues with further development of our training program and the addition of an Instructor only area on our website, which includes a number of training aides. Through this we can provide ongoing training to our aspirers as well as being available as a refresher to our more experienced Instructors. The Instructor training course will be further developed and incorporate our Conformation Instructors. To further educate our Instructors and members, the GSDCV as a Club as well as its Branch's individually conducted several seminars and information evenings. Our continued support of our Instructor base and education of our members enables the GSDCV to provide exceptional training to our membership base ensuring that the breed is supported by having good canine citizens and well educated owners.

The GSDCV conducts a number of shows and trials throughout the year. With the introduction of Rally-O, a new and fun event to encourage the novice (and the not so novice) to the world of trailing, overall trial entries were higher than in 2012, even if we discount the entries from the new event. 2013 was also the first full year of Long Stock Coats in the Conformation ring, and while initial entries were high, there was a decrease as the year progressed. Stock Coat entries remained fairly consistent with expected variations.

A major aspect of the GSDCV Strategic Plan was communication, both externally and internally. Communication takes many forms, not just the traditional magazine or flyer format; it includes our image and presence in the public eye. With this in mind the GSDCV undertook to produce an E-News. This was not an electronic version of the Shepherd News, although we did call it the 'The German Shepherd E-News' rather an adjunct that was published electronically 4 times during the year in those months that the regular print Shepherd News was not published. This enabled us to deliver up to date content direct to our member's inbox. As it is an e-publication, the general public can chose to subscribe and we are still able to communicate with those members that do not renew their membership. The GSDCV Face-book page and online renewals and entries which were implemented in previous years combined with the E-News places the GSDCV at the leading edge of social interaction to combat the growing demands on our members and the public's busy lives.

As part of its ongoing review of communication, the GSDCV redesigned and updated its logo. This was a careful process with input from all its members through the branch structure, taking place over many months. The final design, with a GSD Head as well as the map of Victoria clearly symbolises what we are and what we stand for. This new design allows us to produce a consistent image across all platforms and the new logo will be phased in over time to allow for natural attrition of assets and uniforms.

There are many Dog and Pet expos events during the year that the GSDCV takes part in to showcase the breed and provide information to the general public, including the Victoria Canine Association Big Dog Day out held at KCC Park, Caulfield Pet and Animal Expo, both widely published events attended by thousands of people. The Clubs long term support of the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal entered its thirtieth year, a significant milestone and one to be proud of, and through the efforts of our members we have raised just under \$500,000 over the years. To honour the efforts of the Emergency Services, the Moomba Parade organising committee had a representative from each branch of the Services as King and Queen of Moomba. The GSDCV was tasked with providing the 'honour guard' for the 7 Kings & Queens, a high profile position in the Parade with a great deal of television exposure.

Significantly, the GSDCV in partnership with the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria held a GSD Specialist Conformation Show featuring SV judge Herr Hans-Peter Fetten (Gmy) at the Royal Show in September. 'The Royal' is the highlight of the 'All Breeds' Calendar and the provision of critiques and grading's for the GSD's, something not usually seen at the Royal was a great opportunity to showcase the breed to the general public. The large entry featuring both Stock Coat and Long Stock Coat, including some well known interstate animals, combined with commentary from our Breed Surveyors' captivated the public's attention as did the precision obedience work from our Demonstration Team which conducted displays for the entire time the Royal was open. The GSDCV Promotions Team did an outstanding job of dealing with the public, with a well maned promotions stand, information flyers and banners featuring our new logo. The promotional aspects of this event are without measure, with in excess of 20 Thousand people attending the Royal on the day of the Show, and in excess of 150 thousand over the course of the 'Royal' not to mention the Television coverage, we will certainly be endeavouring to hold the event in 2014.

The GSDCV operates in a dynamic and fluid environment, we are well aware of the demands that today's society places on our members, officers and the Breed itself. We are constantly trying to improve what we offer, whether it be to the membership or the public, the flow of information, our structure, and the goal is the same, the improvement, promotion and protection of the German Shepherd Dog.

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## **President GSDA of Western Australia – Mr. Ian Marr**

### **Club**

I am pleased to present this report to the 53<sup>rd</sup> GSDCA AGM on behalf of the members of the German Shepherd Dog Association of WA (Inc). We have had a couple of changes to the Management Committee since last year's report. The Honorary Secretary is now Richard Hosking, The Show Chair is now Robyn Knuckey and the Breed Affairs Chairman is now John Fenner. I welcome these three new position holders to their new roles and I thank the outgoing Committee members, Sharon Southwick (Secretary), John Fenner (Show Chair) & Natalie Humphries (Breed Affairs) for their time, work and commitment to the roles during the past twelve months.

As always I also recognise the great work done by all members of the Management Committee and I encourage them to always endeavour to work towards the club motto which I introduced last year. The theme is "**We CAN make a difference if we put aside our personal likes and dislikes and ALL WORK TOGETHER for the sake of our Breed**".

In a perfect world everyone would follow the above mantra but of course in the real world that doesn't happen, although I must say that most of the management team do try to work within the theme of the motto. I will continue to push hard for everyone to embrace the motto fully. There is little doubt that if we all work within these guidelines our club would be a much better organisation for it.

Once again we lost a member of our club. Dennis Bolger, husband of Di Bolger, passed away and we again supplied a German Shepherd Dog guard of honour at the service and it is truly a memorable sight to see these beautiful, very well trained German Shepherds taking part in the lead up to the service and much appreciated by the deceased relatives.

### **Memberships**

Unfortunately we have had a drop off in membership over the past year. Our numbers are always at their lowest at the end of our Financial Year as the bulk of our long term membership renewals are due by the end of Financial Year and any late renewals are missed from our AGM report. The newer members renewals are due 12 months from the date of joining which means that they are more evenly spread out instead of being due all at the same time. For the first time for a number of years we have dropped below 400. We had 380 members at the start of our new financial year. I have to say that at the time of writing this report we have edged back up above 400 again.

We incorporated the 4 free training certificates last year, based on the GSDCV model and it is slowly catching on and more of our breeders are starting to support the initiative and hopefully this will enable our numbers to improve over the next 12 months.

The loss in members seems to be mainly from renewals after one year of membership, it would seem that once they have achieved a certain level of obedience they are satisfied with that and choose not to go on. The number of new members joining appears to be consistent with past years so we need to work harder to try and retain the members when they are due to renew.

The total of 380 is made up as follows – Single members = 67, Double members = 143 (286), Life Members = 27 giving the total of 380 members.

We have two training grounds and the majority of our members train at our Southern River HQ with a small but very dedicated and active group at our Otago Park ground in the Northern Suburbs in Craigie.

We are very fortunate that we are able to obtain Advance biscuits at a very competitive rate which we then sell to our members at a good price.

We continue to have difficulties in getting enough members to our General Meetings and often we don't achieve a quorum which means an extra trip for the members that do attend as we have to hold the meeting again the following week, this meeting can go ahead with or without a quorum, as per our constitution. I don't for one minute think that we are the only dog club having this type of problem, but it is a worry that we currently have this apathy being shown by our members, which could have us heading towards a desperate situation if we cannot get younger members involved in the running of the club.

The bulk of our volunteers are the same members that have been involved for the past 15+ years.

Having said all of the above it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the great work that continues to be done by all of our hardworking volunteer workers who help in running the club on sub-committees, as obedience instructors at both of our grounds, as Judges and Surveyors, running the shop or canteen and for helping out in many other ways although not necessarily in an official capacity. Without the total commitment of these members we would be unable to exist as an organisation. Well done to you all, your efforts are always appreciated by me.

### **Special Events GSDA of WA**

We were involved in a number of very special events in 2012/2013:-

1. We have been actively involved in the Jane McGrath Foundation Cancer Fund Raiser for a number of years now and it has been yet another successful fund raiser on November 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013. It is a very simple day when we hold a BBQ, Raffles and accept donations for the Foundation, we raised over \$750 on the day.
2. We supported another of our special community events in the Special Needs Children's Christmas Party. We make a donation every year to this charity and occasionally a representative attends the party to witness the benefits these children and their parents receive. This is a great cause and one we are proud to have been involved in for a number of years now.
3. We supported the Ride across Australia which is a fund raiser for the Ted Whitton Men's Bowel Cancer Foundation. This is a group of people riding across Australia on a Lawn Mower to raise funds for the above mentioned foundation. We held raffles and had a sausage sizzle (much the same as we do for the Jane McGrath Foundation. This will be an ongoing event for us. The Ride across Australia group will ride to we hope that Victoria, Tasmania, Canberra and New South Wales in 2014.
4. Our new PR Officer has been very active organising leaflet hand outs and socialising with our puppies at the Perth Royal Show. Kym arranged for most of the Shepherds to be benched near each other which made it easier for the general public to see and touch our dogs, and this was a great success. She also organised for us to be represented at the Armadale Council Rangers Dogs Day Out event where we once again handed out leaflets about our Breed and our Club. A number of demos were also put on during the event, involving our beautiful breed.
5. Our end of year fun day was a huge success this year with a great turnout of members. Probably the best numbers we have had at this event for many years. Well done to Kym and all the helpers who made this such an enjoyable event.
6. We held our Children's Christmas Party on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013 with Santa in attendance, followed by our Annual Presentation Afternoon which was very well attended. This is our last event for 2013 and the club will be closed during the Christmas and New Year fortnight.

### **Sponsorship**

Our major sponsor is **Mars pet Care (Advance Biscuits)** who have been our major sponsor for many years now and we hope will be for many more years to come. This has been a mutually rewarding sponsorship partnership. A new part of the sponsorship has been the agreement between the two parties for Mars Pet Care to supply twelve 20kg bags of Advance biscuits, to our Rescue Service members, free of charge and we match this offer by foregoing part of our small profit to match the offer to the rescue service. We also micro-chip all rescued animals before they are rehoused.

Another sponsor is our biscuit supplier – **Bio-John** and **Triangle Agencies** who give us such a great deal that we are able to sell to our members at a very competitive rate and we hope that this will help in our endeavours to maintain our membership numbers because they have to be a member to purchase the biscuits at the price we can offer. If a member buys 2 bags of biscuits per year they save enough to pay their membership for the next year. Bio-John, along with our new sponsor, **Pet MegaStore**, sponsor our child handlers to the tune of \$350 each for a total of \$700

\$500 of this is to help pay for the Senior Child Handler's airfare to the National so that they can compete in the National Child Handler competition at very little cost to them. There is also the sponsorship of our Intermediate & Junior Child Handler to the tune of \$100 each which is presented to the Intermediate & Junior winner in the form of a Gift Voucher from a local sports store. Both Bio-John and Pet MegaStore also supply goods and/or vouchers for raffles and prizes during the year.

**Scarboro Toyota** has been a great supporter of our club for many years and makes a regular cash donation to us, which is shared between the Show Committee and the Trials committee, plus part of the sponsorship is to help us keep the grounds in pristine condition by allocating part of the sponsorship funds to the upkeep of the club.

**Armadale Mower World** is into its second year as a club sponsor. They gave us a great deal on our new ride on mower and have come on board as a regular sponsor. This is a win win sponsorship because the owner of

Armada Mower World is one of the people doing the Ride Across Australia that I mentioned above, so this is very definitely a case of two parties helping each other.

**Pet MegaStore** is our newest sponsor. They are a website supplier of all pet needs as well as having a number of small shops in some of our larger shopping centre. We hope that this sponsorship will develop over time and become a regular sponsor of ours for many years to come.

I am truly appreciative of the ongoing support of all of the above sponsors. Without this support we really would struggle to offer the Shows and Trials the ongoing financial help they need to continue to promote these shows and trials in the manner that we currently do.

### **Awards for 2013**

We presented two Life Memberships during 2013 to well deserving members. John Crace and Angela Boeyings have both been very active members of the club for many years and have both been involved in many varied positions within the club organisation. Congratulations to them both and many thanks for their years of service.

The Silver Service pin for 10 years of service was presented to Jean Jones for ten uninterrupted years of working in the club shop. This was once again a well-deserved reward, it is members such as these that keep our club functioning.

I have this year invited all members of the Management Committee to submit a report for me to include in this report and these are listed below:-

### **Vice-President's Report**

My Portfolio includes overseeing and looking after the interests of our Sponsors, the ground managers of both of our grounds (North and Headquarters South of the river), Public Relations Officer and I am also the Trophy Officer, this position was created earlier this year to streamline the ordering and supply of our trophies for all club activities.

.I was honoured at our AGM to have Life Membership bestowed on me – it was truly appreciated by me and my family.

We have had to spend quite a few dollars at our Headquarters to make improvements to everything from re-painting to electrical upgrades and upgrading the drinks refrigeration units.

Our volunteers are the same stalwarts of the past. Who are not always appreciated. The need to encourage new people is on the agenda for 2014. This year has been an extremely busy one for the association and I am sure we will all be ready for a well-earned break over Christmas even then it will be shoulders to the wheel to fix up the septic and P.A system ready for the restart in the New Year.

Much of my time is spent liaising with our sponsors. Our Major sponsors, involved on the canine side of things, are Mars Pet Care, Triangle Agencies, Bio John, plus we have generous support from Scarborough Toyota and Armada Mower World. This year we have a new sponsor on board – Pet MegaStore who have just launched their on-line stores and provide a free delivery service within 48 hours of an order being placed. We have a great relationship with our suppliers of Advance biscuits and this allows our members to benefit from the discounted prices.

The illness of our headquarters ground manager, Maurie and also the backbone of our Northern Suburbs obedience trainers, Honey, have meant that others have had to step up and share the load. We are all grateful for their help. We have had two ladies looking after the PR Officers role, Brigitte Warner and Kym Glenny during the year and both ladies are “people persons” with a love of the breed. We can't lose!! We lost our webmaster, Rob Pritchard, to Queensland in the middle of the year but with the magic of technology we have managed to keep him working for us.

John Crace – Vice – President

### **Secretary's Report**

Some of you may not be aware that the German Shepherd Dog Association of WA (Inc) is fortunate enough to own its own grounds. A 7.5 acre piece of Real Estate worth several million dollars but priceless for the large German Shepherd owning community it supports.

Life Member Jack Conrick was very active through the early 1970's and was the driving force behind the purchase and development of our Club Headquarters in Southern River. Apart from supporting all our major events such as the various competitions, we have constant access to the training facilities, we hire out our grounds and in recent years begun deriving a reasonable income from a licence to the greyhound racing community over the use of a small part of our property.

Along with the many benefits come significant responsibilities for a club run by volunteers. Listed below are some recent pressures we have tackled.

1. In the last couple of years we have the added pressure of land developers seeking to introduce incompatible land uses such as potential high density housing opposite our location. We have managed to put forward compelling town planning submissions to the various authorities and feel reasonably confident our operations within the Southern River Kennel Zone will be protected.
2. In addition to the threat from big money residential development next to us we had amendments to the Dog Act that placed 'dog attack' responsibility onto our trainers! We felt compelled to lobby Government to grant us the same protection as Veterinary practices, however, that same exemption was not granted. Whilst the WA parliament has placed most of the responsibility of dog attacks onto the owners it could be argued that our common law responsibilities of negligence have been expanded for our trainers if they were found to be 'in control' at the time of an attack. The Government was sympathetic to this anomaly and the relevant minister during parliamentary debate reaffirmed this was not the intent. As a precaution the Club now needs to ensure its trainers distance themselves from any direct control of animals on the grounds.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS – No Pay, Plenty of Complaints, Poor Working Conditions SIGN UP, WE NEED YOU.

Richard Hosking – Secretary

### **Treasurer's Report**

When I first put up my hand as Treasurer for the GSDA of WA, I was motivated by discontent. What became SUPA apparent early on was the essential support of my fellow management committee members and the need for all of us to do our allocated jobs.

I have been in small business all my working life and I have very clear views on how accounts must be kept. The relationship and trust with our suppliers is critical. Inattention to them causes grief big time in a very short period. Accounts paid promptly are my key.

The other side of this equation and equally important are our sponsors. They share our passion for the GSD. We are very fortunate to have many companies and individuals that support us year after year.

My first year as Treasurer was an eye opener and a learning curve as to the functioning of our club. I've implemented changes that were needed to improve the club's accounts and transparency. The world changes quickly and often I heard "that's not how we've done it in the past". That doesn't wash with me.

This being my second year as Treasurer I can say happily, its as boring as...

The item that I wish to raise is the National Review going electronic ASAP. This cost is enormous to our members and is unsustainable. We are trialling our club magazine electronically.

A huge thank you to that angel, Jane Pike, for her help with all my dealings with National Council.

The state of our accounts at the end of the 2012/2013 financial year are as below:-

Community Solutions Cheque Account	\$16,972.02
Westpac Community Solutions Cash Reserve	\$20,749.92
Term Deposit	\$12,300.11
Stock of Dog Biscuits Approx.	\$ 5,000.00
Stock of Dog Products Approx.	\$ 5,000.00

A copy of the full financial report including a full Auditors report has been forwarded to the National Council and a copy is available from our delegate if required.

Best Regards, Eric Herson – Treasurer.

### **Show Chair Report.**

At present we have a very hardworking show committee with a mixture of new and experienced members, but most importantly we have two youth members in Ben Purves and Peyton Burgess. This is a great mix especially for mentoring a newer and younger generation to move this section of the Association into the future, in a seamless way.

We have a few initiatives in place for 2014 to improve our efficiency in the organising, collecting of entries and the running of our shows. It will be interesting to see if these improvements make for better run shows next year.

We can now hold three Championship Shows per year, so in 2014, the first show of the year will be a championship show to be judged by Imran Husain (Pakistan). From 2014 we will hold 3 Championship Shows, 3 Members Competitions, 2 Open Shows, 1 State Breed Exhibition. (The two open shows will be held as a double header before two of the Members Competitions).

We have held 10 shows during the past twelve months including the Non-sporting Dog Club Show using a specialist judge (Dr Robert Zammit) Entries 56. We held two Championship shows – The Walter Martin

Memorial Championship Show, Judged by Barry O'Rourke (Entries 81), and the West Coast Challenge Championship Show, Judged by Hans-Peter Schweimer (Entries 102), for an average entry of 91.

We held four Members Competitions, Judged by our local panel of judges, for an average entry of 60.

We held two Open Shows using trainee judges for an average entry of 18.

Our State Breed Exhibition was this year judged by our local panel of Judges. Show entries for this event were 75 entries. The SBE encompasses all aspects of our breed and we had an overall entry of about 134 entries which included entries in Obedience Trials, Graduations, Rally-O and of course Show.

Robyn Knuckey – Show Chair

### **Training Supervisor's Report**

At a time when there is a World-wide trend for a drop in members of all club activities, with an incredible array of sports and entertainment available to young and old, the dog clubs have amazing success in keeping relatively stable membership and continuing to fulfil the needs of the public. The various German Shepherd Dog clubs offer an invaluable service to the breed and to every owner, breeder and exhibitor of the German Shepherd Dog.

The Instructors of the GSDA of WA, at both of our training grounds, are out there, conducting their classes every Sunday morning, with a fair number putting in extra time and dedication on weekdays for specialized training for Show, Obedience, DWD and during the warmer months, Agility, in the evenings under our powerful flood lights.

Our Pre-Kindy classes are in the good hands of Kym Glenny and Ian Marr. Kym is a seasoned Pre-Kindy instructor who, like her father, is very much at home in the Show Ring also, and our President Ian Marr, Life Member and a former CGC Instructor, loves working with our members at grass root levels. Kym and Ian ensure that our puppies are being given every advantage through their owners learning about responsible dog ownership and Positive Reinforcement Training. On our show days Ian is also a Ring Steward extraordinaire. We have two newly qualified Instructors this year in Karen Westmacott and Gillian Rhodes.

The Head Trainer at HQ is John Glenny and we run the following classes – Pre-Kindy from 8 weeks to 5 months of age, Advanced Pre-Kindy for over 5 months and adults, Kindy Class which is still very much pet training but aiming for precision from Pre-Kindy to UDX, Class One for dogs almost ready for CCD and CCD Class where they are coached in trials work currently by our Head Trainer, John Glenny who also conducts Novice through to UD and beyond. Our other Instructors at HQ are Jess and Jean McCowan, both Life Members, Dianne Lethbridge, Life Member, Debbie Keogh and Diane Webb.

At our Northern grounds, Otago Park, we have myself, plus Gillian and Eric Herson who comes up from the South to help out from time to time. Eric is well known nation-wide for his many wins of GSDCA Awards for winning the Best Novice and Open Dogs as well as show and obedience awards with several of his dogs and bitches throughout the years.

The following report was received from the Trials Committee Chair (Carol-Anne Davies) to be included in my report:– This has been an unusual year for the trials committee in WA. We started the year with no Secretary or Treasurer of the trials committee. We ran the obedience section for the State Breed Exhibition and our Rally O trial in April with the help of Di Webb and Anne Smith who at that stage were not on the committee. A big thank you to both of them

Unfortunately because of the shortage of helpers we had to cancel most of our trials for the rest of the year. We did run the Endurance Trial and the Obedience section of the West Coast Challenge obedience trial and rally O in October. This was very successful.

We have now decided that we will not run any agility trials in future due to the difficulty of finding enough people to steward these trials. We now have a full complement of members for our Trials Committee and we look forward to a better year in 2014.

Titles gained for last year were:

Obedience: CCD = 4 & CD = 3. Rally O: RN = 7, RA = 3, RE = 2. Tracking: TD = 3. Dances with Dogs: DWD = 1 & HWTM = 3. Track and Search Dog: T&SDE = 1.

Honey Gross-Richardson – Training Supervisor.

### **Breed Affairs Chairman's Report**

The Sub-committee comprises of the following club members:- Chairperson John Fenner, Secretary Ian Marr, Honey Gross-Richardson, Robyn Knuckey, Bruce Knight, Natalie Humphries, club Breed Registrars and an invited qualified breeder or trainer. Due to health issues with Bruce and Honey, meetings for the sub-committee are currently on hold for the moment, and will resume in December.

Over the last reporting year, October 2012 to September 2013, the Breed Affairs Committee of the GSDA of WA have concentrated efforts in GSD Breed related areas of knowledge sharing, education and relevant event

organisation, including Breed Forums and Seminars on the GSD/LSC issues. Character/Temperament issues and other breed issues.

#### Breed Events and Forums.

The Breed Forums/Seminars undertaken cover items and issues, such as:-

- Feedback on items/outcomes from the NBC/Judges Meetings that effect the GSD as a Breed.
- Items on the SC and LSC Inter-variety breeding are not understood by many in the GSD community
- Items on Conformation/Character/Temperament issues that require explanation to members.
- New local issues and proposals effecting all enthusiasts, breeders and owners.
- Our SGM to discuss/ propose WA motions to be submitted to the next GSDCA AGM.

Extensive documentation is prepared for Forums/Seminars. Attendance is less than in previous years. Since our last AGM, breed events conducted have been – a Members Competition on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, The Walter Martin Memorial Champ Show, The West Coast Challenge Champ Show in October and a Breed Forum on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> October at the GSDA HQ. A Breed Survey was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October and a final Breed Survey for the year was on the 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Aligned with the Show Schedules are the following Breed events for 2014.

Breed Forum/Seminar -	20/01/2014
Breed Surveys –	23/02/2014, 13/04/2014, 15/06/2014, 17/08/2014, 19/10/2014 & 29/11/2014.
Championship Shows –	8/03/2014 Imran Husain (Pak), 24/08/2014 Jenny Yuen (Vic) & 26/10/2014 Margit van Dorssen SV (Gmy).
Members Competitions –	4/05/2014 Bruce Knight, 6/07/2014 Natalie Humphries & 21/09/2014 Honey Gross-Richardson.
Open Shows –	6/07/2014 Anna Pozerski & 21/09/2014 Lee Parker.
State Breed Exhibition –	19 & 20/04/2014 J.Fenner, Robyn Knuckey, Natalie Humphries & Honey Gross-Richardson..

The following information was supplied By Vicki Knight, Club Registrar & Margaret Adams Breed Identification Officer.

#### Breed Survey Registrar – Vicki Knight

A total of 67 HD/ED contracts were issued for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 this is 3 down on the previous year. There were 65 –HD/ED + 2 – HD only.

#### Survey Registrar

Class 1 Males	5
Class 2 Males	1
Class 1 Females	21
Class 2 Females	3
Fails	<u>4</u>
Total Surveyed	<u>34</u>

This total is the same as the previous year.

#### Breed Identification Officer – Margaret Adams

I have again taken on the Puppy List as it goes hand in hand with the I.D Officer's role. With the implementation of micro-chipping we have found that very few breeders keep us advised of their litter arrivals. Most are advertised via the internet and therefore do not require the Association to advertise for them. This is a pity as it affects things such as our Breeder's Award which is based on the number of litters born and shown throughout the year.

John Fenner – Breed Affairs Chairman.

#### Minutes Secretary's Report

Always an enjoyable task and keeps me involved in all aspects of the Association. Over the past years I suggested, and the committee has agreed, that reports are submitted to me from each portfolio on the Friday immediately preceding a meeting. I compile the reports into a document and circulate to members – This has allowed the meeting to deal with issues in a quick and efficient manner and has removed the need for reports to be read out. Last year we also implanted information updates in which urgent or pressing information could be circulated to members rather than them wait for the newsletter.

### **Editor**

After much discussion it was decided that we would trial sending out the newsletter on a monthly basis via e-mail for the months of January & February. If the members agree then this format will replace the large quarterly edition of the newsletter. This will mean a considerable saving to the Association in dollars and also in time for the Editor who will not have to spend time at the printers, bagging, tagging and posting.

### **Breed Specific Legislation Officer in WA**

As with other states, our dog laws seem to be under review constantly – the rally held here in Perth was well attended. I do receive feedback from our “watchers” here in Perth. Maybe we should consider the Public Relations Officers of each state to be B.S.L. reporters for this important portfolio.

Margaret Adams – Minutes Secretary, Editor & BSL Officer.

### **Closing statement from the President GSDA of WA**

I thank the members, for their show of faith in me, in electing me again (unopposed) for the position of President of the Association and despite the occasional downside to the position, it is a job that I do enjoy because it gives me the opportunity to give something back to the club, the members and more importantly to the beautiful breed that we must always do our best to protect.

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## **NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION REPORT – MRS. JOYLENE NEDDERMEYER**

I have much pleasure in presenting my report as National Breed Commission (NBC) Chairman to the 2014 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, ensures 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.

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### **Hereditary Diseases/Haemophilia Registrar - Dr. Karen Hedberg. BVsc.**

The aim of any breeding program is to improve overall health while maintaining a wide genetic pool to stay healthy. Reducing genetic variability can have disastrous consequences and increase the incidence of other previously hidden or minor diseases.

#### **Long Stock Coats**

In regards to the Australian situation, we have a small gene pool (for both varieties) and this becomes vanishingly small with the long stock coat population. This in reality is too small to give enough genetic viability and variability at this stage to produce enough healthy and sound dogs to breed on with. With restricting the gene pool to long stock coats only, there are very real concerns that this variety will go backwards in health areas in particular. We have no health data of any depth available to us on long stock coat dogs at this point, nor to be fair, does any country at this stage.

Owners of long stock coat bitches are being forced to look overseas to get the quality needed to continue breeding, with all the inherent risks currently here as well. It is currently not financially viable to import top quality long stock coat stud dogs due to the limited market.

I have suggested that we ask the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) to allow interbreeding of the two varieties for a limited time, where the proposed dog to be used is a proven long coat carrier either by progeny or by DNA testing. Resultant litters will be at least 50% long stock coat without losing type, reducing genetic variability or diminishing the substantial health improvement already achieved.

There should be open interbreeding of the two varieties for a minimum of 7-10 years, even if done along the lines suggested above. This can be revisited at the end of this time.

The impact on the coat quality and length should be assessed in the normal short coated variety as well, at the end of this time. It should be remembered that the end coat type a dog *exhibits* is often a **blend** of its genetics; it is not always a hard and fast cut off point.

There has been a suggestion that interbreeding the varieties would risk losing the short coat gene, but as this is the dominant allele and still affects (phenotypically at least) 75% of the population, this is highly unlikely to occur, particularly if the interbreeding period is limited. People also generally want less coat care, not more, in especially with our current busy lifestyle.

#### **DNA Tests – more coming on the market over time**

The GSDCA should look at any DNA test that is specific to the German Shepherd Dog (GSD) in regard to the numbers affected, the severity of the disease concerned, the impact on the animal's health and well being and decide whether any animals **need** to be removed from the gene pool. Many breeders erroneously consider

affected dogs cannot be used, but the beauty of having a DNA test is that, in the main, **no animal needs to be lost to the gene pool.**

Diseases such as pituitary dwarfism are largely self limiting as it becomes very obvious very early that these animals are affected and thus never re-enter the breed. The problem arises more with late onset diseases such as Degenerative Myelopathy (DM), where often these animals have been bred from long before symptoms arise. These conditions are thus more likely to increase silently through the breed, where as dwarfism tends to stay at a very low level. Affected DM dogs, even if tested early on, can still be used at stud and for breeding purposes but ideally to clear partners.

**Dwarfism DNA** test has been available for quite a number of years. Affected animals (dwarves) never enter the gene pool. Current statistics on carrier rates (France) is 11%, which means the odds of producing a dwarf is very low. Where reasonable numbers are being produced by a sire, if this is reported, this can add to our knowledge and allow breeders to make more informed decisions prior to choosing breeding partners (be they male or female). Do we need to instigate breed wide testing at this stage = NO.

**DM (Degenerative Myelopathy)** is a disease that occurs at the other end of the GSD life. Unfortunately it occurs usually after the prime breeding age (usually 8-9 years and older, some as early as 5-6 years) and the numbers that are seen would be in the order of between 2-5% of older GSD's.

While this disease has a genetic basis, there appears to be some additional triggering factor(s) that then manifests the disease as the dog's age. The disease is thought to have incomplete penetrance, i.e. not all affected dogs end up exhibiting the disease. DM is a devastating progressive condition that gradually whittles away the mobility and effectiveness of the entire hindquarter. The disease affects the myelin sheaths of the spinal cord affecting from mid thoracic area back, with the messages getting slower and slower. The only good part of this disease is that it is not painful to the dog. The disease course runs some 12-18 months with affected dogs being euthanised due to inability to stand etc.

Current **Australian Statistics** from 1.1.12 are:-

	All Breeds	GSD	OFA GSD
Number tested	5192	106	
Normal	5192 (89.6%)	70 (66%)	<b>51%</b>
Carrier	487 (8.4%)	25 (24%)	<b>32%</b>
Affected	112 (1.93%)	11 (10%)	<b>17%</b>

From these numbers one can see clearly that the GSD is over represented in both the carrier and particularly affected animals. This puts the number of affected animals in the current Australian population as around 10%. In reality, the real number of physically affected DM seen is probably closer to 5% (due to the variable expression within the affected population). Interestingly, the OFA GSD stats are far higher, so it serves as a warning to take care.

While I do not believe that we need to do extensive testing of breeding stock at this stage, it may be worth testing heavily used stud dogs or bitches that kennels are based on to give breeders more information when making breeding decisions. Where major animals within the kennel subsequently develop DM after their breeding career, ideally test retained progeny and take care with selecting clear breeding partners.

The number of cases of DM are under reported (as are the dwarfs). Again, use of the GSDCA Health Report can assist us in ensuring we are improving the overall health of the breed as well as giving us better statistics.

## Hips

The breed average is fluctuating upwards slightly as would be expected with the wide variety of bloodlines currently being imported into the country, as well the different combinations developed within our country. Ideally, if we as the GSDCA can maintain our breed average ideally under 8, the breed will I feel, remain fairly healthy in this area.

## **Elbows**

While elbow statistics appear to move very slowly over time, we do have far better elbows across the breed than when we started. Our % of normal has steadily increasing from around 70% in 1995-1999 to the current 2010-2012 figure of 78.6%. This may not sound like much, but basically 30% of the breed was affected when we started (i.e. around 1 in 3 dogs) and now it is approximately 1 in 5 dogs affected with a maximum of Grade One (on the whole).

The numbers of the Grade Two, Three and Ununited Anconeal Process (UAP) will never be 100% accurate as some of these are moved out of the breeding population before twelve months of age. While these are distressing to the owners and breeders alike, they are excluded from the registered breeding population. While a few of these cases are reported via the GSDCA Health Report, I would urge owners and breeders to put this information forwards – this information is most important to tackling this problem. Every case reported helps us gain more realistic statistics on bloodlines.

## **Haemophilia**

This area is running very smoothly with no reported cases. Having the GSDCA Haemophilia Test Sheet available on the GSDCA Web site makes the testing process easier. Emailing or faxing details of the dog and a copy of official laboratory results to me is good, however, filling in that form certainly helps in giving a **return address** for the completed certificate!!

Ms Candy Baker BVSc from Western Australia is assisting me in this area and hopefully can takeover in this area in the next twelve months.

**Canine Herpes** There was a “scare” with this disease earlier this year, so in order to set the record straight, the facts are as follows:-

1. Canine Herpes has been recorded in Australia for many years.
2. Dogs cannot be reliably tested clear (or infected) unless there are rising titres.
3. Male dogs are **not** the primary source of spread of the disease
4. CHV is spread primarily within kennels or by nose to nose contact, the venereal route is not very efficient – i.e. it is rarely spread during mating.
5. It is estimated that 90% (UK figures) of the canine population has been exposed to canine herpes, becoming latent carriers. Latent carriers do not shed, however if the dog is ill or stressed the virus may become activated (e.g. during pregnancy).
6. The majority of problems are within a kennel where there may be infertility in males and females, abortion and placentitis which gives rise to weak puppies. CHV is transmitted to the neonate via the birth canal or contact with infected oral and nasal secretions from the bitch. The low temperatures of neonates allows the virus to spread within the body.
7. There are no current vaccines for Canine Herpes available in Australia at this time.

Prevention/limiting spread of CHV (where the disease is suspected):-

1. Isolate whelping and breeding bitches for 3 weeks before and after whelping.
2. General hygiene – keep puppies clean, dry and warm
3. Prevent overcrowding and stress – keep whelping bitches separate.
4. Keep heat of neonates at 38-39C, keep puppies clean dry and warm.

Excellent write up available at [www.colliclubofnsw.com/CanineHerpesVirusSeminar.pdf](http://www.colliclubofnsw.com/CanineHerpesVirusSeminar.pdf)

## **Over-servicing of Veterinarians**

This problem has been with us for some time and tends to raise its ugly head on regular occasions. The first time this arose, I wrote the “What price a normal hip” article which has been reprinted many times by many breeds especially where “hip dysplasia” is a major concern.

The various components to this are (and not necessarily in order of importance) as follows:-

**Weight** - while we do not see as many excessively heavy puppies any more, I still see them and occasionally the opposite, far too light on in condition for age. Either extreme can look abnormal (even to the average vet),

so I would really push breeders to include the weight for age chart in their puppy packs and impress upon new owners the need to stay *within normal limits for rates of weight gain and weight for age*.

**Conformation** – this is the biggest area of concern! The deep hindquarter angulation coupled with excessive looseness of hocks and hey presto, your puppy has hip dysplasia! (regardless of the fact it is primarily the hocks and ligaments that are the issue). Couple that occasionally with too much weight, too rapid a weight gain and growth, these puppies are often sore along the back as well, so they arch over the back, further accentuating the already extreme hindquarter problem.

Puppies that have this combination are the most likely candidates for early X raying by inexperienced vets and the subsequent “corrective” or “preventative” operations.

When I see these “extreme” puppies, my primary concern is assessing the puppy, correcting any dietary issues and slowing the rate of growth (if excessive) and covering the soreness many of these puppies have. I generally add zinc to the diet as zinc is often relatively unavailable, and zinc helps strengthen and tighten ligaments.

**Desexing** – quite a few of these puppies are “picked up” at the time of desexing (around 5-6 months). Owners often get – “Oh, we will just check the hips at the same time while the puppy is anaesthetised”. Owners are rung immediately (usually while the puppy is still on the table) saying the puppy will need an operation to improve long term quality of life etc. Owners are quite often made to feel that they would be failing to adequately care for their pet if they don’t go ahead and have corrective surgery – often committing to further surgery fairly immediately.

**Ignorance (both owner and veterinarian)** – just because a breed has had a poor history in the past doesn’t automatically mean a puppy will have bad hips. We, the GSDCA should be pushing far and wide that the national rolling breed average is around 8 total, far below the vast majority of breeds commonly held to have HD problems. The odds of getting good hips is actually fairly high. Believe it or not, I am currently getting more complaints re the Golden Retrievers being targeted rather than GSDs.

**Costs (who pays???)** – Unfortunately the majority of breeders find out after the fact, after surgery, desexing etc. Some owners are quite belligerent, and if the problem was severe, one can understand the angst, and this is a problem to be sorted between breeder and owner. However, being asked to pay large sums after the fact has its own issues as well.

Further complicating the issues involved is the type of operation and the effectiveness of the various operations at different ages. Some of these operations only work at certain ages - with JPS (Juvenile Pubic Symphysiodesis) generally, the earlier the better, which can be as early as twelve (12) weeks, but not after twenty (20) weeks of age. The next TPO, (Triple Pelvic Osteotomy) is best done before nine months and is only really suitable for mild cases. Severe cases really require total hip replacements, which the surgeons usually do not like doing much under twelve (12) months (although I have had 1 surgeon go in as early as nine (9) months on a really severe case) and then one at a time, usually three (3) months apart.

As a further note, there are still ongoing discussions between veterinarians and specialists as to the relative merits and worth of some of these operations, particularly the JPS.

### **Solutions**

I cannot emphasise enough that there must be good ongoing relations with puppy buyers, if not, often the first you know of a problem is a distressed (and aggressive) puppy owner on the phone. Avoid this by:-

1. Hand out weight for age charts, show people how to use them, highlight that there should not be excessive rates of weight gain and the importance of staying between the suggested limits.
2. Try and avoid using high performance growth diets, especially on backyard pets – they far are more likely to be over fed (and be hyperactive!).
3. Emphasise that you, the breeder, *want* to hear of any problem that your vet is worried about, **particularly** if it concerns hips or elbows as you do not anticipate any significant problems in this area.
4. Ring puppy buyers when their puppies are around 3-4 months of age, check the weights and diets.

5. Be particularly vigilant in certain areas where the vets appear to be pushing early intervention, ask puppy buyers to get **second opinions** before any major surgery, and above all
6. To let you, the breeder, know *before* any major operations are carried out.

### Update on Litter Registrations Limitations (LRLs)

The motion sent to the ANKC Canine Health and Welfare Committee (CHWC) meeting from the GSDCA to lower the hip and elbow acceptability for parents of GSD litters to the same as is currently acceptable for the GSDCA 'A' and 'Z' stamp, was rejected at this time. The reasons for this were that the existing LRL has only been in place for animals (parents) that were born after 1.6.11. However, it only *effectively* came into play after 1.1.13, as GSD's have to be a minimum of eighteen (18) months at the time of mating.

It was felt that there has not been sufficient time elapsed to show the effectiveness and/or issues that may arise from this LRL being instigated. Issues are only just coming to light at time of printing, and the various state controlling bodies need to learn how to deal with these restrictions.

As this is the first LRL to impose restrictions on progeny based on pass rates on hip and elbow results of the parents, it was felt that there should be a minimum 5 years between instigating any LRL and then changing the requirements. To alter any current LRL will require a new Australia wide breed survey of the new requirements.

### Health Reports

While these forms are readily available from the GSDCA website, they are unfortunately very infrequently used. I have the odd cases of bloat, several of DM, one of dwarfism and one of aspergillosis (from NZ of an Australian imported bitch) that were received this year. What I would like to highlight is that not only do these reports give health information on a wide range of diseases, they also act as a release valve of angst for owners when breeders take no notice of their complaints. For every written report

I would get 5-6 phone calls re various conditions of GSD's from all over Australia. While some of these are weird and wonderful, often elbows, skin conditions, anal furunculosis to mention a few, I try to get people to put in reports but these are few and far between.

Better understanding of our breed's health would be gained if there was widespread use of the forms. Causes and ages of death are also important as is the incidence of bloat, torsion of the spleen and haemangiosarcoma of the spleen (with associated rupture) which are not uncommon in the older GSD (>8years of age) along with DM, spondylitis and cauda equine (fairly common in the older GSD).

### National Identification Registrar - Mr. Frank Moody.

It is my pleasure to submit the National Identification Registrar Report to the 53<sup>rd</sup> GSDCA Annual General Meeting.

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 it is now mandatory to have all puppies microchipped and recorded with the ANKC at the time of Registration.

This has seen a significant drop in numbers of Tattoo Symbol applications, and the numbers of puppies tattooed over this period.

However, as per below I am still receiving some requests for Tattoo Symbols and 'AUS' numbers.

I urge **ALL** Clubs to continue to support those Breeders that wish to continue tattooing their puppies as well as the compulsory microchipping – this is their choice!

(It also provides funds for the GSDCA and the Member Club)

#### Symbol Applications Processed

Club	1 Oct'12 > 30 Sep'13		1 Oct'11 > 30 Sep'12		1 Oct'10 > 30 Sep'11		1 Oct'09 > 30 Sep'10		1 Oct'08 > 30 Sep'09	
	Litter	AUS								
QLD	2	2	1	8	7	12	5	3	5	5

NSW *	3	-	4	6	7	15	8	14	4	11
ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VIC	2	-	6	-	6	3	2	3	2	6
TAS	1	-	-	-	3	3	1	2	-	1
SA	-	-	1	-	1	1	4	-	3	1
WA	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	2	3
NT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>

\* NSW includes GSDL, N&HR and BH

### **Club Tattoo Results**

The following table lists the number of Litters and Puppies tattooed between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013, and already reported to me.

	<b>Comparison of 2012-13 v's 2010-11 Yrs</b>		<b>1 Oct'12 &gt; 30 Sep'13</b>		<b>1 Oct'11 &gt; 30 Sep'12</b>		<b>1 Oct'10 &gt; 30 Sep'11</b>	
	<b>Litters</b>	<b>Pups</b>	<b>Litters</b>	<b>Pups</b>	<b>Litters</b>	<b>Pups</b>	<b>Litters</b>	<b>Pups</b>
QLD	86%	91%	45	267	33	165	52	293
NSW	58%	60%	80	480	98	591	139	807
NC	11%	8%	2	8	-	-	18	108
BH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ACT	41%	48%	5	38	4	28	12	78
VIC	25%	24%	18	93	43	251	72	388
TAS	19%	17%	3	16	6	32	16	95
SA	21%	25%	13	76	12	73	61	298
WA	NIL	NIL	-	-	2	16	76	438
NT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Tattoos</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>2,505</b>
<b>Total Regn's * (DOB Aug&gt;July)</b>	=	<b>101%</b>		<b>3,732</b>		<b>3,924</b>		<b>3,683</b>
<b>Percentage</b>						<b>30%</b>		<b>68%</b>

Note \* The "Total Registrations" does not perfectly align with the tattoos over that period, however this is a very close approximation. Registrations have been obtained from the GSDCA Database, and is based on DOB from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> July – Whereas tattoos are recorded in the month that the litter was tattooed (some 7-8 weeks later).

This is certainly a decline from pre-microchipping years, but the numbers for this last year are similar to the previous year (when microchipping first came in) – whilst breeding numbers are almost identical. We are still tattooing almost 40% of the litters that we were prior to microchipping.

It is interesting to compare the impact at the various clubs.

**The column (in the table above) "Comparison of 2012-13 v's 2010-11 Yrs" expresses the number of litters/pups tattooed in 2012-13 as a percentage of those tattooed in 2010-11.**

It is great to see that a number of breeders are still choosing to tattoo as well as microchip – the higher states are NSW (GSDL), and QLD.

### **Tattoo details in the Database**

This is an area that is my biggest concern.

A number of Club Tattoo Registrars are EXTREMELY slow in entering the Tattoo details into the GSDCA database.

Whilst most puppies are now microchipped only, when the breeder is tattooing 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 schemes.

Can all Presidents please reiterate the importance of this, to their Breeders and Registrars within their Clubs.

### **MICROCHIPPING**

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

There are currently only three (3) Clubs (ACT, GSDL, and SA) that are providing microchipping as a service to their members/breeders – other state legislation makes it very difficult (and costly) for Clubs to train persons as micro chippers.

In WA their legislation allows for the breeder to microchip their own puppies.  
In all other states the breeders must be using their vets.

We have had a few cases with mis-matching 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.
- All cases have been successfully resolved, with minimal stress to all concerned.

I cannot stress enough, that Breeders MUST:

- check the Registration papers when they get them back, to ensure there has not been a data entry error at the ANKC, and also
  - that the puppy goes with the correct Microchip that matches its Pedigree papers
- This will avoid most of our future issues.

Thank you again for the support I have received from the Club Tattoo Registrars, Joylene Neddermeyer, and the NBC Executive.

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

Mr Chairman, Council Executive, Delegates Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again, I am pleased to report on the activities and results of Councils HD and ED Control Scheme. The following figures & statistics cover the period **1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 to 30th September 2013**.

Over this period **455, animals** were submitted to the scheme for hips, 411 were successful in gaining the 'A' stamp a pass rate of 90.33%. A total of 455 were submitted for elbows, with 411 gaining the 'Z' a pass rate of 96.92% on elbows, there were 13 failures (2.86%) which included 7 UAP (1.54%).

In addition I have included a chart below covering the last 16 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 8,889 animals.

**Data from 1st October 2011 to 30 September 2013**

Yr	Table 1				ELBOWS				
		HIPS							
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
	%	92.90%	6.20%	1%	98.50%	1.00%	0.00%	0.50%	
	% Based on	406	406	406	406	406	406	406	
12	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%	
	% Based on	416	416	416	416	416	416	416	
11	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	
9	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S	'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	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	
8	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S	'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	2005	421	51	5	468	8	1	5	477
	%	88.30%	10.70%	1.00%	98.11%	1.68%	0%	1.05%	
	% Based on	477	477	477	477	477	477	477	
7	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%	
	% Based on	474	474	474	474	474	474	474	
6	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	
5	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	
4	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S	'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total
	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	

<b>3</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>642</b>
	%	<b>82.40%</b>	<b>16.50%</b>	<b>1.09%</b>	<b>98.44%</b>	<b>0.78%</b>	<b>0.78%</b>	<b>0.47%</b>	
	% Based on	642	642	642	642	642	642	642	
<b>2</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>692</b>
	%	<b>82.10%</b>	<b>17.80%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>98.84%</b>	<b>1.01%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>1.01%</b>	
	% Based on	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	
<b>1</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>497</b>
	%	<b>82.50%</b>	<b>17.50%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>97.79%</b>	<b>1.81%</b>	<b>0.40%</b>	<b>1.81%</b>	
	% Based on	497	497	497	497	497	497	497	
<b>14 Yr Total:</b>		<b>6,820</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>7,745</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>7,918</b>
<b>14 Yr ave %</b>		<b>86.13%</b>	<b>13.24%</b>	<b>0.63%</b>	<b>97.82%</b>	<b>1.87%</b>	<b>0.29%</b>	<b>0.93%</b>	
<b>% Based on</b>		<b>7,918</b>	<b>7,918</b>	<b>7,918</b>	<b>7,918</b>	<b>7,918</b>	<b>7,918</b>	<b>7,918</b>	

Table 1 Above gives a snap shot picture over the past 16 years, as can be seen the average pass rate is sitting at 86.13% for Hips, with the current average pass rate for 2013 sitting at 90.33% & based on 455 animals and a Elbow pass rate of 96.92%.

<b>16 year Chart</b>		<b>Table 2 ELBOWS Breakdown of Elbow Grades</b>						
<b>16</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Gr3/Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
		336	97	18	2	2	7	<b>455</b>
		<b>73.85%</b>	<b>21.32%</b>	<b>3.96%</b>	<b>0.44%</b>	<b>0.44%</b>	<b>1.54%</b>	
<b>15</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Gr3/Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
		323	79	13	7	2	5	<b>422</b>
		<b>77%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>0.47%</b>	<b>1%</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Gr3/Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
		288	65	22	4	0	2	<b>381</b>
		<b>75.59%</b>	<b>17.06%</b>	<b>5.77%</b>	<b>1.05%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Gr3/Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
		337	39	24	6	0	2	<b>408</b>
		<b>82.60%</b>	<b>9.56%</b>	<b>5.88%</b>	<b>1.47%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.49%</b>	
<b>12</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Gr3/Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
		341	42	24	9	0	4	<b>420</b>
		<b>81.19%</b>	<b>10.00%</b>	<b>5.71%</b>	<b>2.14%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.95%</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Gr3/Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
		382	64	36	14	1	1	<b>498</b>
		<b>76.71%</b>	<b>12.85%</b>	<b>7.23%</b>	<b>2.81%</b>	<b>0.20%</b>	<b>0.20%</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Gr3/Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
		347	66	36	15	1	5	<b>470</b>
		<b>73.83%</b>	<b>14.04%</b>	<b>7.66%</b>	<b>3.19%</b>	<b>0.21%</b>	<b>1.06%</b>	

9	<b>2006</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Gr3/Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	357	72	37	4	0	2	472
	75.64%	15.25%	7.84%	0.85%	0.00%	0.42%	
8	<b>2005</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	348	75	43	10	1	5	482
	73.52%	14.23%	8.70%	3.56%	0.21%	1.04%	
7	<b>2004</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	342	82	40	9	1	9	483
	72.43%	16.59%	7.48%	3.50%	0.21%	1.86%	
	<b>2003</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	370	99	57	14	2	7	549
	70.71%	16.36%	10.30%	2.63%	0.36%	1.28%	
	<b>2002</b>						
5	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	369	130	42	5	1	1	548
	68.59%	22.16%	7.90%	1.35%	0.18%	0.18%	
4	<b>2001</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	369	110	38	9	5	5	536
	67.98%	23.32%	7.11%	1.58%	0.93%	0.93%	
3	<b>2000</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	449	121	59	8	5	3	645
	69.61%	18.76%	9.15%	1.24%	0.78%	0.47%	
2	<b>1999</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	501	127	56	7	1	7	699
	71.67%	18.17%	8.01%	1.00%	0.14%	1.00%	
1	<b>1998</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	368	74	45	9	1	5	502
	73.31%	14.74%	8.96%	1.79%	0.20%	1.00%	
	<b>16 Yr Totals</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	5,486	1,300	566	123	23	66	7,550
	72.66%	17.22%	7.50%	1.63%	0.30%	0.87%	

Table 2 above compares the Elbow results over 16 years, this year Normal has increase by 4.02%, Grade 1 up by 22.78%, Grade2 up by 38.46%, Grade 3 has dropped by 71.43% & UAP is up by 40%.

The 16 year average for elbows based on 7,550 animals, with 5,486 having gained Normal Elbows (72.66%), Grade 1 with a total of 1,300 = 17.22%, Grade2 566 = 7.56% with a total of 66 animals being affected by UAP (0.87%).

### Table 3

Gives a break down of the various State's participation for our two readers over the last 12 Months including NZ which contributed 13 = 3% compared to last year's (25) 6% of the total this is a significant drop of 52%. NSW is leading with 106 animals or 23% of the National total, 93% went to Dr Lavelle, 7% going to Dr Richardson, followed by Vic with 84 = 18%, Dr Lavelle received 95%, then Qld with 76=17%, Dr Lavelle= 80%, & Dr Richardson=20%, then 4th was WA

with 61=13%, Dr Lavelle = 70% & 30% to Dr Richardson. Overall Dr Lavelle scored 409 = 90% & Dr Richardson scored 46 = 10%.

**TABLE 3 Comparisons between Dr Lavelle & Dr Richardson by State Inc NZ.**  
1st Oct 2011 to 30 Sep 2012.

Table 3 STATE	Dr Lavelle			Dr Richardson			State	National
	Mal e	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total; %
<b>ACT</b>	2	2	<b>4</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	
State %	50%	50%	<b>100%</b>	0%	0%	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0.88%</b>
<b>BH</b>	0	1	<b>1</b>	1	1	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	
State %	0%	33%	<b>33%</b>	33%	33%	67%	<b>100%</b>	<b>0.66%</b>
<b>NT</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
State %	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>NCHR</b>	7	21	<b>28</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	
State %	25%	75%	<b>100%</b>	0%	0%	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>NSW</b>	32	67	<b>99</b>	2	5	<b>7</b>	<b>106</b>	
State %	30%	63%	<b>93%</b>	2%	5%	<b>7%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>NZ</b>	3	10	<b>13</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	
State %	23%	77%	<b>100%</b>	0%	0%	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>QLD</b>	14	47	61	3	12	<b>15</b>	<b>76</b>	
State %	18%	62%	<b>80%</b>	4%	16%	20%	<b>100%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>SA</b>	16	50	<b>66</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>66</b>	
State %	24%	76%	<b>100%</b>	0%	0%	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>TAS</b>	2	12	14	0	0	0	<b>14</b>	
State %	14%	86%	<b>100%</b>	0%	0%	0%	<b>100%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>VIC</b>	24	56	<b>80</b>	1	3	<b>4</b>	<b>84</b>	
State %	30%	70%	<b>95%</b>	25%	75%	5%	<b>100%</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>WA</b>	13	30	<b>43</b>	8	10	<b>18</b>	<b>61</b>	
State %	30%	70%	<b>70%</b>	44%	56%	30%	<b>100%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	113	296	409	15	31	46	<b>455</b>	
<b>%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2013 and at the same dates each previous year. And for the NBC Meeting the numbers were taken 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 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 455. NSW submitted 106 animals and is 23.3% of all the animals submitted for the year.

Club	Submitted	%	'A'	'A' %	'Z'	'Z' %
<b>ACT:</b>	4	1%	2	0.44%	4	0.88%
<b>BH:</b>	3	1%	2	0.44%	3	0.66%
<b>NT:</b>	0	0%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>NCHR:</b>	28	6%	26	5.71%	27	5.93%
<b>NSW:</b>	106	23%	99	21.76%	106	23.30%
<b>NZ:</b>	13	3%	12	2.64%	10	2.20%
<b>QLD:</b>	76	17%	68	14.95%	74	16.26%

<b>SA:</b>	66	15%	60	13.19%	64	14.07%
<b>TAS:</b>	14	3%	11	2.42%	14	3.08%
<b>VIC:</b>	84	18%	76	16.70%	81	17.80%
<b>WA:</b>	61	13%	54	11.87%	59	12.97%
	<b>455</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>90.11%</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>97.14%</b>

Table 4B Gives a break down by State for the Elbow grades for the last 12 Month Period, NSW had a total of 106 of the 455 submitted for the year and 76 of those gained the "N" Elbow grade resulting in a 16.7% pass rate. Overall 287 or 63.08% gained the "N", 86 or 18.9% received GR1, 17 or 3.75% GR2, there was 0 that scored GR3 & 6 or 1.32% UAP.

Table	4B									
Club	"N" ELB		GR1 ELB		GR2 ELB		GR3 ELB		UAP	
<b>ACT:</b>	1	0.22%	1	0.35%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>BH:</b>	1	0.22%	1	0.35%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>NCHR:</b>	19	4.18%	8	2.79%	1	0.35%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>NSW:</b>	76	16.70%	2 8	9.76%	2	0.70%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>NT:</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>NZ:</b>	6	1.32%	4	1.39%	2	0.70%	0	0.00%	1	0.35%
<b>QLD:</b>	60	13.19%	1 3	4.53%	2	0.70%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>SA:</b>	51	11.21%	1 1	3.83%	4	1.39%	0	0.00%	1	0.35%
<b>TAS:</b>	9	1.98%	4	1.39%	2	0.70%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>VIC:</b>	64	14.07%	1 5	5.23%	4	1.39%	0	0.00%	2	0.70%
<b>WA:</b>	0	0.00%	1	0.35%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.70%
	<b>287</b>	<b>63.08%</b>	<b>8 6</b>	<b>18.90%</b>	<b>1 7</b>	<b>3.74%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1.32%</b>

If members could please ensure they send a copy of their Registration papers with the GSDCA HD & ED 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 to Joylene Neddermeyer, for her co-operation as well as Val Moody.

The Willis Style progeny charts have been circulated under separate cover.

### **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 2015.

This does mean that a number of issues in this report have been mentioned previously however I do feel it necessary to provide an update to the meeting on the current status of these issues and to keep them on the radar so to speak.

I have never taken being elected to this position for granted and have considered it an honour and a privilege. I have been fortunate that I have been able to gain a huge amount of information which has improved my knowledge of the German Shepherd Dog. I enjoy the work immensely and while it is time consuming it is also very rewarding.

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.

A number of issues have needed attention during the year and while a number have been finalised, a number are still ongoing. When reading my report you will see a number of these issues have been highlighted previously but these are issues which are still affecting the GSD and still need to be contained within my report for the information of everyone. I

I am more than happy to talk to anyone at anytime about any concerns that they may have perceived or otherwise. I would much prefer to talk to people direct that via an email.

I have always felt that it is important to talk and communicate with a large number of members at grass root and have always taken this opportunity on the telephone or at shows or various functions that I attend during the year.

This does enable me to be aware of their concerns relative to the future of the breed in Australia and to acknowledge the huge commitment that the breeders and the exhibitors make to the further development of the breed.

### **Hereditary Diseases Chairman's Report.**

Thank you once again to Dr Karen Hedberg for her work, time and commitment in the position of Hereditary Diseases Chairman.

A number of issues have been outlined in the HDC reports with a further update from her report to the 2013 NBC Meeting.

A very emotional and sensitive issue has arisen in regards to "inter-variety" breeding", with a large deal of passion being expressed from opposing views. The matter will be voted upon at the 2014 GSDCA AGM but it is imperative the fraternity accepts the result as a whole and moves forward for the future development of the breed.

Again I can only reiterate the request of Dr Karen Hedberg that the GSDCA Health Report forms are completed and forwarded to the HDC Chairman as this information is paramount in recording accurate information. Breeders and owners need to accept the bigger picture and the recording of information may ensure that owners and breeders will not encounter the same problem.

In regards to the GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme I have some concerns that not all imported animals and sons of imported dams are being captured by the ANKC as per the LRL requirements especially for those animals that are not being presented to breed survey.

For your information I have listed the requirements below:

### **Haemophilia**

*Effective September 1, 2004, the following requirements will apply: -*

- 1. All imported GSD males must have an **Australian H.Neg certificate** prior to ANY progeny being registered in Australia.*
- 2. All sons of imported GSD bitches must be in possession of an H.neg certificate prior to ANY of their progeny being registered in Australia.*
- 3. All GSD males born from litters imported in whelp must be in possession of a Hneg certificate prior to ANY of their progeny being registered in Australia.*
- 4. Where a GSD bitch is sired by imported semen, any of her male offspring must have a Hneg. Certificate prior to any of his progeny being registered in Australia. (05/04)*

In recent times there has also been an increase in the number of imported bitches coming into the country and I believe it is an opportune time to write to the ANKC asking that the requirement especially relative to the sons of imported bitches is brought to the attention of all state canine controls.

### **GSDCA National Identification Scheme.**

The National Identification Registrar Mr. Frank Moody is a very efficient registrar and handles his portfolio with a minimum of fuss.

Once again he has detailed in his report the requirements regarding microchip officers and the registering of microchips differs from state to state however the microchip information that we receive is from the ANKC database and forms the basis for the GSDCA Database.

As reported previously there have been problems with an incorrect or an unreadable tattoo when an animal comes to Breed Survey. I would suggest that during the past twelve months there have been a similar number of problems with undetectable or unreadable micro-chips.

I believe that some states are reviewing the legislation and there is a move to only allow veterinarians to undertake any procedure that penetrates the skin. Member clubs are asked to advise the National Identification Registrar and the NBC Chair of any changes to the legislation in the future.

### **GSDCA Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme.**

This has been a very difficult year for the GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme Registrar. On behalf of Doug I would like to thank everyone for their patience and for the best wishes and support on the passing of his wife Rae.

The GSDCA HD Control Scheme is very well established but there is no question that this organisation needs to remain in control of the GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme.

The progeny statistics that we produce are invaluable to our breeders when selecting a future breeding partner and enable the GSDCA to be aware of the current hip and elbow status so to give to give breed direction and guidance directly relative to the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.

I need to state however that I have concerns that the number of un-submitted x-rays for assessment are increasing when the owners believe that the animal will not be awarded the GSDCA 'A' and or 'Z' stamp.

To give clear direction and breed guidance all x-rays must be submitted and yes I realise that it is disappointing and the stud dog owner may not be happy but there is a responsibility to the breed that a clear picture of the status of our hips and elbows is correct and available to all.

I have asked the GSDCA HD and ED Control Registrar to undertake an audit of un-submitted forms over the past five years. The figures will be prepared on a yearly basis and should ascertain if my concerns are warranted. A report of the audit will be presented to the 2014 NBC Meeting with the number of un-presented forms shown on a club by club basis.

In this day and age with the anti-dog lobby and the threat of litigation every endeavour must be undertaken to ensure that the puppies that we breed are sound in both body and mind.

The above comments have been recorded in previous GSDCA AGM and NBC reports however it must be stated that they are still very relevant today and their importance cannot be underestimated.

The GSDCA Breeders Achievement awards will be presented at the 2014 President's Dinner. All recipients will be advised that they have qualified for an award by the end of March 2014 which will give them enough time to purchase tickets to the President's dinner if they wish.

### **GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Progeny Results.**

The updated progeny results to 30 November 2013 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. This information will be published in the GSDCA Quarterly National Review (QNR) and be available on the GSDCA website prior to the GSDCA AGM.

This year I have also prepared a new chart which shows the progeny results of the current stud dogs both by bloodlines and percentage of normal elbows. When reviewing those charts it is interesting to see the bloodlines that have disappeared of the radar so to speak, with no active sire continuing to have an influence in the breeding program here in Australia.

It is also interesting to note in the dam progeny charts very few females present 10 or more animals through the GSDCA ED Control Scheme. A number of imported bitches appear in the charts may be because their progeny are sold to show homes or as breeding animals.

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.

Again in my previous reports I have stated that any animal that has a parent or grandparent with a Grade Two elbow grading an elbow warning is added under Section VI "Advice for selection of a breeding partner". This practice was discussed and agreed upon at the 2006 NBC Meeting in Adelaide and has been normal practice since that time.

I am pleased to report that the number of animals with Grade Two elbows presented to the breed survey scheme this year has dramatically reduced and there is a decrease with the number of animals that require the above warning to be added to their breed survey. The decrease in the number of Grade Two animals in our breeding program can only be seen as a positive.

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.

#### **Applicant to become an Aspiring GSDCA Breed Surveyor Status**

At the 2013 NBC meeting Mr Peter Flynn applied to become a GSDCA Aspiring Breed Surveyor and I pleased to report that his application was accepted unanimously. Peter will be participating in Breed Surveys and will be undertaking a series of mock Breed Surveys in the coming year.

#### **2012 Breed Survey Book**

I am pleased to report that the 2011 Breed Survey Book was released at the 2013 National Show and Trial in Adelaide.

It was decided at the 2011 GSDCA AGM that the GSDCA Breed Survey Book would be sold directly to the fraternity at the National Show and Trial. I take this opportunity to thank Jane Pike for her assistance in the distribution of the Breed Survey Book. As stated in my report to the NBC meeting I am not sure that this change has been successful. I have received complaints from the members that are disappointed that they cannot purchase the book from their local club due to the fact that they do not always attend the National Show and Trial.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of Gillian Cafari and Dawn Evans for her time and effort to ensure that the 2012 Breed Survey Book is a production that all of the German Shepherd fraternity can be very proud.

While I still prefer the option of producing a Breed Survey Book for sale one must be realistic and the books need to be purchased by the fraternity and to be profitable.

## 2013 Breed Survey Book

The 2013 Breed Survey Book is currently being compiled and I must thank Gil Cafari and Dawn Evans for their efforts in preparing the pages for the 2013 Breed Survey Book. This is a very time consuming task at a very busy time of the year.

Due to the reduction in sales a quote has been received from PMG Media for 250 copies. At the date of writing this report I had not received the revised report.

The continued work being undertaken by Mr Frank Moody, in regards to the GSDCA Database will provide another option to change the way that we can offer the breed survey information to the fraternity. After a lot of hard work and negotiation the first Breed Survey Certificate has been printed from the GSDCA Database.

### National Breed Survey Scheme

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.

In 2013 the number of animals has remained constant with both stock coats and long stock coats. As I am still waiting for some breed surveys from clubs, the breakdown of Class 1 and Class 11 and failures via states will be circulated under separate cover.

The issue of size is well documented and has been discussed at length. While a number of animals stand on the upper limit of size it does appear that the “oversize” animals have slowly decreased in number in the show ring.

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.

There has some discussion recently in regards to the criteria for animals to be classified Class I or Class II in regards to character and temperament. For your information please find the criteria listed below:-

*For dog and bitches to obtain a Breed Survey Class I or Breed Survey Class II classification, they must be firm and self assured in character. Animals that display any deviation shall be deemed to have failed breed survey.*

Dates received from Member Clubs for the 2014 Breed Survey Season:

German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc	23/02/2014
	11/05/2014
	20/07/2014
	26/10/2014
German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria	8/12/2013
	16/02/2014
	13/04/2014
	15/06/2014
	10/08/2014
	12/10/2014

ACT German Shepherd Dog Ass	15/05/2014
GSDA of Western Australia	23/02/2014
	13/04/2014
	15/06/2014
	17/08/2014
	19/10/2014
	29/11/2014
German Shepherd Dog League	15/02/2014
	24/05/2014
	5/07/2014
	8/11/2014
GSDC of Tasmania	15/02/2014
	24/05/2014
	19/09/2014
GSDC of Queensland	23/02/2014
	4/05/2014
	11/07/2014
	13/09/2014
	8/11/2014

The GSDCA Breed Survey Manual has been updated and circulated with the 2014 GSDCA AGM Agenda. Thank you Steve Collins for your time and effort to reviewing the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual

### **GSDCA Tooth Certificates.**

Since receiving the documentation from the GSDCA President in May I have received three requests for a GSDCA Tooth Certificate.

1. A right lower Canine removed due to infection, all of the required documentation was provided and a GSDCA Certificate was awarded. X-ray proof was documented prior to extraction
2. X-ray was received of an animal identified with a missing P3. As per the regulations the x-ray was forwarded to a Veterinary Dentist for her opinion. Proof of an adult, normal, healthy tooth was not confirmed. Certificate was refused. Owner has been advised.
3. A request was received to provide a certificate for an un-erupted Canine. No documentation or x-ray documentation has been provided however the owner has been advised that the onus of proof is on the owner that a normal, healthy, adult tooth has been present at a point of time

### **Visit to the Member Club Shows – Sires Progeny Class at the 2013 National Show and Trial.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the member Clubs for their hospital during my travels throughout the year it is greatly appreciated.

I was indeed fortunate this year to view and/or adjudicate animals in Victoria ACT and Broken Hill.

I was also invited to present at a breed seminar in Sydney in November and will be making a similar presentation in Adelaide in February and in Hobart in May.

This is an area that I enjoy talking about bloodlines and preparing information to the breeders to include in their breeding program.

The National Breed Commission Executive would like to thank all exhibitors for making their animals available for assessment in the Sires Progeny Class. This is an area of the position that I enjoy talk and it is

information to relay the information that I have gained to the fraternity for their consideration in the breeding program.

The value of the Sires Progeny Class at National Shows and the subsequent report as published for GSD Breeders, GSDCA Breed Surveyors and Specialist Judges cannot be understated.

A copy of the Sires Progeny Class report has been printed in the National Quarterly Review and will be printed in the 2013 Breed Survey Book and it a source of vital information for the fraternity.

I believe that the overall quality of our breeding animals continues to improve and I am sure that this is a direct result of our breed improvement schemes.

We cannot be complacent however as there are a number of issues that require our attention and direction such as *over-angulation of the hindquarter, very loose hock joints, strength of upper and lower jaw, the overall strength of dentition and the length of lower chest and this will be detailed further in my report.*

### **Photographs 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.

### **GSDCA Title Verifications**

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

### **National Breed Commission Meeting**

In conjunction with the NBC and Judges Committee meeting, a meeting of GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges was held to discuss the findings of the Sires Progeny Class at the 2013 National Show and Trial.

Club delegates and/or Club presidents were present as observers. Again this meeting was very productive with a valuable input from everyone present.

The National Breed Commission Meeting was held in Sydney and was well attended by member clubs and GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges. While the venue was a little more expensive than usual, it was very close to the airport and the facilities and the staff was excellent. Thank you to Fay Stokes and Val Moody for organising the venue.

A number of issues were raised and discussed and the motions carried by the majority at the meeting have been placed on the GSDCA AGM Agenda.

### **2013 Sieger Show**

Along with a number of Australians I attended the 2013 Siegerschau in Kassel. It was great to see so many Aussies enjoying the atmosphere, the dogs, the beers and food that the show had to offer. I was indeed fortunate to have a press pass which meant that I was able to see the animals in the main arena at close quarters.

It is five years since I attended a Siegerschau and I must admit that I was slightly disappointed in the overall quality of the males compared to my previous trips in 2000, 2004, 2006 and 2008.

Herr Lothar Quoll is the newly appointed Vereinszuchwart (Breed Commission Chairman) and this is the first year that he judged the Open Dog Class and Herr Rudiger Mai judged the Open Bitch Class.

Just prior to the show it was announced that no Sieger title would be awarded in both the males and females. The VA animals were presented to the crowd in catalogue order and in the SV Zeitung the VA animals appeared in alphabetical order of the kennel name.

It is my personal opinion that I felt that the end of the show was an anti-climax with no Sieger title being awarded. While I felt the competition was more even in the males for the award of the Sieger title, in the females I believed that there was a very clear winner and a cut above the rest of the class.

The female Faya Adelschlag lead the class from start to finish and was an absolutely firm and day very harmoniously constructed female that showed a free flowing effortless ground covering gait at all speeds both on and off lead. A beautiful female of true german shepherd type.

This is not the first time that the SV have decided not to award a Sieger title, the last time was in the 1970's. It will be interesting to see what happens in the future to see if this requirement remains or if the SV revert back to awarding a Sieger and Seigerin title.

I must say that I believe that the issues facing the breed here in Australia are also very prevalent in Germany:-

- over-angulation of the hindquarter, very loose hock joints,
- deep in chest proportions and short lower chest
- set and carriage of ears
- long tails which should be carried in a more natural manner.

As breeders we have to try when selecting a breeding partner to ensure that any of these issues are not duplicated in the resultant progeny.

Together with Vince Tantaro I attended the WUSV meeting on the Monday where a presentation on the VA males and females was given by the officiating judges.

Herr Lothar Quoll also informed the meeting of some proposed changes in the future. These include more detailed progeny information, an embargo on size, no closer linebreeding than 4-3 or 3-4: and changes to the requirement to receive a VA grading in the future.

Herr Quoll advised the meeting that more information relative to the animals would be available to the fraternity. This is evident with the report that Herr Quoll presented in the December SV Zeitung.

For your information I have included the following extract from the SV Zeitung for your information of the VA males and figures for Remo Fichtenschlag, Vegas Haut Mansard and Ober Bad Boll.

I hope that you find these statistics of interest.

## Basic Statistics from the VA Males – 2013 Sieger Show - Kassel

(Extracts from December 2013 SV Magazine by Her Lothar Quoll - Vereinzuchtward)

(In alphabetical order of the kennel name)

### \*Enosch v Amasis SchH3 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA proven



Sire: \*Ober v Bad Boll SchH3

Dam: \*Bali v Amasis SchH1

Linebreeding: Rikkor Bad Boll (4-4) Ursus Batu (4-5)

Period standing at stud:	<b>February 2011 to July 2013</b>
Number of studs:	Total <b>200</b> Germany: <b>84</b> Outside Germany <b>116</b>
Number of litters registered with SV :	<b>59</b>
Number of progeny	Total <b>349</b> (SV registered) Males <b>179</b> Females
<b>170</b>	

No of progeny breed surveyed : Total: **8** Males **2** Females **6**

Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%) small - middle size **33.3%**; above medium size **33.3%**; large **33.3%**:

Current Breed Worth Score **82**

HD progeny results % **82 progeny**: normal **84.6%**; near normal **7.7%**; still acceptable **5.1%**; middle to severe HD **2.6%**; HD result outside Germany **4**;

ED progeny results: **80 progeny**: normal **87.5%**; near normal **7.5%**; still acceptable **5.0%**; middle to severe ED **0%**; ED result outside Germany **0**;

Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show: Balanced size inheritance between males and females.

Sieger Show result in combative instincts test: **5/5**

**\*Saabat von Aurelius IP03 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA proven**



Sire: \*Ober v Bad Boll SchH3  
Dam: \*Juri v Schollweiher SchH2, IP03

Linebreeding: Ursus Batu (4-5) Max Loggia dei Mercanti (5-5)

Standing at stud:

**Austria**

No progeny group presented at the 2013 Sieger Show  
Show due to age restrictions  
Presented a young father typical group of 25 animals at the  
Austrian Sieger Show that were exhibited in the puppy  
classes.

Current Breed Worth Score **78**

Sieger Show result in combative instincts test: **4/4**

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**\*Ballack von der Bruncknerallee IP03 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA Proven**



Sire: \*Hagadahls Figo SchH3  
Dam: \*Clea v Konigsadler SchH2

Linebreeding: Ursus Batu (5-5,5)

No progeny group presented at the 2013 Sieger Show.

Current Breed Worth Score **85**

Sieger Show result in combative instincts test: **5/5**

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### \*Yanke vom Feuermelder IP03 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA Proven



Sire: \*Joker v Eichenplatz SchH3  
Dam: \*Amanda am Seeteich SchH1

Linebreeding: Eros Luisenstrasse (5-5)

Period standing at stud:	<b>April 2012 to July 2013</b> (16 months)
Number of studs:	Total <b>104</b> Germany: <b>63</b> Outside Germany <b>41</b>
Number of litters registered with SV:	<b>25</b>
Number of progeny	Total <b>115</b> (SV registered) Males <b>64</b> Females <b>51</b>
No of progeny breed surveyed:	N/A – due to age of progeny
Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%)	N/A – due to age of progeny
Current Breed Worth Score	<b>82</b>
HD progeny results %	<b>21 progeny:</b> - normal <b>66.7%</b> ; near normal <b>33.3%</b> ; still acceptable <b>0%</b> ; middle to severe HD <b>0%</b> ; HD result outside Germany <b>0</b> ;
ED progeny results:	<b>21 progeny</b> -normal <b>100%</b> ; near normal <b>0%</b> ; still acceptable <b>0%</b> ; middle to severe ED <b>0%</b> ; ED result outside Germany <b>0</b> ;
Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show:	Tendency to slightly larger males. (Group Size - Large = 80%)
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test:	<b>3/3</b>

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### \*Iliano v Fichtenschlag SchH3 HD France ED France DNA proven



Sire: \*Remo v Fichtenschlag SchH3  
Dam: \*Viana v Fichtenschlag SchH3

Linebreeding: Yasko Fabenspiel (4-3) Hoss Larchenhain (5-4) Holly Fichtenschlag (5-4)

Period standing at stud:	<b>September 2011 to July 2013</b> (23 months)
Number of studs:	Total <b>167</b> Germany: <b>57</b> Outside Germany <b>110</b>
Number of litters registered with SV:	<b>37</b>
Number of progeny	Total <b>196</b> (SV registered) Males <b>87</b> Females <b>109</b>
Breed Surveyed animals in the progeny group:	N/A at this stage no statistics available
Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%)	N/A –at this stage no statistics available
Current Breed Worth Score	<b>80</b>

HD progeny results %	<b>41 progeny:</b> - normal <b>58.6%</b> ; near normal <b>34.5%</b> ; still acceptable <b>6.9%</b> ; middle to severe HD <b>0%</b> ; HD result outside Germany <b>12</b> ;
ED progeny results:	<b>41 progeny</b> -normal <b>94.7%</b> ; near normal <b>5.3%</b> ; still acceptable <b>0%</b> ; middle to severe ED <b>0%</b> ; ED result outside Germany <b>3</b> ;
Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show:	Tendency to slightly larger females. (Group Size: Large = 90.9 %)
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test:	<b>5/3</b>

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**\*Chacco von der Freiheit Westerholt SchH3 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA Proven**



Sire: \*Yerom v Haus Salihin SchH3 IP03 FH1  
 Dam: \*Pitty vd Freiheit Westerholt SchH1

Linebreeding: Nil

Period standing at stud:	<b>September 2010 to July 2013</b> (35 months)
Number of studs:	Total <b>238</b> Germany: <b>102</b> Outside Germany <b>136</b>
Number of litters registered with SV:	<b>54</b>
Number of progeny	Total <b>310</b> (SV registered) Males <b>142</b> Females <b>168</b>
No of progeny breed surveyed	Total <b>10</b> ; Males <b>5</b> Females <b>5</b>
Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%)	small - middle size <b>0%</b> ; above medium size <b>30.8%</b> ; large <b>69.2%</b> ;
Current Breed Worth Score	<b>89</b>
HD progeny results %	<b>77 progeny:</b> - normal <b>74.3%</b> ; near normal <b>18.9%</b> ; still acceptable <b>8.1%</b> ; middle to severe HD <b>1.4%</b> ; HD result outside Germany <b>3</b> ;
ED progeny results:	<b>76 progeny</b> -normal <b>85.1%</b> ; near normal <b>5.4%</b> ; still acceptable <b>1.4%</b> ; middle to severe ED <b>8.1%</b> ; ED result outside Germany <b>2</b> ;
Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show:	Tendency to slightly larger males. (Group Size : Large = 86.7%)
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test:	<b>5/5</b>

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### \*Paer vom Hasenborn SchH3 FH1 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA Proven



Sire: \*Quenn v Loher Weg SchH3 IP03 FH1

Dam: \*Yada v Mittelwest SchH3

Linebreeding: Ursus Batu (3-4) Ulk Arlett (4-4)

Period standing at stud:	<b>September 2008 to July 2013 (46 months)</b>
Number of studs:	Total <b>251</b> Germany: <b>142</b> Outside Germany <b>109</b>
Number of litters registered with SV:	<b>103</b>
Number of progeny	Total <b>651</b> (SV registered) Males <b>310</b> Females <b>341</b>
No of progeny breed surveyed:	Total <b>63</b> ; Males <b>28</b> Females <b>35</b>
Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%)	small - middle size <b>10.9%</b> ; above medium size <b>34.4%</b> ; large <b>54.7%</b> :
Current Breed Worth Score	<b>84</b>
HD progeny results %	<b>210 progeny</b> : - normal <b>68.7%</b> ; near normal <b>26.2%</b> ; still acceptable <b>4.5%</b> ; middle to severe HD <b>0%</b> ; HD result outside Germany <b>34</b> ;
ED progeny results:	<b>210 progeny</b> -normal <b>82.8%</b> ; near normal <b>9.3%</b> ; still acceptable <b>3.4%</b> ; middle to severe ED <b>4.4%</b> ; ED result outside Germany <b>6</b> ;
Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show:	Tendency to slightly larger males. (Group Size Large = 83.3%)
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test:	<b>3/3</b>

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### \*Mentos vom Osterberger-Land SchH3 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA proven



Sire: \*Nando v Gollerweiher SchH3 IP03 FH1

Dam: \*Quencie v Osterberg-Land SchH1

Linebreeding: Eros Luisenstrasse (4-5)

Period standing at stud:	<b>April 2010 to July 2013 (40 months)</b>
Number of studs:	Total <b>243</b> Germany: <b>136</b> Outside Germany <b>107</b>
Number of litters registered with SV:	<b>66</b>

Number of progeny	Total <b>397</b> (SV registered) Males <b>179</b> Females <b>218</b>
No of progeny breed surveyed:	Total <b>15</b> ; Males <b>6</b> Females <b>9</b>
Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%)	small - middle size <b>12.5%</b> ; above medium size <b>25.0%</b> ; large <b>62.5%</b> :
Current Breed Worth Score	<b>86</b>
HD progeny results %	<b>85 progeny</b> : - normal <b>71.4%</b> ; near normal <b>22.1%</b> ; still acceptable <b>3.9%</b> ; middle to severe HD <b>2.8%</b> ; HD result outside Germany <b>8</b> ;
ED progeny results:	<b>85 progeny</b> -normal <b>89.4%</b> ; near normal <b>4.7%</b> ; still acceptable <b>2.4%</b> ; middle to severe ED <b>3.5%</b> ; ED result outside Germany <b>0</b> ;
Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show:	Tendency to slightly larger females. (Group Size Large = 72.7%)
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test:	<b>5/5</b>

**\*Omen v Radhaus SchH3 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA proven**



Sire: \*Remo v Fichtenschlag SchH3  
 Dam: \*Oprah v Aurelius IP02

Linebreeding: Jango Furstenberg (5-5) Ursus Batu (5-5)

Period standing at stud:	<b>September 2011 to July 2013</b> (23 months)
Number of studs:	Total <b>182</b> Germany: <b>81</b> Outside Germany <b>101</b>
Number of litters registered with SV:	<b>50</b>
Number of progeny	Total <b>279</b> (SV registered) Males <b>136</b> Females <b>143</b>
No of progeny breed surveyed:	Total <b>2</b> ; Males <b>2</b> Females <b>0</b>
Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%)	small - middle size <b>0%</b> ; above medium size <b>33.3%</b> ; large <b>66.7%</b> :
Current Breed Worth Score	<b>76</b>
HD progeny results %	<b>62 progeny</b> : - normal <b>77.2%</b> ; near normal <b>15.8%</b> ; still acceptable <b>7.0%</b> ; middle to severe HD <b>0%</b> ; HD result outside Germany <b>5</b> ;
ED progeny results:	<b>62 progeny</b> -normal <b>91.6%</b> ; near normal <b>5.1%</b> ; still acceptable <b>1.7%</b> ; middle to severe ED <b>1.7%</b> ; ED result outside Germany <b>3</b> ;
Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show:	Tendency to slightly larger females. (Group Size: Large = 61.5%)
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test:	<b>4/5</b>

**\*Labo vom Schollweiher SchH1 IP03 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA proven**



Sire: \*Arex v Wilhelmswarte SchH3

Dam: \*Fraya d'Ulmental IP02

Linebreeding: Karma Ochsentor (4-2) Jango Furstenberg (5-5) Ursus Batu (5-4)

Period standing at stud:	<b>March 2012 to July 2013</b> (17 months)
Number of studs:	Total <b>128</b> Germany: <b>74</b> Outside Germany <b>54</b>
Number of litters registered with SV:	<b>58</b>
Number of progeny	Total <b>323</b> (SV registered) Males <b>168</b> Females <b>155</b>
No of progeny breed surveyed:	N/A at this stage no statistics available
Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%)	N/A at this stage no statistics available
Current Breed Worth Score	<b>81</b>
HD progeny results %	<b>39 progeny:</b> - normal <b>77.8%</b> ; near normal <b>19.4%</b> ; still acceptable <b>3.0%</b> ; middle to severe HD <b>2.8%</b> ; D result outside Germany <b>3</b> ;
ED progeny results:	<b>37 progeny</b> -normal <b>91.9%</b> ; near normal <b>8.1%</b> ; still acceptable <b>0%</b> ; middle to severe ED <b>0%</b> ; ED result outside Germany <b>0</b> ;
Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show:	Tendency to slightly larger females. (Group Size: Large = 75.0%)
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test:	<b>4/4</b>

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**\*Cobra d'Ulmental SchH1 IP03 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA proven**



Sire: \*Remo v Fichtenschlag SchH3

Dam: \*Venus d'Ulmental IP02

Linebreeding: Jango Furstenberg (5-5)

Period standing at stud:	<b>January 2012 to April 2013</b> (16 months)
Number of studs:	Total <b>79</b> Germany: <b>15</b> Outside Germany <b>64</b>
Number of litters registered with SV:	<b>13</b>
Number of progeny	Total <b>112</b> (SV registered) Males <b>57</b> Females <b>55</b>
No of progeny breed surveyed:	N/A at this stage no statistics available
Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%)	N/A at this stage no statistics available

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Current Breed Worth Score	<b>91</b>
HD progeny results %	<b>31 progeny:</b> - normal <b>65.4%</b> ; near normal <b>30.8%</b> ; still acceptable <b>3.8%</b> ; middle to severe HD <b>0%</b> ; HD result outside Germany <b>5</b> ;
ED progeny results:	<b>31 progeny</b> -normal <b>80.6%</b> ; near normal <b>9.7%</b> ; still acceptable <b>3.2%</b> ; middle to severe ED <b>6.5%</b> ; ED result outside Germany <b>0</b> ;
Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show:	Tendency to slightly larger females. (Group Size: Large = 80.0%)
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test:	<b>3/3</b>

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**\*Etoo aus Wattenscheid SchH3 FH1 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA proven**



Sire: \*Paer v Hasenborn SchH3 FH1  
 Dam: \*Chelsea aus Wattenscheid SchH1

Linebreeding: Nil

Period standing at stud:	<b>March 2011 to July 2013</b> (29 months)
Number of studs:	Total <b>183</b> Germany: <b>95</b> Outside Germany <b>88</b>
Number of litters registered with SV:	<b>64</b>
Number of progeny	Total <b>364</b> (SV registered) Males <b>167</b> Females <b>197</b>
No of progeny breed surveyed:	Total <b>5</b> ; Males <b>4</b> Females <b>1</b>
Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%)	small - middle size <b>0%</b> ; above medium size <b>28.6%</b> ; large <b>71.4%</b> ;
Current Breed Worth Score	<b>81</b>
HD progeny results %	<b>75 progeny:</b> - normal <b>83.8%</b> ; near normal <b>14.7%</b> ; still acceptable <b>0%</b> ; middle to severe HD <b>1.5%</b> ; HD result outside Germany <b>7</b> ;
ED progeny results:	<b>76 progeny</b> -normal <b>82.4%</b> ; near normal <b>13.5%</b> ; still acceptable <b>0.0%</b> ; middle to severe ED <b>4.1%</b> ; ED result outside Germany <b>2</b> ;
Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show:	Near equal size inheritance between males and female and stand within the breed average for size.
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test:	<b>3/3</b>

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**\*Fulz di Zenevredo SchH3 FH1 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA proven**



Sire: \*Furbo degli Achei SchH3 IP02  
Dam: \*Jenny di Zenevredo IP01

Linebreeding: Ursus Batu (4-4) 'U' litter Wienerau Urik – Ultri (5-5)

Period standing at stud:	<b>October 2010 to July 2013</b> (34 months)
Number of studs:	Total <b>251</b> Germany: <b>119</b> Outside Germany <b>132</b>
Number of litters registered with SV:	<b>82</b>
Number of progeny	Total <b>494</b> (SV registered) Males <b>256</b> Females <b>238</b>
No of progeny breed surveyed:	Total <b>22</b> ; Males <b>9</b> Females <b>13</b>
Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%)	small - middle size <b>4.2%</b> ; above medium size <b>25.0%</b> ; large <b>70.8%</b> :
Current Breed Worth Score	<b>85</b>
HD progeny results %	<b>149 progeny</b> : - normal <b>66.2%</b> ; near normal <b>32.6%</b> ; still acceptable <b>3.1%</b> ; middle to severe HD <b>0.8%</b> ; HD result outside Germany <b>10</b> ;
ED progeny results:	<b>154 progeny</b> -normal <b>84.1%</b> ; near normal <b>4.6%</b> ; still acceptable <b>2.0%</b> ; middle to severe ED <b>9.3%</b> ; ED result outside Germany <b>3</b> ;
Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show:	Tendency to slightly larger males. (Group Size Large =- 93.3%)
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test:	<b>4/4</b>

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**\*Leo von der Zenteiche IP03 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA proven**



Sire: \*Furbo delgi Achei SchH3 IP02  
Dam: \*Yanka vd Zenteiche Schh2

Linebreeding: Ursus Batu (4-5)

No progeny group presented at the show.  
Current Breed Worth Score **78**  
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test: **4/3**

**\*Ober vom Bad-Boll SchH3 'a' ED (Gmy)**



Sire: \*Giovanni v Kapellenberg SchH1 IP03

Dam: \*Aike zum Gigelsfelsen SchH2

Linebreeding: Visum Arminius (5-5)

Period standing at stud:

**July 2007 to July 2013 (73 months)**

Number of studs:

Total **486** Germany: **239** Outside Germany **247**

Number of litters registered with SV:

**156**

Number of progeny

Total **992** (SV registered) Males **468** Females **524**

No of progeny breed surveyed:

Total **101**; Males **40** Females **61**

Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%)

small - middle size **4.0%**; above medium size **27.0%**; large **69.0%**:

Current Breed Worth Score

**85**

HD progeny results %

**309 progeny**: - normal **73.3%**; near normal **18.1%**; still acceptable **5.2%**; middle to severe HD **3.3%**; HD result outside Germany **39**;

ED progeny results:

**301 progeny** -normal **82.6%**; near normal **8.9%**; still acceptable **4.4%**; middle to severe ED **4.1%**; ED result outside Germany **8**;

Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show:

Tendency to slightly larger males. (Group Size: Large = 75.0 %)

Presented a progeny group at Sieger Show:

**2009 - 2013**

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**\*Vegos du Haut Mansard SchH3 'a' ED (Gmy)**



Sire: \*Pakros d'Ulmental SchH3

Dam: \*Rangoon du Haut Mansard Brevet

Linebreeding: Nil

Period standing at stud:

**March 2006 to October 2012 (80 months)**

Number of studs:

Total **409** Germany: **191** Outside Germany **218**

Number of litters registered with SV:

**150**

Number of progeny

Total **1,181** (SV registered) Males **550** Females **631**

No of progeny breed surveyed:

Total **285**; Males **109** Females **176**

Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%)	small - middle size <b>15.4%</b> ; above medium size <b>35.7%</b> ; large <b>48.9%</b> :
Current Breed Worth Score	<b>84</b>
HD progeny results %	<b>601 progeny:</b> - normal <b>69.3%</b> ; near normal <b>26.2%</b> ; still acceptable <b>3.5%</b> ; middle to severe HD <b>0.9%</b> ; HD result outside Germany <b>178</b> ;
ED progeny results:	<b>598 progeny</b> -normal <b>85.8%</b> near normal <b>8.2%</b> ; still acceptable <b>3.2%</b> ; middle to severe ED <b>2.7%</b> ; ED result outside Germany <b>12</b> ;
Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show:	Balanced size inheritance between males and females.
Presented a progeny group at Sieger Show:	<b>2007 - 2013</b>

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**\*Remo v Fichtenschlag SchH3 'a' ED (Gmy)**



Sire: \*Ray v Fichtenschlag SchH3  
 Dam: \*Thora v Fichtenschlag SchH3

Linebreeding: Hill Farbenspiel (3-3) Eros Luisenstrasse (5,5-5) 'K' litter Arminius Kelly – Karly (4-5)

Period standing at stud:	<b>May 2009 to October 2012</b> (51 months)
Number of studs:	Total <b>326</b> Germany: <b>169</b> Outside Germany <b>157</b>
Number of litters registered with SV:	<b>130</b>
Number of progeny	Total <b>842</b> (SV registered) Males <b>450</b> Females <b>392</b>
No of progeny breed surveyed:	Total <b>118</b> ; Males <b>62</b> Females <b>56</b>
Size inheritance in Breed Survey (%)	small - middle size <b>7.8%</b> ; above medium size <b>1.0%</b> ; large <b>61.2%</b> :
Current Breed Worth Score	<b>76</b>
HD progeny results %	<b>350 progeny:</b> - normal <b>77.3%</b> ; near normal <b>19.6%</b> ; still acceptable <b>3.5%</b> ; middle to severe HD <b>0%</b> ; HD result outside Germany <b>24</b> ;
ED progeny results:	<b>345 progeny</b> -normal <b>90.2%</b> ; near normal <b>5.0%</b> ; still acceptable <b>2.4%</b> ; middle to severe ED <b>2.4%</b> ; ED result outside Germany <b>8</b> ;
Size Inheritance 2013 Sieger Show:	Tendency to slightly larger females. (Group size Large =- 80.0 %)
Presented a progeny group at Sieger Show:	<b>2010 - 2013</b>

## LONG STOCK COAT – EXCELLENT SELECT MALES

### \*Rico aus dem Aurum Zwinger SchH3 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA proven



Sire: \*Idol v Holtkamper Hof SchH3

Dam: \*Enschl aus dem Aurum Zwinger Schh3

Linebreeding: Argos Lauerhof (5-5)

Current Breed Worth Score	<b>87</b>
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test:	<b>4/4</b>

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### \*Pedro vom Langenbungert SchH3 DNA proven



Sire: \*Remo vFichtenschlag SchH3

Dam: \*Ankaa v Nadelhaus SchH1

Linebreeding: Yasko Farbenspiel (4-4) Jango Furstenberg (5-5,5)

Current Breed Worth Score	<b>76</b>
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test:	<b>4/4</b>

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**\*Orion Mavic Poland SchH3 'a' ED (Gmy) DNA proven**



Sire: \*Tyson v Kottersbusch SchH3

Dam: \*Ulka Mavic Poland IP01

Linebreeding: Candie Wienerau (5-4) Lux Valdovin (5-5)

Current Breed Worth Score	<b>95</b>
Sieger Show result in combative instincts test:	<b>3/3</b>

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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.

As I have mentioned in my previous Chairman’s reports my endeavour over the last twelve years has been to present information both **positive and negative** to enable the breeders in our country to make more informed decisions within their breeding program.

I must say that I enjoy the work immensely and it certainly allows one to obtain a huge amount of information and knowledge of the current status of the breed in Australia

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.

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.

I am happy to answer any questions from any delegate in regards to my report.

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## **JUDGES COMMITTEE – Mr. Barry O'Rourke**

This is my fourth year as Chairman of the Judges Committee and I take this opportunity of thanking the surveyor/judges and judges for their support. It has been a formative year for the advancement of Specialist judging in Australia which forms an integral part of my report.

I take this opportunity, as always, in thanking Fay Stokes for her help and assistance. I can rely on her to advise judges of meetings, remind them of appointments and organise Methodology tests.

I would also like to thank Steve Collins for his work on the Tail Male Chart over the last three years.

### **METHODOLOGY TRAINING**

The Methodology Training is still proving to be invaluable, and plays a major role in assisting new judges through the various stages of their examinations. This method is now being applied to Trainee Breed Surveyors and the training objectives we are achieving will now become uniform.

In the two years we have been using the Methodology Scheme, via Tutoring, I have been assisted and supported by experienced Senior Judges. However I have found that there is a reluctance by some to get involved. This maybe their communication skills or maybe their own concern as to their knowledge and how to articulate the subject.

### **COMMUNICATION**

In our methodology we are training our new judges in communication skills, critiquing on the pegs and overall class summary, which is being reported as “still lacking” in some of our senior judges.

### **CURRENT JUDGES STATUS**

It was especially pleasing to have Peter Cocks back from a leave of absence and, with Peter's normal enthusiasm and a quick trip to Perth, we were able to congratulate and award Peter his Speciality Judges License at the National this year.

Congratulations also go to Viv McCambridge from New Zealand receiving the GSDCA Specialist Judges award, this was accepted on her behalf by Jan Saltiel at this years National.

This now leaves Peter Tjerska. Peter made the effort to travel to both Newcastle and Adelaide in the second quarter of the year. This is the kind of commitment it takes to complete the course and be recognised as a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Specialist Judge. Peter was awarded his Judges Badge at the Judges Meeting and I believe he will receive his All Breeds Licence this year, he joins Jean Butterfield as our second All Breeds Judge. Jean has only just returned from an appointment in India that Council was pleased to recommend.

Going on enquiries received, I believe we have five possible new Trainees who are currently completing other commitments, but should be eligible in the New Year. This influx of new Trainees would be a major ramification to the Breeds future, I look forward with much enthusiasm to receiving their applications.

Breed Lectures are being planned for the Canine Group Five and German Shepherd Dog Trainees. This I believe will give them a far greater breed background and be a part of the integral preparation for their Specialist Licence.

We have two people still in training Jose Novelli and Andrew Thor both of whom have this Year to complete the course.

### **JUNIOR HANDLING**

In my last term back in 1994 we held a Junior Handlers Meeting which was celebrated by “Breakfast with the President”. Looking at the attendees I noticed the name of Bianca Tantaro on the list as one of the participants Bianca being Vince's daughter, also appearing is Bronson Pereira, now a leading Breeder and Exhibitor in Perth which of course emphasises our belief in our juniors for the future.

## **OPENING CEREMONY 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Due to Junior Handlers being nominated by their own States it would be befitting that the State flag be carried by the nominated handler accompanied by all Junior Handlers, to march behind the flags of their various State Clubs in the Opening Ceremony at the forthcoming Canberra National, this would create quite a spectacle especially accompanied by our newly appointed Patron Olympian Dawn Fraser AO, MBE.

I believe this would certainly make the media and would be a huge Public Relation exercise for the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.

## **ANKC REGULATIONS**

Once again I take the opportunity of thanking Marie Merchant who, I am pleased to say after nominating her for the Service Award, was presented at the National.

With Marie's assistance we submitted our requirements for double handling as discussed at the AGM together with our criteria for our Specialist Licence. The President, Vince Tantaró, spoke on these matters at the Judges Meeting in July then followed that up with a submission to the ANKC. Our two Service Awarded ladies, Marie Merchant and Christine Davis excelled themselves and succeeded in accomplishing what we in 1989 considered our dream.

These amendments, of course, make the GSDCA foremost as a Single Breed Club in this country as we are the only breed to have ANKC approval for our Speciality Judges License and have our applicants approved by the GSDCA. This is a huge milestone within Council to fostering relationships in supporting our Schemes for the Management and Tutoring of our Future Judges.

## **Changes to the ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3 National Judges Training Program pertaining to members of GSDCA.**

### 4.2 Aspiring Judge Entrance Program (German Shepherd Dog as approved by GSDCA).

#### 4.2.1 To enrol in the Program as an Aspiring Judge for the Single Breed of German Shepherd Dog, a member must fulfil the following criteria:

- 4.2.1.1 be 18 years of age or over;
- 4.2.1.2 Have been a member of an ANKC Member Body for a minimum of eight (8) years during the ten (10) years immediately prior to the date of the application.
- 4.2.1.3 Have bred at least five (5) litters under their own or shared Prefix.
- 4.2.1.4 Have bred at least five (5) animals under their own or shared Prefix that have received the GSDCA grading of Excellent in the conformation ring.
- 4.2.1.5 Have acted as a Steward on at least three (3) occasions at GSDCA Specialist and or 'All Breeds' or 'Group' judged events. (Added 10/13 – 5.6.4)
- 4.2.1.6 The applicant will provide a supporting statement from their Club/s of domicile. This should include details of their involvement in their GSDCA Member Club. The information that must be detailed and confirmed by the Club will be but is not limited to:
  - 1. Current financial member of a Member Body and GSDCA Member Club.
  - 2. Years of membership of club and Member Body
  - 3. History of involvement both current and past in Club i.e. ALL positions held including length of time served in that position.The supporting statement shall accompany the application form. (Added 10/13 – 5.6.4)
- 4.2.1.7 Complete and submit the approved enrolment form which must include evidence of the criteria of 4.2.1.1 – 4.2.1.6 above and be accompanied by the prescribed fee. A copy of this enrolment form and supporting evidence should be forwarded to the GSDCA by the applicant. (Added 10/13 – 5.6.4)

Regulations Part 5 Show - have been amended to read:

SECTION 14 (Added 10/13 – 5.6.4)  
Double Handling

- 14.1 “Where ‘Double Handling’ of exhibits is permitted at breed specialty and or shows where exhibits are shown according to a specialist manner: the following clause must be included in the show schedule:  
14.2 “Double Handling of ‘Insert name of Breed’ is permitted at this Show”.

A copy of the ANKC Rules & Regulations is available both on the ANKC and GSDCA websites.

**Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee is under the auspice of the GSDCA Judges Committee Chairman. They will be responsible for carrying out the requirements by assisting the Caine Controls in their home State, which includes submitting all Methodology Tutoring and Breed Standards in reference to the judging of the German Shepherd Dog.

The Steering Committee consists of :

Western Australia	John Fenner
Victoria	Vince Tantaro
Queensland	Russel Wenham
New South Wales	Dr Karen Hedberg
South Australia	Jean Butterfield

With John Fenner’s assistance we supplied the Long Stock Coat Standard to all State Caine Controls with a DVD as we did with the Extended Standard. From the reports I have received the local delegates continue to maintain an Annual Breed Lecture. John has also supplied all Steering Committee members with a power point presentation of the Standard.

Since the introduction of the single Breed Specialist License in 1995 we nominated a Steering Committee member in each state to liaise with their State Caine Controls and offer our assistance with the training of German Shepherd Dog Judging. Since 2010 I have maintained a delegate in each State and have recently contacted them all and been advised that the education process is being continued as is the invitation to German Shepherd Dog Specialist Shows including the State Breed Exhibition. These events are of the utmost importance to maintain a close liaison, and equally important that our trainee Judges continue their Caine Control training in respect of the system, and on completion will be welcomed into continuing their Specialist Judges Training with our Methodology program.

I would like to request a standard letter from German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia to all State Kennel Controls with an offer of assistance with lectures and notifying them of the State Steering Committee Member in their State of Domicile. With the latest amendments now in effect, this has fulfilled what we have strived for in the training of German Shepherd Dogs Specialist Judges since its inception. I, for one feel gratified that this achievement has finally been instilled within the German Shepherd Council of Australia.

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**OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE – Mr. John DeLucia**

Unfortunately, as the immediate past Obedience Committee Chairperson, Julie Urie, resigned from this position close to the end of 2013, this report only covers the last quarter of 2013.

I have received many phone calls and emails on obedience matters so hopefully I have been able to be a source of information and assisted these people with their queries. I would like to continue on in this position in 2014 and hopefully, a club will put forward my name to the AGM for this to continue.

Looking toward the future, if successful, I would like to commence with some generic information on all aspects of trials and will shortly be sending information to clubs for their approval.

I would also like to request that if possible, those clubs that do have any training manuals on obedience, that if they could send a hard or electronic copy to myself with a view to sharing information with all clubs and to assist those clubs that perhaps do not have any manuals at all.

I must say that the standard of obedience at the 2013 National Show & Trial was very pleasing. Whilst the obedience sector needs to move forward, it is up to us as individuals to take this task within the framework of Council.

I think it pertinent to revisit all Council trophy and obedience schemes to ensure that we accept the types of ANKC titles that are relevant to rendering members eligible to receive Council trophies.

I wish all members success in their chosen dog activities.

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## **EDITOR NATIONAL REVIEW – Mrs. Yvonne Yun**

This year has seen two significant changes with the QNR. Some of these changes will have noticeable impacts going forward. The changes are:

### **The return of production to Australia**

Increasing difficulties with offshore production and delivery delays led to the return of production for the magazine to Australia. Given the recent fall in value of the Australian dollar, this may well have been a very timely strategy.

However, the major factor motivating the change was delivery delays and the seven week lead time from print to delivery through Customs.

Council now has a relationship with a skilled designer at a highly competitive fixed price of \$2000 for each 48 page edition and a slightly higher price for the National edition, to be negotiated at the time of publication, based on the number of pages for the National edition.

Printing has been returned to the former producer, Auscolour. Pricing is comparable to the price of the offshore option and distribution has been returned to CPL Queensland, again at a similar cost to the former arrangement.

It is noted that there has been a slight change in the stock quality, but the trade off is a production time of 1.5 weeks after sign off of design. The arrangements are locked in until November 2013.

### **The National edition**

The Executive took the initiative to introduce a single edition that captures and publishes all the information annually from the National. The view was that this is Council's showcase event and in producing the results in this manner, Council is effectively producing the basis of a Year Book for the breed in Australia. This could evolve to include some significant data, such as an annual Hip and Elbow table, statistics for survey etc.

As one of the advocates for this approach, I did not anticipate some of the repercussions of making this change. In past years, the National material has been published over a number of editions, effectively providing material and content to cover a further 32 pages of content in the following two magazines from the National date. This is no longer the position and it has resulted in significant pressure for content, especially in the Summer edition, when most likely contributors are not too enthused at the prospect of the work involved to draft a contribution. One other unforeseen outcome is the pressure that is placed on members of Executive to produce reports in a very short turnaround.

Of course it can be argued that some of this will be relieved by the more rapid turnaround allowed by onshore production which will mean deadlines could be more elastic in the future.

Deadlines with the magazine are a critical driver and one of the major pressures for any editor. Whilst the current arrangement will allow more flexibility, there is no escaping that no sooner is one publication finished, than activities for the next begin.

However, it must be borne in mind that we are all volunteers and it is just not feasible on so many occasions to place our personal lives on hold for the demands of the role we take on. This has led to a major personal frustration for me this year.

It should also be noted that our relationship with Proctor and Gamble has been renewed this year and we have a further twelve months funding. This cash component of their sponsorship has allowed the magazine to continue as it has without price increase for a very commendable period of time

I will elaborate later in this report on a number of other issues; firstly, however, I believe a number of pertinent matters need to be considered and considered and decided upon urgently.

Given the climate in which we operate, **I would recommend that the Member Clubs consider and support a shift towards an electronic delivery of the magazine for 3 out of the current 4 editions.** *And further, I would recommend that the usual malaise of indecision does not prevail.* My reasons for making this recommendation are:

1. Electronic delivery is the way of the future and the accepted norm for communication in this era. Later on I raise issues about errors and problems that have arisen with print versions this year and producing an electronic publication would allow for rapid remedies to any errors or problems in an edition.

In addition, there are the benefits to Council of being able to update or post messages instantaneously and provided the correct management of the website is in place, this can only enhance Council's engagement with breeders, exhibitors and owners.

2. If the Council wishes to produce a "Year book" style of publication, this will allow it to invest the requisite funds to make this a sought after publication. If production of this were of adequately high quality, it should become a very much sought after publication and one that may well generate a small revenue stream for sales to non-members.
3. Given the number of new imports competing for stud work in a shrinking breeding pool of females, it is becoming ever harder to convince would be advertisers to take up the option of advertising in the QNR. I have been extremely fortunate to have number of repeat advertisers who have generously advertised regularly; and I would add that it takes a fair amount of courage, aside from financial capacity to do so.

Make a single error in your claims or get a minor detail wrong and immediately there are calls to the President and the NBC Chairperson complaining about the flaw! I could understand and accept this if those individuals had ever advertised themselves; but this is generally not the case and in some instances it appears that critiquing ads has become a *raison d'être* for some individuals.

And ask the owner of an Australian bred male to advertise and you will be advised that there is absolutely no point in doing so, so why waste money?

Advertising has for some time made a pretty reasonable contribution to offset production costs, but given the above and the fact that our rates far exceed the costs of competing electronic options, it is my view that going forward, less and less reliance can be placed on this offset.

4. Thanks to Bruce Knight's original negotiations, we have enjoyed a cash injection annually from our sponsors. Historically, this has exceeded the amount we have been able to raise over the past couple of years to sponsor Nationals.

Corporate sponsors are, as a result of unfavorable experiences, very wary of providing a cash component to any sponsorship deal. Proctor and Gamble are no less reluctant and given changes to their personnel and marketing policies, continuation of this very welcome cash injection should not be relied on.

I would strongly recommend that an electronic path be followed.

Most will be aware that a number of other activities have been under my management for the past twelve months and whilst I propose to make in depth reports available for each area, I will briefly list and comment on activity levels here.

#### BREED SPECIFIC LEGISLATION:

Margaret Adams has done a sterling job again this year. She has regularly updated the Executive and Member Clubs with news items that may impact and has been proactively responding to items that are blatantly in error.

On the other side of the equation, Margaret works effectively and tirelessly to ensure that the GSD in WA is seen in the best possible light. I would like to commend her efforts to you as consistent and so valuable.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **National Show Liaison Officer – Mr. Ian Urie**

#### **41<sup>st</sup> National GSD Show and Trial, Adelaide / West Beach, 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

I wish to congratulate the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia on their conduct of the 41<sup>st</sup> National on behalf of the Member Clubs of the GSDCA. Their committee whilst small in numbers was big on enthusiasm and hard work, and a very satisfactory result was achieved. Their ground at West Beach has to be one of the best venues in the country for a National, and their catering as usual was up to and above the expectations. The canteen and hospitality tent worked very well, and having an Italian café owning family on the committee was definitely a bonus.

The show judges Herr Christoff Ludwig and Herr Richard Brauch seemed popular, and the ring set-up worked well. The running of the conformation classes was well managed by two experienced ring stewards and overall the show, as well as the presentation of the progeny groups ran very smoothly with few problems. There were ample portable toilet facilities provided, and the tents for hire were of very good standard. The grandstand by the dog ring was also very well used and appreciated. The social events, including the President's Dinner and Saturday night function on the ground, official's luncheons and after show presentations, were all conducted with the appropriate ceremony and were catered for very well. The club's innovative plan to make the after show presentations more inclusive in an outdoor setting was thwarted by adverse weather on the Sunday night, which resulted in the audience taking shelter and being too far from the stage to hear the proceedings properly, and it unfortunately tended to lose the impact it might have had. Congratulations to all the winners, and of note was the fact we had the first ever German VA dog exhibited in Australia, and also the first National medals awarded to Long Stock Coat GSDs.

Entries were 476 in conformation classes (including 33 LSC) plus 42 in the obedience trial. The obedience trial I feel lacked the attention given to the show rings, and I believe the apparent absence of a dedicated trial committee was to the detriment of the trial. The person nominated as the Trial Manager was almost fully occupied in the show secretary's hut as well, and the trial lacked any proper organisation. It also ran very late due to there only being one judging ring available. I know it is hard for a smaller Club with limited personnel, but we really need to showcase all aspects of our breed activities equally at this, our premier National event. Perhaps in cases like this, the host club could ask for assistance from sister clubs within the Council, if they do not have sufficient local helpers?

In summary, a very memorable National once again, and well done to the host club GSDCSA Inc.

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## National Database Working Party – Mr. Frank Moody

It is my pleasure to submit this GSDCA Database progress report to the 2013 GSDCA AGM.

The GSDCA Database has been designed to:

- Provide a centralised database of all of the GSDCA Schemes.
- Validate results from previous GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes as each dog moves through the Schemes, thereby ensuring consistency and accuracy of data.
- In addition it will also reduce and/or share the workload.

### Dog Database

This has been fully operational for some time now and currently we have 279,072 dogs listed on the database, with all GSD's registered with the ANKC from 1972 up to the end of September 2013 – with quarterly updates from the ANKC for new registrations.

### Kennel and Owner Database

This is a central listing of the Tattoo Prefix database, and the list of Owners as they are processed in the HD/ED database - which contains Name, Address, and where possible contact details.

We have started incorporating the ANKC Membership Number of the Breeder or Owner as they become available (via new HD/ED or Breed Survey results). This Number is a “key” piece of data that is maintained even as addresses change, thereby ensuring accuracy of this data.

This section is shared by Tattoo, HD/ED, and Breed Survey in the future.

### Tattoo/Microchip Database

Since January 2012 we are getting Microchip Numbers from the ANKC with the quarterly upload of new Registrations.

Tattoos (where applicable) can come from the ANKC data (BUT ONLY where breeders have provided this at time of registration).

It is ESSENTIAL that Club Tattoo Registrars continue to enter the Tattoo information of the litters they have tattooed.

This is an area of concern, as MOST Club Registrars are not entering this in a timely manner. If this does not improve shortly I will have to contact Club Presidents and Secretaries to push this along.

**There is a “search” function within this section of the database, which Club Tattoo Registrars have access to.**

**Dogs can be traced by entering a Tattoo Number or Microchip – and thereby assist with reuniting lost dogs.**

### HD/ED Database

We currently have a total of 8,920 HD/ED records on the system, and the HD/ED certificates have been issued from the database for approximately 3 years now.

A report that provides all information against each of the dogs in the database that have gone through the HD/ED scheme provides the basis for Doug to generate all of his reports for the AGM and NBC meetings.

### Breed Survey Database

I am very pleased to report that this section is now completed, to the stage that the Breed Survey Certificates are now being produced from the database.

Whilst other sections have been extremely valuable, this is the culmination of the work so far on the database, and will bring much of the data together.

At the start of inputting the Breed Survey data the Tattoo, Microchip, and HD/ED results are all verified against existing data.

Daryl (the programmer) is now working on incorporating a Photo within the Breed Survey report for each animal, and this will then enable the preparation of the Breed Survey Book direct from this database, without additional administration work.

Very soon we will commence entering the data from the past Breed Survey books into the Database. This will be an ongoing task, but will not hold up future programming work.

### **Access to the Database**

At the last NBC Meeting it was decided that the Breed Surveyors would be given first access to the data and statistics within the database. This will enable comprehensive testing, at the end of which Clubs will need to decide on who can access the data, and what level of detail should be available to them. I hope this may be something that can be determined at the next AGM.

Any further access requires further work by the programmer, to ensure “view only” rights to the data (i.e. data cannot be edited or changed), and formatting of various reports.

The information will follow current limitations on the level of detail – That is:

- We do NOT publish HD/ED “Failures”,
- We do not publish individual dog’s detailed HD/ED results.

This needs to be maintained when viewing information from the database.

### **FURTHER WORK THAT IS PLANNED**

Our task is not yet complete.

After the above, the additional functionality that we will be looking at is Haemophilia, which will also link into the final Breed Survey data.

Then there will be ongoing maintenance and improvement of the system.

I would especially like to thank Daryl Bourke (the programmer) for his ongoing commitment to this project (which has grown considerably in its complexity from the original concept).

Also, Joylene Neddermeyer for her time, guidance and assistance in implementing the Breed Survey database.

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## **Rules & Regulations Officer – Ms. Sharon Thorp**

This committee was formed 18 months ago set with the task of finalising the Rules and Regulation Manual for the clubs.

Unfortunately due to commitments some of the appointed committee could not complete their allocated sections, this has left the sub committee with three people.

Steve Collins who has provided us with the information to finish the section pertaining to Breed Survey. Frank Moody who has worked tirelessly on a number of areas, and the Rules and Regulations Manual would not be able to be at this stage without his excellent work. The last person is myself.

As you are all aware previous work and a lot of it, was completed by Joylene Neddermeyer and her team of Jo Edwards and Jenny Kenworthy. The sections that were previously approved by the clubs have been updated with motions passed from 2012 onwards and also added too where we found relevant motions in the motions book.

Work is almost complete on the balance of the sections and we have added new sections such as Awards, Shows and Trials.

The sections are : *(Not in Order)*

- Introduction
- Administration
- Breed Survey
- Quarterly review
- Awards and Criteria
- Judges
- Breed Improvement Schemes – containing Positive Identification, HD/ED, Haemophilia, Breed Survey, Tooth certificate etc.

➤ Conduct of Shows /Trials

We have tried to streamline the Rules and Regulations in the following manner:

1. Where a motion pertains to an action rather than a rule these have not been included. (i.e. buy a new printer).
2. Where a motion pertains to the Breed Survey Manual or the National Show and Trial Manual we have not duplicated these by including in the Rules and Regulations. Where necessary we have made note in the R&R's, but refer to the manuals for specifics.
3. Where motions have been updated over the course of time we have included the latest motion.
4. We have not included the Constitution as part of the Rules and Regulations as this is a stand alone document.
5. We have listed individually all forms, but have not included the actual forms, but reference where they can be obtained (i.e. GSDCA web site). This will alleviate the need to keep changing sections of the Rules and Regulations.
6. We have compiled a list of motions (nearly complete) that we believe are no longer active. The finalised list I hope will be presented at the GSDCA AGM for the clubs to decide as to if they wish to rescind or have them included in the manual.

By the time you read this document I hope that the last few pages of the 70+ pages of motions has been added to the Rules and Regulations.

The final part will then be the editing of the manual and ensuring that motions are listed in each section in the proper order.

This will mostly be done remotely (by e-mail) but I have also recommended that the sub committee gets together for a weekend to finalise the manual.

We have all been waiting a long time for this manual, and I believe it is on the home straight. The manual will be very relevant to the clubs as they can refer to it to check rules or regulations, and I believe an important document so before a club puts a motion they can refer to the manual to see if there is a need.

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### **Trophy Officer – Mr. Terry Jarvis**

The trophy portfolio has been running much the same as the last report over the last twelve months with supplying the trophies for the National 2013 in Adelaide and production of the Ex/Merit awards supplied to the various clubs that are utilizing this initiative as a extra for the Breeders in gaining an excellent for any animal bred and gained an Excellent under their Prefix for the previous year. These are readily available just ask your Club secretary.

One thing to remember for the coming years is that now we have LSC'S competing that they have to have the same amount spent on their Ch/Dog & Bitch winners as the Stock Coat class's which is \$350.00 each and Handler class's be given a quality table to compete for now that we are taking this event seriously and we have to keep the younger generation happy to come back and try again.

I am presently waiting for some Presentation Trophies to come in for repair.

Thank you to those people who helped me throughout the year.

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### **Historian – Mrs. Diane Ballantyne**

My third year in this position has been a busy one. Data and photos have been collected and added to the files. Discussions are still ongoing regarding relocating the tubs of documents and information still with James Rodger.

Thank you once again to the Editor of the Quarterly Review Ms. Yvonne Yun for sending me the copies of the Review and photos from the National Show & Trial. Thank you also to the President Mr. Vince Tantaro, his Executive and the member Clubs for their support during the year.

## **COMMUNICATIONS – Yvonne Yun**

### **Breed Specific Legislation – Mrs. Margaret Adams**

The formation of this portfolio was to be in the front foot as dog laws tighten and dog ownership becomes more restrictive. I continue to look to members and clubs to keep in regular contact with me on this issue. To those few who do so – thank you. I believe it would be easier if we had a go-to person in each state and the most logical person would be the public relations officers who have their fingers on the pulse at grass roots level. I would hope that the A.G.M. would support this measure and the delegates will take it back to their clubs.

During the year I have gathered stories both good and bad and forwarded to the Communications officer for use when appropriate

B.S.L. rallies were held around world in July. Here in W.A. the speakers were knowledgeable and articulate but they are preaching to the converted at these rallies. The politicians need to get their heads out of the sand and rather than making a knee-jerk reaction to attacks and misbehaviours they need to support such things as the Calgary model which has identified and reduced many of the problems seen in the modern dog world.

Social media can be a major problem when there is a dog attack on a person or animal (particularly when it involves our breed) and every “expert” comes out of the woodwork quoting misinformation and untruths about our breed. The German Shepherd Dog is renowned for its versatility in service to mankind and we should be at all times promoting that to the public. I urge all members when they read these so called “experts” and their “facts” to shut them down in defence of our breed.

Here is hoping for a quiet and drama free year.

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### **Webmaster – Mr. John Fenner**



The GSDCA Website commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002 and has now successfully completed ten years and ten months of operation. **Version 1** contained 15 webpages with 55 images and was regularly updated up to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2003. **Version 2** was released on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2003, initially with 20 webpages and 80 images, which grew to 21 webpages and 90 images by the 2004 AGM. By the 2005 AGM, the website had increased to 25 webpages (2.6 MB), 12 pdf files (1.0 MB) and 121 graphic (jpg and gif) images (3.6 MB), with 110 updates to the website’s information over that year. At the time of the 2008 AGM, the website content, as **Version 3**, was 39 webpages (3.31 MB), 55 pdf files (5.45 MB) and 224 graphic (jpg and gif) images (6.69 MB), totalling 15.45 MB. By December 2008, Version 3 was 29 webpages (2.84 MB) with 10 in archive, 60 pdf files (6.02 MB) and 259 graphic (jpg and gif) images (8.75MB), totalling 358 objects (17.61 MB)

On 19 December 2008, **Version 4** format was introduced with 36 webpages and 20 in archive (4.03 MB), 73 pdf files (7.78 MB) and 377 graphic (jpg, png and gif) images (15.16 MB), a total size of 507 objects (27.0 MB). Over the twelve month period (October 2009 to September 2010 inclusive), there had been 172 updates/changes to the website’s information, as compared to 312 for the previous 12 months, which included the large Version 4 upgrade.

By the 30 September 2010, there were 43 webpages with 22 in archive (4.49 MB), 84 pdf files (9.51 MB) and 412 graphic (jpg, png and gif) images (17.20 MB), reflecting a total size of 561 objects (31.26 MB) and 10-15% growth. The significant changes for that period were: Promotion of the GSDCA’s Fiftieth Year celebration and associated activities, Updating GSD Event Calendar, Inclusion of new pdf format files, new images (jpg, png and gif) and various textural information, Updating of General Info and links on website pages, Results of the 2010 National Show and Obedience, and continuance of website promotion techniques for the major search engines.



A new format version of the website, **Version 5**, commenced in March 2011 and continued until February 2013, at which time it contained 55 webpages (973 KB), 2 htc files (15 KB) 3 css files (6 KB), 1 php file (1 KB), 1 txt file (1 KB), 122 pdf files (36.5 MB) 31 doc files (5.35 MB), and 597 graphic (jpg, bmp and gif) images (19.5 MB), creating a total size of 812 objects (64.4 MB) and a 100% growth in size.

Jacinta Poole (GSDCV) very ably fulfilled the webmaster role from October to December 2012, as an interim measure when the position became vacant.

From February 2013 to March 2013 inclusive, 10 webpages were updated and re-formatted, 17 document files (6.1 MB) have been added, and 8 graphic (jpg and gif) images (19.5 MB) have been created and included on the website. These 35 major updates and amendments required a total of 78 uploads to the ISP' server to comprise a total size of 865 objects (98.7 MB) and a 53% growth in size for those first 3 months of operation since the 2013 AGM.

Since the 1st April, up until the 30th September, additions have been made on the website with the most substantial changes to information and formatting being undertaken on most webpages. Over this last 6 months period, many webpages were updated and re-formatted, 35 document (PDF) files (9.1 MB) have been added, and 29 graphic (jpg and gif) images (5.1 MB) have been created and included on the website. All updates and amendments for the 6 months period have required a total of 1172 uploaded files to the ISP's server which now comprises a total size of 929 objects (112.9 MB). This represents a 14.4% growth in size for those last 6 months.

For the next four months prior to the 2014 AGM, the normal updates, re-formatting and maintenance will be undertaken, together with archiving of redundant data. In late December and January, the development of **Version 6**, is scheduled. It will utilize new innovations, better internal navigation and an improved internet search ranking.

All development is always aimed at making the site even more user friendly and user applicable. Great effort and care is taken not to provide users with untimely or misinformation, which is prevalent on other GSD websites and forums. I would particularly welcome feedback and input from individual members and affiliate clubs. Give me information to show that your dogs are truly "working dogs" or have been of service to the community!

John Fenner, GSDCA Webmaster. < [info@gsdcouncilaustralia.org](mailto:info@gsdcouncilaustralia.org) >

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## **Public Relations Officer – N/A**

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## **Youth Co-ordinator – Jess Lynch/Andrew O'Loughlin**

In 2013 the youth group has made some progress and has also seen some younger members become more involved. Some areas that were identified to progress over the year were: to improve communication, have more youth members involved in the youth page in the magazine, to add more content to the website and gain feedback on the changes that have been made for junior handlers. A number of these areas have improved over the last year, however we still have a long way to go.

### Communication

Since the youth group has been introduced we have had limited communication outside of the meeting that is held at the National. This year a youth rep for each state was appointed to hold 2 meetings within their state. This worked well for WA who held a meeting and sent a report, but as the year went on the amount of communication between the states decreased. Contact will be made to each of the state's reps with an outline of topics to discuss in a meeting before the National. This will mean that our meeting at the National is very productive and more progress can be made during the next year.

### Magazine

During this year the input from youth members into our page for the magazine has increased. We have had a number of different youth members volunteer to write youth articles with the majority sending them through to Jess for the magazine. Hopefully the input and ideas continue to come from a variety of our members to keep the page interesting and having articles that the youth members want to read.

### Website

When we first began the youth group we developed a web link from the GSDCA website for the group however it has not had anything added to it since then. During this year we have had some updates which will hopefully continue to grow over this year. We have added reports from some shows with the junior handler results from that show and also their results handling in the ring. The aim for the next year is to get a small report from each show to add on here and also some photos. Hopefully, as the website grows, we can add more content to it and use it as a form of communication.

### Junior Handlers

We received some feedback from the junior handlers at this year's National to try to improve how it is being run. The younger members expressed they would like some consistency between each show to the amount of time junior handlers is run over and to know what each class entails, while still being time effective. It has been asked to the reps for ideas on how they would like these guidelines for each different age group, so that during junior handlers its allowing them to practice and gain feedback on the skills they need to develop most. No feedback was received from any reps on this so it will be developed to trail at the National and gain feedback at the National meeting. Other feedback from the meeting included the critiques on the pegs. To help with time and give each junior handler the most help it was discussed that the judge would highlight one area that was done very well, and one area that could be improved. This would allow each junior handler to gain the best advice from the person that is judging the class. It was also discussed that junior handlers would like to receive their sashes on the pegs at the end of the class rather than at the presentation.

Along with regular junior handler classes at shows, youth members also need to be educated about dogs. Not only about behaviour and how to control a dog, but also the anatomy and why the German Shepherd is the way it is today. This is again something that needs to be discussed, and feedback received for. Perhaps it is something else that needs some guidelines created for, as to what detail and language can be used for different ages.

We have seen an improvement in the involvement of the youth members over the last year, and hope some of the strategies put in place can help to continue to grow the group's involvement. As the youth become more involved with their own individual clubs the youth involvement in our breed will continue to develop. Please keep encouraging and helping them, as the youth are the German Shepherd Dog's future.  
Jessica Lynch and Andrew O'Loughlin

## **NATIONAL SHOW REPORT 2013 – Host – GSDC of South Australia**

The German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc, is pleased to present this report for the 41<sup>st</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial.

This National was a very successful and well run event with high participation and picture perfect setting. The grounds were in excellent condition and the weather was ideal for showing and trialing.

Our guest judges from Germany this year were two top SV judges, Herr Christoph Ludwig of “Von der Zenteiche kennels” judging Stock Coat Bitches and Herr Richard Brauch of “vom Elzmundungsraum kennels” judging Stock Coat Dogs, Long Stock Coat Dogs & Bitches.

In the Obedience rings, Mrs Val Bonney (QLD) Judging UDX & Utility, Mr Brian Fielder (SA) Judging Open, Mr John Fenner (WA) Judging Novice & CCD, with the Winner of Winners Judged by all three Obedience Judges. Our GSDCA Junior Showmanship Classes were Judged by Ms Sharon Ballantyne (QLD).

A thank you to our many ring assistants, ring stewards, obedience stewards and stenographers for all their time and effort.

Conformation entries totalled 518 and Obedience totalled 42 which was a fantastic entry. We also had 20 entries in the Youth classes. All entries into the Junior Showmanship classes were given a pink coloured T shirt with paw prints across the shirts to promote themselves and also the Jane McGrath Foundation. This was not only very well received but was the organisation that as a group we raised money for this well deserving charity.

The President’s Dinner was held at the SA Sea Rescue Squadron. This was an ideal opportunity for the Club and various interstate dignitaries and Judges along with guests to have a quiet and enjoyable evening in a relaxed atmosphere.

The Saturday night Dinner was a jumping evening with exceptional food and music provided by “Show us Your Hits”. The numbers were fantastic with the only downside being the occasional rain but otherwise a fantastic night was had by all and the Gangnam dance off being one of the highlights of the night.

The opening Ceremony was again on par with our promotion of the Youth group of our organisation with Isabella De Lucia reciting a welcome to the Judges given in German and then translating in English. The sponsorship was well supported by various organisations and exhibitors, which was very pleasing as it helped the financials greatly for this event and without our sponsors it would be very difficult to make ends meet.

Once again all our merchandise was pre-sold which helps keep the costs down as we do not have clothing left over then sold at reduced rates on the last day which does annoy a lot of people when this is done. Robyn Parkinson did a fantastic job on this and was still selling merchandise well after the event was over.

I believe we have the best catering facilities in Australia as all our food is freshly made and the choice is more than just chips. The team, led by Gayle Mercer, that undertook this task and all the helpers did a fantastic job as did all the helpers over this three day event.

The official lunches by Anna Shoemaker over the three days were a resounding success and ran smoothly with the official lunch on the Saturday being exceptional and well attended and enjoyed by all.

The office duties over the weekend were well organised and under the ever watchful eye of our Assistant Show Manager, Judy O’Loughlin who was ably assisted by Heidi De Luca and Jane Pike. Setting up was carried out by a number of helpers, but an especial thank you to, Tony Shoemaker, Peter Flynn, Charlie Van Groen and Kevin Corlett who all contributed many hours before, during and after the event.

We once again had a hospitality tent that not only sheltered the exhibitors but also housed the bar along with the coffee provided by Veloce who were also one of our sponsors. Our major sponsors for the event deserve a mention as their support helped make the event a success; Advance, Smartline, Monjava Coffee, Adelaide Shores and Siena Foods. There were many other sponsors who kindly supported this event and they were all listed on page 18 of the catalogue. There are always things that we could or should have done but like many

organisations we are a group of individuals that share a common love that is the German shepherd dog. We try our best and still sometimes we fall short. That aside, it still does not stop us from trying again and again and I was very proud to have been associated with all the helpers for this event and I know that this was a memorable National that all can hold their heads up high.

The closing presentation was well organised with the only problem being the PA but then again things happen and not everything goes to plan.

The main interest other than the dogs is the financials aspect of the event. The GSDC SA did make a profit which in itself is a pat on the back for everyone involved. A summary of the profit and loss statement is attached with this report.

The SA Club had a dedicated group of workers that did a fantastic job leading up to the event and during the weekend then followed on by the clean-up which carried over to the rest of the week.

Well done South Australia!

**Mr. John DeLucia** (*President GSDC of SA.*)

2013 GSD National Show Trial - Profit Loss

Receipts	YTD	Payments	YTD	Profit / (Loss)
<b>Fundraising</b>				
Sponsorship	\$ 6,500.00			
Donations	\$ 4,631.00			
Raffle	\$ 511.15			
	\$ 11,642.15			\$ 11,642.15
<b>Show/Obedience</b>				
Show Entries	\$ 19,676.00	Trophies	\$ 7,666.89	
Obedience Entries	\$ 1,037.00	Sashes	\$ 2,776.63	
Catalogue extra Sales	\$ 700.00	Excellent Medallions	\$ 510.00	
Catalogue Advertising	\$ 2,920.00	National Council Levy	\$ 2,674.20	
		SACA Levy	\$ 1,233.40	
		Judges Airfares	\$ 4,088.73	
		Judges Accomodation	\$ 3,180.00	
		Steward Fees	\$ 150.00	
		Catalogues	\$ 4,189.60	
		Judges Clearance Fee	\$ 200.00	
		Advertising	\$ 750.00	
		Catering	\$ 1,029.11	
		Sundry Expenses	\$ 4,959.68	
	\$ 24,333.00		\$ 33,408.24	\$ (9,075.24)
<b>Social Events</b>				
Presidents Dinner	\$ 5,760.00	Presidents Dinner	\$ 5,884.00	
Saturday Night Function	\$ 8,343.00	Saturday Night Function	\$ 7,157.71	
	\$ 14,103.00		\$ 13,041.71	\$ 1,061.29
<b>Canteen/Bar</b>				
Canteen Receipts	\$ 6,212.40	Canteen Purchases	\$ 2,755.24	
Bar Receipts	\$ 6,428.85	Bar Purchases	\$ 3,196.93	
	\$ 12,641.25		\$ 5,952.17	\$ 6,689.08
<b>Other</b>				
Corporate Tents	\$ 11,250.00	Tent Hire, etc	\$ 14,455.00	
Memorabilia	\$ 9,777.25	Memorabilia purchases	\$ 8,383.87	
Other	\$ (250.99)			
	\$ 20,776.26		\$ 22,838.87	\$ (2,062.61)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 83,495.66</b>		<b>\$ 75,240.99</b>	<b>\$ 8,254.67</b>
Check	\$ 83,495.66		\$ 75,240.99	
	\$ -		\$ -	

## **GSDCA SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED DURING 2013**

Congratulations are extended to the following people as the recipients of the 2013 GSDCA Service Award, which took place at the 41<sup>st</sup> National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial and presented by the GSDCA President, Mr. Vince Tantaro.

- Mr. Tom Ory
- Mrs. Judy O'Loughlin
- Mrs. Marie Merchant
- Mr. Bruce Knight (*Presented at the 2013 NBC Meeting in Sydney*)

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## **GSDCA CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS**

<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>NAME OF DOG</u></b>	<b><u>CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED</u></b>
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
2012	Police Dog "Bosun" (QLD)	May 2012
2013	Police Dog "Riggs" (	May 2013

## GSDCA Canine Outstanding Service Award Presented During 2013

### POLICE DOG “RIGGS”

#### **Police Dog “Riggs”**

Born: 27/10/2006

Commenced operational duty: 08/08/2008

Retirement due: June 2013

*Retiring early due to being diagnosed with arthritis  
in mid 2012*

Role; General Purpose Dog

Taskings: 1100

Offenders located: 70

Offences cleared: 150



**Senior Constable First Class Neil  
STEVENSON (13178) and  
Police Dog Riggs  
South Australia Police**

### **SIGNIFICANT TASKINGS**

#### October 2008

Three armed robberies had occurred in the Holden Hill area with the same stolen vehicle being used at each offence. The vehicle was pursued by police patrols and had been involved in a 5 car collision on Briens Rd. The offender had run from the vehicle into nearby streets. PD Riggs was cast in the area the offender was last seen and tracked through several streets to a house. Riggs was used to search the rear yards and located the male hiding behind a shed.

#### April 2009

Patrols had pursued a stolen vehicle in the Woodville area. The vehicle was dumped and offenders were seen running away. An area search was commenced with PD Riggs who located one male hiding behind a bin in the rear yard of a house. Riggs then went on to locate a second offender in bushes in another front yard. The search was continued and Riggs located the third person hiding in another rear yard.

#### September 2009

A young girl ran away from home after an argument with her mother in the western suburbs. A search of the surrounding area by PD Riggs located the girl sleeping in a sleeping bag in bushes in a nearby reserve.

#### October 2009

Patrols had a pursuit with a vehicle in the Athelstone area. The offenders had jumped out of the vehicle causing it to continue on and roll into the River Torrens. A patrol had chased the male on foot for a short time and then lost sight of him when the male ran into reeds. On arrival of the dog team the patrols were searching the bank area by torch light. PD Riggs was placed on lead exiting the police vehicle and immediately charged at the reed area between two police officers located about 60m apart. A challenge was issued and a male who had been hiding about 15m into the reeds exited and surrendered to police.

#### Jan 2011

Two males were seen running away after breaking into a vehicle in the Mitchell Park area. PD Riggs was cast to locate a track in the area the offenders were last seen. PD Riggs indicated a track to a house a few streets away and two males from that address were later arrested for breaking into cars.

#### November 2011

Patrols on duty at a Random Breath Testing station had male run off through North Adelaide Golf Course after being detected drink driving. PD Riggs searched the area the male was last seen in and began barking on a wheelie bin. The male was located inside the wheelie bin and subsequently arrested.

## GSDCA “NATIONAL” WINNERS

<p><b><u>1<sup>st</sup> National 1967 – North Sydney NSW</u></b>  <b>Ch ALMARK BLACK PRINCE</b>  S: La Salle Avalon Raja  D: Redwood Lady Star</p>	<p><b>Ch GLEN ANGUS TONI</b>  S: Fair Haven Mateo  D: Ch Bieder Della CD</p>
<p><b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> National 1972 – Canberra ACT</u></b>  <b>Ch HORAND PRINCE HUZZAR</b>  S: Bratar Lord Huzzar  D: Bratar Miss Gypsy</p>	<p><b>BRATARA ADELE</b>  S: Ch Horand Prince Huzzar  D: Ch Glen Angus Toni</p>
<p><b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> National 1974 – Dandenong Victoria</u></b>  <b>Ch SHOOTERSWAY URBANUS</b>  S: Rossfort Premonition  D: Shootersway Europa</p>	<p><b>Ch KINGSMENS WITCHCRAFT</b>  S: Hendrawens Sirius Norge  D: Kingmens Naomi of Jugoland</p>
<p><b><u>4<sup>th</sup> National 1976 – Nurioopta SA</u></b>  <b>Ch INGO v HAFENLOHRTAL (Imp Gmy)</b>  S: Lido vd Allmannspforte  D: Gitta v Hafenlohrtal</p>	<p><b>Ch TANDINA MOLLIE</b>  S: Ch Shootersway Urbanus  D: Rossfort Sahara</p>
<p><b><u>5<sup>th</sup> National 1977 – Canberra ACT</u></b>  <b>Ch INGO v HAFENLOHRTAL (Imp Gmy)</b>  S: Lido vd Allmannspforte  D: Gitta v Hafenlohrtal</p>	<p><b>Ch GOLDSTEINS ORLINDE</b>  S: Ch Ingo v Hafenlohrtal  D: Delicia of Krakatoa</p>
<p><b><u>6<sup>th</sup> National 1978 – Camden NSW</u></b>  <b>Ch VOLSCAIN JESTER</b>  S: Hendrawens Saggitarius  D: Brydel August Sunset of Volscain</p>	<p><b>Ch EDENSMUIR VITAL SPARK</b>  S: Rossfort Premonition  D: Edensmuir Aurora</p>
<p><b><u>7<sup>th</sup> National 1979 – Ballarat - Victoria</u></b>  <b>BARRY v BERTELSDORFER HANG (Imp Gmy)</b>  S: Xanto v Coburger Rosengarten  D: Cora v Hauterberg</p>	<p><b>EDENSMUIR LIZ’S GIRL OF BEDWIN</b>  S: Rossfort Premonition  D: Amulrees Michaela</p>
<p><b><u>8<sup>th</sup> National 1980 – Nurioopta SA</u></b>  <b>Ch DUNMONAIDH JUNKER</b>  S: Elan v Michelstadter Rathaus  D: Dunmonaidh Branda</p>	<p><b>TANDINA JENNI</b>  S: Jacco v Steigerhof  D: Heike v Steigerhof</p>
<p><b><u>9<sup>th</sup> National 1981 – Sydney NSW</u></b>  <b>Ch DUNMONAIDH JUNKER</b>  S: Elan v Michelstadter Rathaus  D: Dunmonaidh Branda</p>	<p><b>Ch BRATARA JOLA</b>  S: Nico di Val del Tiepido  D: Silvy Dell’Alta Quercia</p>
<p><b><u>10<sup>th</sup> National 1982 – Canberra ACT</u></b>  <b>Ch DUNMONAIDH JUNKER</b>  S: Elan v Michelstadter Rathaus  D: Dunmonaidh Branda</p>	<p><b>Ch DINA v RESTRAUCH (Imp Gmy)</b>  S: Argus v Aducht  D: Alfa v Restrauch</p>
<p><b><u>11<sup>th</sup> National 1983 – Dandenong Victoria</u></b>  <b>BESCHUTZ BENHEIM</b>  S: Feger v Grunen Teufel  D: Xarra Graf Edelmann</p>	<p><b>TANDINA MATCHMAKER</b>  S: Bedwins Reza  D: Sadira Petit Fleur of Bedwin</p>
<p><b><u>12<sup>th</sup> National 1984 – Nurioopta SA</u></b></p>	

<p><b>FIDELITAS KAISER A</b> S: Voirlich Amigus D: Fidelitas Flora</p>	<p><b>CELLY v OLFENER KIRCHSPIEL a</b> (Imp Gmy) S: Lasso di Val Sole D: Sara v Olfener Kirchspiel</p>
<p><b>13<sup>th</sup> National 1985 – Penrith NSW</b> <b>Ch KARLRACH SATANS RITES A</b> S: Liakar Satan of Fuhren D: Fairycross Clickety Click</p>	<p><b>EIKE v MONS TABOR a (Imp Gmy)</b> S: Quai vd Boxhochburg D: Anja v Mons Tabor</p>
<p><b>14<sup>th</sup> National 1986 – Canberra ACT</b> <b>Ch AMOR v DREIBIRKENHAUS a</b> (Imp Gmy) S: Igor v Hylligen Born D: Viola v Dreibirkenhaus</p>	<p><b>Ch KARLRACH WYOMING BELLE A</b> S: Liakar Satan of Fuhren D: Kurtlee Minnisota</p>
<p><b>15<sup>th</sup> National 1987 – Dandenong Victoria</b> <b>Ch HASENWAY PUTZ A</b> S: Condor v Arminius a (Imp Gmy) D: Dina v Restrauch a (Imp Gmy)</p>	<p><b>Ch LANDRINA MAJIC MELODY A</b> S: Karlrach Kentucky Lad A D: Duval Royal Velvet</p>
<p><b>16<sup>th</sup> National 1988 – Nurioopta SA</b> <b>Ch QUINCITO AWOL A Z</b> S: Heiko vd Burg Hausbrunn a (Imp Gmy) D: Hella v Staark</p>	<p><b>Ch ALDERHAUS YONNI A Z</b> S: Karlstadt Tumblin Dice A D: Alderhaus Lara</p>
<p><b>17<sup>th</sup> National 1989 – Richmond NSW</b> <b>Ch QUINCITO AWOL A Z</b> S: Heiko vd Burg Hausbrunn a (Imp Gmy) D: Hella v Staark</p>	<p><b>Ch DARKANA KALANI A Z</b> S: Ch Hasenway Putz A D: Karlstadt Hot To Trot A</p>
<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> National 1990 – Durack Queensland</b> <b>Ch PRIMA ZORBA A Z</b> S: Ch Erntemond Gold Lancer A D: Prima Tiffany A</p>	<p><b>Ch DARKANA KALANI A Z</b> S: Ch Hasenway Putz A D: Karlstadt Hot To Trot A</p>
<p><b>19<sup>th</sup> National 1991 – Canberra ACT</b> <b>Ch DORSTEN MONTE CITO A Z</b> S: Hasenway Putz A D: Ambala Lovely Lady A</p>	<p><b>Ch DARKANA KALANI A Z</b> S: Ch Hasenway Putz A D: Karlstadt Hot To Trot A</p>
<p><b>20<sup>th</sup> National 1992 – Lyndhurst Victoria</b> <b>Ch INIFF VAGRANT A Z</b> S: Ch Baccara Red Beret A Z D: Iniff Majesta A</p>	<p><b>Ch INIFF TAPESTRY A Z</b> S: Karlstadt Tumblin Dice A D: Karlrach Wyoming Belle A</p>
<p><b>21<sup>st</sup> National 1993 – Nuriootpa SA</b> <b>Ch DORSTEN MONTE CITO A Z</b> S: Hasenway Putz A D: Ambala Lovely Lady A</p>	<p><b>Ch HAGENSTOLZ DRAW CARD A Z</b> S: Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z D: Landrina Majic Melody A</p>
<p><b>22<sup>nd</sup> National 1994 – Newcastle NSW</b> <b>KARDIN CHATS CHAMPION A Z</b> S: Ch Prima Zorba A Z D: Hasburn Back Chat A</p>	<p><b>HASENWAY TRULY RULY A Z</b> S: Iso v Friedenspark a (Imp Gmy) D: Hasenway Rina A</p>
<p><b>23<sup>rd</sup> National 1995 – Durack Queensland</b> <b>Ch HASENWAY WILD KNIGHT A Z</b></p>	<p><b>Ch HAGENSTOLZ DRAW CARD A Z</b></p>

S: Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z D: Darkana Nerida A	S: Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z D: Landrina Majic Melody A
<b><u>24<sup>th</sup> National 1996 – Lyndhurst Victoria</u></b> <b>Ch DORSTEN MONTE CITO A Z</b> S: Hasenway Putz A D: Ambala Lovely Lady A	<b>Ch SAN RANCHO CINNAMON A Z</b> S: Ch Iniff Vagrant A Z D: Randinka Gitta A
<b><u>25<sup>th</sup> National 1997 – Castle Hill NSW</u></b> <b>Ch LESKO v WILDSTEIGER LAND a (Imp Gmy)</b> S: Unto v Loherstein a D: Rita di Casa Mary a	<b>Ch ASTASIA YANA A Z</b> S: Alk v Domenica a Z (Imp Gmy) D: Ch Astasia Lola A
<b><u>26<sup>th</sup> National 1998 – Canberra ACT</u></b> <b>Ch IWAN v LECHTAL a Z SchH3 (Imp Gmy)</b> S: Immo v Batu a D: Kimba v Lechtal a	<b>Ch TURNBERRY HONDA A Z</b> S: Bedwins Siegfried A Z (Imp UK) D: Turnberry Topaz A
<b><u>27<sup>th</sup> National 1999 – West Beach SA</u></b> <b>Ch TURNBERRY STANDS ALONE A Z</b> S: Adam aus Wattenscheid a (Imp Gmy) D: Turnberry Nicolette A Z	<b>Ch SAN RANCHO CINNAMON A Z</b> S: Ch Iniff Vagrant A Z D: Randinka Gitta A
<b><u>28<sup>th</sup> National 2000 – Durack Queensland</u></b> <b>Ch DENARGUN BROWNE OFF A Z</b> S: Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z SchH3 (Imp Gmy) D: Ch Denargun Blue Print A Z	<b>Ch TURNBERRY SMARTY PANTS A Z</b> S: Eng Ch Bedwins Siegaro A Z (Imp UK) D: Turnberry Nicolette A Z
<b><u>29<sup>th</sup> National 2001 – Lyndhurst Victoria</u></b> <b>Ch DENARGUN BROWNE OFF A Z</b> S: Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z SchH3 (Imp Gmy) D: Ch Denargun Blue Print A Z	<b>SALVIKO MONTANA A Z</b> S: Eng Ch Bedwins Siegaro A Z (Imp UK) D: Aimsway Raving Poser A
<b><u>30<sup>th</sup> National 2002 – Erskine Park NSW</u></b> <b>DEMTORI ANALIZE THIS A Z</b> S: Ch Turnberry Stands Alone A Z D: Zenrista Tabriz A Z	<b>Ch EISENLAND ZILLI A Z</b> S: Ch Triumphs Kazan a ED (Imp Swd) D: Eisenland Persuasion A Z
<b><u>31<sup>st</sup> National 2003 – Canberra ACT</u></b> <b>Ch AMBALA CAPRIO A Z</b> S: Tacko vd Felsen-Grotte a Z (Imp Gmy) D: Trissi v Wildsteiger Land a (Imp Gmy)	<b>Ch KANTENNA NUTMEG A Z</b> S: Ch Troy vd Noriswand A Z (Imp Gmy) D: Kantenna Ally McBeal A Z
<b><u>32<sup>nd</sup> National 2004 – West Beach SA</u></b> <b>Ch LEISHJACLYN ZPARTACUS A Z</b> S: Ch Leishjaelyn Rain Dancer A Z D: Leishjaelyn Livin Doll A Z	<b>Ch ICCARA VEGAS SHOWOFF A Z</b> S: Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z SchH3 (Imp Gmy) D: Iccara Dirty Dancer A Z
<b><u>33<sup>rd</sup> National 2005 – DSurack Queensland</u></b> <b>Ch UNOX v ADUCHT a Z (Imp Gmy)</b> S: Mack v Aducht a D: Brenda v Aducht a	<b>Ch BHUACHAILLE JAZZ LEADER A Z</b> S: Ch Aimsway Abacus A Z D: Bhuachaille Xpectations Z
<b><u>34<sup>th</sup> National 2006 – Lyndhurst Victoria</u></b> <b>Ch UNOX v ADUCHT a Z (Imp Gmy)</b> S: Mack v Aducht a	<b>Ch SUNHAZE INTRIGUE A Z</b> S: Ch Ambala Caprio A Z

D: Brenda v Aducht a	D: Sunhaze Luv on the Rocks A Z
<b>35<sup>th</sup> National 2007 – Erskine Park NSW</b> Ch AIMSWAY ABACUS A Z S: Balou v Epplein a Z (Imp Gmy) D: Rakishka Ali A Z	<b>AIMSWAY KOODA-TA A Z</b> S: Ch Aimsway Abacus A Z D: Aimsway Santa Fe A
<b>36<sup>th</sup> National 2008 – West Beach SA</b> <b>*VIMO vd HOPFENHALLE a ED (Imp Gmy)</b> S: Zeppo v Klebinger Schloss a D: Chandra v Arline a	*Grand Champion <b>VONPETA TAYKALL BY STORM A Z</b> S: *Vonpeta Questor AZ D: *Ch. Eisenland B Witched AZ
<b>37<sup>th</sup> National 2009 – Durack Queensland</b> <b>*ITURNA NOBLE KNIGHT A Z</b> S: *Ch. Sannjesa Crusty Demon A Z D: *Randinka Yana AZ	<b>*Ch. VOITLANDER PINA COLADA A Z</b> S: *Cayos vd Noriswand a ED (Imp. Gmy) D: *Stunadel Olympia AZ
<b>38<sup>th</sup> National 2010 – Lyndhurst Victoria</b> <b>*Ch. KWINT v JEURIKSTALL a ED (Ndl)</b> S: *Levis di Fossombrone a ED D: *Perry v Arjakjo a ED	<b>*LAGO BIANCA A Z</b> S: *Ch. Kwint v Jeurikstall a ED (Ndl) D: *Adelora Zena A Z
<b>39<sup>th</sup> National 2011 – Erskine Park NSW</b> <b>*Ch. Jimmy vom Baruther Land a ED (Imp Gmy)</b> S: *Naxos vom Holtkamper See D: *Yenti vom Baruther Land	<b>*Ch. Sannjesa Electra AZ</b> S: *Ch. Kwint v Juerikstall a ED (Ndl) D: *Sannjesa Copy Cat AZ
<b>40<sup>th</sup> National 2012 – Newcastle NSW</b> <b>*Kazkiri Xavi AZ</b> S: *Mika vom Overledingerland a (Imp Gmy) D: *Jannire Black Betty AZ	<b>*Ch. Sannjesa Electra AZ</b> S: *Ch. Kwint v Juerikstall a ED (Ndl) D: *Sannjesa Copy Cat AZ
<b>41<sup>st</sup> National 2013 – West Beach SA</b> <b>*Ustinov vom Romerland a ED (Imp Gmy)</b> S: *Quantum v Arminius a D: *Kira v Lacros a ED	<b>*Bronacre Dark Diamond AZ</b> S: *Ch. Orrinshir Elton John AZ ET D: Bronacre Imogen AZ

## GSDCA “MAIN BREED EXHIBITION” WINNERS

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

<p><b><u>LYNDHURST VICTORIA 1998</u></b>  <b>*Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)</b>  S:*Immo v Batu a  D:*Kimba v Lechtal a</p>	<p><b>*Ch Turnberry Honda A Z</b>  S:*Bedwins Siegfread A Z (Imp UK)  D:*Turnberry Topaz A</p>
<p><b><u>WEST BEACH SA 2001</u></b>  <b>*Troy vd Noriswand a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)</b>  S:*Hinnerk v Kiemoor a  D:*Jenny v Falltor a</p>	<p><b>*Ch Bronacre Ramoth A Z</b>  S:*Ch Hasenway Wild Knight A Z Hneg  D:*Hagenstolz Hi Noon A</p>
<p><b><u>ERSKINE PARK NSW 2003</u></b>  <b>*Ch Denargun Brownd Off A Z Hneg</b>  S:*Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)  D:*Ch Denargun Blue Print A Z</p>	<p><b>*Kantenna Nutmeg A Z</b>  S:*Troy vd Noriswand a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)  D:*Kantenna Ally McBeal A Z</p>
<p><b><u>LYNDHURST VICTORIA 2005</u></b>  <b>*Ch Aimsway Abacus A Z Hneg</b>  S:*Balou v Epelein a Z (Imp Sing)  D:*Rakishka Ali A Z</p>	<p><b>*Ch Denargun Moz On You A Z</b>  S:* Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)  D:*Ch Denargun Flying Colours A Z</p>
<p><b><u>NEWCASTLE NSW 2006</u></b>  <b>*Ch Astasia Heico A Z Hneg</b>  S:*Troy vd Noriswand a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)  D:*Astasia Xcess A Z</p>	<p><b>*Sunhaze Intrigue A Z</b>  S:* Ch Ambala Caprio A Z Hneg  D:*Sunhaze Luv On The Rocks A Z</p>
<p><b><u>WEST BEACH SA 2007</u></b>  <b>*Ch. Sanjessa Crusty Demon A Z</b>  S:*Jasso vd Bimsgrube a Z  D:*Kronika Arni A Z</p>	<p><b>*Ch. Iccara Vegas Showoff A Z</b>  S:Ch.*Iwan v Lechtal a ED  D:*Iccara Dirty Dancer A Z</p>
<p><b>2008</b></p>	<p>As approved at the 2009 GSDCA AGM  <i>"As at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 the Main Breed Exhibition is to be held in abeyance.</i></p>
<p><b>2011</b></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**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>YEAR OF PRESENTATION</b>	<b>VENUE OF PRESENTATION</b>	<b>AWARDED BY</b>
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 Roger	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 Tantaro	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 Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Nancy Croston	Queensland	2000	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Coralie Kirkpatrick	Queensland	2000	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Alan Christie	Queensland	2000	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. James Rodger	Victoria	2001	National - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Chris Hollingworth	Victoria	2001	National - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Frank Moody	Victoria	2001	National - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Sandy O'Rourke	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Ann McKenzie	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Peter Worthing	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Gay Worthing	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Dr. Eva Francis	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaro (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) <i>(Special Presentation Large Medallion)</i>
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 & 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)



## 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

*\*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.*

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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
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

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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