



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

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2017**

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

<b>PRESENTING .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>TRIBUTE TO JURGEN NEDDERMEYER AND TOM LUXTON ESQ. ....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>THE GSDCA EXECUTIVE 2017 .....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>MEMBER CLUB COMMITTEE'S FOR 2017 .....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MR. VINCE TANTARO .....</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT – MS. JANE PIKE .....</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>SECRETARY'S REPORT – MRS. VAL MOODY .....</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>MEMBER CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT .....</b>	<b>23</b>
President ACT GSDA – Mr. Wolf Meffert .....	23
President GSD League – Mr. Terry Jarvis .....	23
President N & HR GSDC – Mr. Sean Lynch.....	24
President GSDC of Queensland – Ms. Sharon Ballantyne.....	25
President GSDC of South Australia – Mr. John DeLucia.....	26
President GSDC of Tasmania – Mr. Jurgen Haase .....	27
President GSDC of Victoria – Mr. Vince Ebejer.....	28
President GSDA of Western Australia – Mr. Ian Marr .....	29
<b>NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION REPORT – MS. MELANIE GROTH.....</b>	<b>37</b>
Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair - Dr. Candice Baker BSc BVMS.....	43
Haemophilia Registrar - Dr. Candice Baker BSc BVMS .....	44
National Identification Registrar - Mr. Adam Toretto.....	44
National Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar - Mr. Doug West.....	45
<b>JUDGES COMMITTEE – MRS. ROBYN KNUCKEY .....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE – MRS. JULIE URIE .....</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>EDITOR NATIONAL REVIEW – MS. JACINTA POOLE.....</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS .....</b>	<b>54</b>
National Show Liaison Officer – Mr. Ian Urie.....	54
National Database – Mr. Frank Moody .....	55
Trophy Officer – Mr. Terry Jarvis.....	56
Webmaster – Ms. Jacinta Poole .....	56
Breed Specific Legislation – Mrs. Margaret Adams.....	57
Youth Coordinator – Jess Lynch/Andrew O'Loughlin .....	58
Public Relations – N/A .....	58
Historian – N/A .....	58
<b>NATIONAL SHOW REPORT 2017 – HOST – GSDC OF QUEENSLAND .....</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>GSDCA SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED DURING 2017 .....</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>GSDCA CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS .....</b>	<b>67</b>
GSDCA Canine Outstanding Service Award Presented During 2017 .....	68
Police Dog “Quinn”.....	68
SES Dog “Cade” .....	70
<b>GSDCA EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS HISTORY .....</b>	<b>73</b>



## **PRESENTING**

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

*ABN 25 515 310 063*

*Reg No. A100*

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2017 Annual Report of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (GSDCA).

This Annual Report includes the activities and involvement of the Council, including the audited financial statements of the Council covering the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017, and the work undertaken by the GSDCA Executive, Position Holders and Member Clubs during the year.

All persons in charge of areas within a GSDCA portfolio were approached to submit a report and I very much appreciate those who have taken the time to provide the history of activities throughout the year. The historical importance of these reports will be of immeasurable value to those who follow us within the Breed.

On behalf of the Executive, I acknowledge our sincere appreciation to all those members of Member Clubs who have shown commitment and dedication with contributing towards the running of each Club and their events over the years. Your efforts help to showcase our beloved breed across the country.

I trust you will enjoy reading the information contained in this report and every effort was made to ensure all names are correct within this report and as such apologise for any errors that may have been overlooked.

I thank my fellow Executive, Member Club Presidents and position holders for their prompt and efficient response, thereby enabling me to have this report completed in readiness for the 57<sup>th</sup> GSDCA Annual General Meeting held in Sydney, New South Wales.

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

---

### **PATRON**

Mrs. Dawn Fraser AO MBE

### **BANKERS**

Westpac Bank  
Glenelg, South Australia

### **AUDITORS**

Grant Thornton Australia  
GPO 1270,  
Adelaide, South Australia 5001

### **SOLICITORS**

Septimus, Jones & Lee  
P.O. Box 258,  
Collins Street West, Melbourne Victoria 3000



## **Tribute to Jurgen Neddermeyer and Tom Luxton Esq.**



### **A Tribute to Hans-Juergen Neddermeyer 6/12/1930 – 22/3/2017**

Dear Joylene, Martin, Helga, and friends of Juergen Neddermeyer, I am honoured to be part of what today is: A celebration of a well lived long life of a man who touched all of us in a positive way.

Juergen, as we have already heard emigrated from Germany and like many new immigrants worked very hard, established himself and then went on to set up and run a most successful bricklaying business.

In parallel with his drive for working hard and passion for his business, his other great passion was his love of the German Shepherd Dog!

This passion saw him first involved with the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia in 1967. In 1969, he became its main stay due to the untimely death of its founder the late Roy Brabham.

In those days the Council had little influence or effect, but Juergen had a vision to see the council mirror the breeds parent club in Germany. Together with the late Wally Riemann and Max Stokes and together with a growing group of idealists, commenced to be active with regards to the lifting of the import ban on German Shepherd Dogs, better known in those days as Alsatians.

Juergen also saw the need to have a Council President who would be a very good communicator, amicable, well known in the all breeds circles and could share his vision for the Council: he himself never wanted to be the Councils leader!

At that time he persuaded Louis Donald, a very young, successful breeder and exhibitor of GSD, who is here with us today, to become President: Juergen's search for a talented person to carry the organisation forward proved correct as Louis held the position for 18 years- in this period Juergen played a significant role in contributing and supporting his fellow members of executive, of which: Barry O'Rourke and his close friend James Rodger are here today, in driving and achieving major change in an hostile anti GSD environment where in effect the English Kennel Club model and regulations were in place by default.

It must be said that the changes as enacted by Council during that period acted as drivers much later for other Breed Councils to follow.

Juergen, was also a breeder and exhibitor of GSD. Once the import ban was finally lifted, his passion and love for the breed saw him invest large sums of money by importing a number of male dogs from Germany. This act along with others who did the same in those days was his way of kick starting the breed's development: The kennel, Adelora, as shared with Joylene, Martin, Lyle and the late Jan Strahan is a most successful kennel albeit not as active as it was 5 years ago. This passion for showing and breeding saw him also join the peer group of our organisation as a most respected GSD Judge and Breed Surveyor.

Juergen, never wanted the spotlight and or craved attention. He was in many ways, the conscience of the organisation; he was determined and passionately added to any debate. He was an excellent mediator, calm but at times could, due to the nature of the debate voice his frustration with a forceful succinct common sense precise that would drive the discussion back to the point and resolution had.



To those younger enthusiasts, many are here today, he was always engaging and encouraging. He was also a mentor to many of us who took on the next step and became Judges and Breed Surveyors: his critique of us as judges was always positive and insightful. I was always impressed with his stance ringside, cigarette in hand: he was a meticulous recorder of results and could provide an in detail analysis of judging at day's end!

Juergen's dedication and work for the breed, the Council and the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia over 40 years saw him awarded that clubs Life Membership and the Councils Special Distinguished and Meritorious Award and Service Award.

He was only one of two persons in Australia to be recognised by the Verein Schäferhunde (SV), the breed guardian in Germany. He was awarded the SV Service Award in 1984 and the only one to be presented the SV Significant Achievement Award in 2006 for sustained long service to the breed. Both these awards were given in due recognition of his role in the transformation of the breed in our country and the deep respect and regard he was held in by the SV hierarchy.

Juergen's long life commitment to the German Shepherd Dog, our Council and GSDCSA cannot be understated. His sustained and most valued contribution to the success of Council and betterment of the GSD in Australia must be lauded: He was the keystone of an organisation that over a long period of service saw him hold a number of roles as an essential member of its Executive.

Juergen was a friend to many in our fraternity; he was generous and did not ask much of anyone, he was a confidant and a true and a sincere man.

He was good humoured, positive in outlook and always the gentleman.  
He will be missed by all of us but not forgotten.

Rest in Peace, our dear friend.

Thank you  
**Vince Tantaro**  
30 March 2017

---



## **A Tribute: Thomas Roger Luxton Esquire**

### **10/11/1937 – 7/5/2017**



Dear Ginny, Julia, Andrew and family and friends, it is an honour to be here with you all today to celebrate the well lived, long life of Tom Luxton.

On behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria and the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia it is my pleasure to give you all an insight into Tom's lifelong passion and love of our chosen breed: the German Shepherd Dog.

Tom has always been an integral member of the German Shepherd Dog fraternity.

His grandfather, Mr. H D Luxton was the first President of the GSDCV, when the Club formed in 1929, 88 years ago! Tom himself was a club member for the past 60 years.

As we have already heard, Tom's success and life in business prevented him from playing a prominent, upfront role for the club, but nevertheless this did not stop him playing a significant role in promoting and or developing the GSD in Australia. He was a Club Obedience Instructor for more than 10 years willingly assisting fellow members during times of hardship and or difficulties.

The GSDCV recognised Tom's service and significant contribution to the breed and Club and awarded him Life Membership.

It must be noted that Tom's role in the lifting of the infamous import ban on German Shepherds was pivotal. He put to work his skills and worked on producing an independent, unbiased and objective scientific opinion as to the attributes and virtues of the German Shepherd Dog, as opposed to the emotional pleas for change by the fraternity that fell on the deaf ears of government and or the commonly held view by those who opposed such a move that believed "the Alsatian" (as was better known in those times) was a potential super sheep "killer".

His approach saw him gather worldwide credible scientific opinion that included both local and USA based associations for the blind, researchers at various universities and internationally recognised geneticists and dog trainers.

This resulted in a scientifically based report that was presented to the politicians of the day, who upon considering its contents saw the government of the day lift the ban, for a trial period of one year.

The ban, much to the jubilation of the fraternity was permanently lifted a year later.

In recognition of these efforts to lift the ban, the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia, awarded Tom, Professor Rolf Beilhardt and Dr Wright at the 1989 Main Breed Show at KCC Park, a suitably inscribed pewter mug, with a Main Breed Show Excellent Select medal (our highest show accolade) attached to the mug, epitomizing the significance of their combined effort.

Tom was also awarded at this same event: the GSDCA Service Award for Outstanding and Meritorious Service.

Another project that was enthusiastically driven by Tom was the creation and founding of the Kamarn Breeders Foundation in the early 1970's, which bred approximately 800 German Shepherd puppies under the Kamarn prefix, all bred for the specific purpose of going to work in a variety of community services which included the Police, Customs, Armed Forces and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Despite its success, the Federal government decided to cease funding this organisation in the early 1980's and the Foundation folded. Tom always considered this a retrograde and not cost effective decision by Government.

Undoubtedly, Kamarn was successful in bringing to the fore the utility of the German Shepherd Dog as a multi-disciplined working dog that could serve the community. Not only were Kamarn dogs, employed as service dogs but were also introduced into the Australian guide dog scene. The Kamarn mission and its success in fact helped dispel the community's prejudice against our breed and helped make the breed more popular. It was a strategic milestone that once realised, dispelled the misguided prejudices against the German Shepherd Dog at that time.





In 1978 the GSDCA commenced discussion regarding the implementation of Hip Dysplasia screening scheme. Tom was entrusted to head a committee in 1982 to put in place the GSDCA HD scheme. His personal relationship with Dr Roger Lavelle, Melbourne University and the renowned geneticist Dr Malcolm Willis, UK saw the scheme as proposed adopted. An incredible achievement at that time!

In conjunction with the Kamarn project and an offshoot of its testing German Shepherd dogs for their suitability for work, Tom put an enormous effort on behalf of the Council into a program called "TIC" – Temperament, Instinct and Character which was based on the Kamarn experience and the Fortunate Field program which bred service dogs. Despite his passion and drive, along with many other idealists who also contributed for this to be implemented, the Member Clubs of GSDCA by a majority vote did not adopt this program. Tom was philosophical about this outcome and noted the fact that despite the Council introducing many ground breaking initiatives it was still a work in progress: as borne by the fact the Council recently adopted a character test be offered to members on a voluntary basis nearly 30 years after TIC was first proposed.

Tom, as a very successful businessman, had skills that were of great use to his own Club and the Council. He was a gentleman, respected, well connected with widespread and invaluable political and business contacts throughout Australia.

His approach was always with respect, well considered and practical.

These attributes made any counsel as given by him easily understood and appreciated by all those who worked with him. Importantly, up until his untimely death he was still working for our breed and engaged in researching a discussion paper regarding the matter of 'Shutzhund / Dogsport' and its likely effect if introduced into Australia.

Tom owned a large number of German Shepherds throughout the years. In the late 1980's he purchased, a New Zealand dog that proved to be both an excellent show and stud dog. This of course, was the famous "Quincito Awol". "Buddy", as he was known, had an excellent show career over a number of years. The love and admiration he had for this dog, saw him produce a lasting tribute to "Buddy": a breathtaking, colour video of "Buddy" at work and play, that will serve as an educational tool for future generations of fanciers of the breed.

At about this time, Tom developed a very strong friendship with the world famous tennis champion, Ivan Lendl. He provided a number of Australian bred German Shepherd Dogs to Ivan, a devoted and committed German Shepherd Dog enthusiast. This relationship was also highlighted in the main stream media thereby providing further invaluable promotion of the GSD!

Traditionally the role of patron of the GSDCV was held by the Chief Commissioner of Police, Victoria Police. The Club broke with tradition when Chief Commissioner Mick Miller retired some twenty years ago and Tom accepted the role of Patron. Tom's business acumen, personal qualities, dedication to the German Shepherd Dog and the high esteem he was held in by the membership saw the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria well served by their new Patron.

Like all of us who pursue a lifelong passion (some call it an obsession), it cannot be undertaken alone: Tom has always been loyally and faithfully supported by his lovely wife Ginny, who also has much love and passion for our breed. He had high regard for and was a very close friend, confidant and mentor of Anita Pettenhofer and Jenny Yuen who are with us today.

Tom has by his numerous initiatives' and sustained work over many years is one of a handful who has played in a time of much prejudice against the breed and within a hostile Kennel Club environment a definitive role in the welfare, development and acceptance of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.

The GSD fraternity has lost one of its most respected, idealistic and loyal workers for the breed.

He will be missed but not forgotten.

Rest in Peace our dear friend.

**Vince Tantaro**

**President GSDCA & Life Member GSDCV**

*13 May 2017*



## The GSDCA Executive 2017

---

### **OFFICE BEARERS**

President	Vince Tantaro
National Breed Commission	Melanie Groth
Judges Committee	Robyn Knuckey
Secretary	Val Moody
Treasurer	Jane Pike
Obedience Committee	Julie Urie
Editor Quarterly National Review	Jacinta Poole

### **POSITION HOLDERS**

Public Officer	Lenore Harris
Breed Health & Wellbeing Committee Chair	Dr. Candy Baker
Haemophilia Registrar	Dr. Candy Baker
HD/ED Registrar	Doug West
National Identification Registrar	Adam Toretto
NBC Registrar	N/A
National Show Liaison Officer	Ian Urie
Trophy Officer	Terry Jarvis
Database Coordinator	Frank Moody
Historian	N/A
Breed Specific Legislation Officer	Margaret Adams
Website Officer	Jacinta Poole
Public Relations Officer	N/A

---

## MEMBER CLUB COMMITTEE'S FOR 2017

### **ACT GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION**

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

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE**

President	Terry Jarvis
Vice President	Graeme Stevenson
Secretary	Fay Stokes
Treasurer	Karen Eaton
Training Coordinator	Karen Eaton
Breed Affairs Administrator	Fay Stokes

### **NEWCASTLE & HUNTER REGION GSDC**

President	Sean Lynch
Secretary	Paul York
Treasurer	Julie O'Sullivan
Breed Affairs Administrator	Jess Lynch
Obedience Coordinator	Peter Belic





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

President	Sharon Ballantyne
Vice President	Mandy Doyle
Secretary	Diane Ballantyne
Treasurer	Shelley McCammon
Breed Affairs Administrator	Sue Bruno
Obedience Coordinator	Ann Clarkson

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

President	John DeLucia
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Obedience	Jenny DeLucia
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Breed Affairs	Christine Collins
Secretary	Stephen Collins
Treasurer	Peter Flynn

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

President	Jurgen Haase
Vice President	Greg Priest
Secretary	Gabrielle Peacock
Treasurer	Sandra Parker
Breed Affairs Administrator	Janet Haase

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

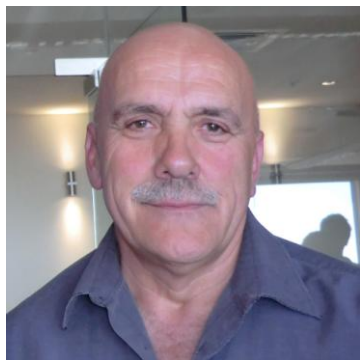
President	Vince Ebejer
Vice President	Tony Mercieca
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Louisa Rodger
Secretary	Melissa Siktars
Treasurer	Fiona Henderson
Breed Affairs Administrator	Ian Urie
Training Administrator	Les Rudling

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

President	Ian Marr
Vice President	John Crace
Secretary	Anna Mitchell
Treasurer	Joan McMulkin
Breed Affairs Chair	Natalie Humphries
Show Chair	Andy Crace
Obedience Chair	Honey Gross-Richardson



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Vince Tantaro



Ladies, Gentlemen and visitors, I again welcome you and look forward to your participation in the Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA).

At the end of my third term as President, I am indeed pleased with the progress we have made since I was first elected in 2012. This progress shows excellent communication between the Member Clubs and the Executive, and reaffirms the need to be inclusive of everyone. The use of the GSDCA Quarterly National Review (QNR), GSDCA Database, social media, and our websites in reaching out to the membership and public has assisted us in achieving this together.

I can say with confidence that the level of trust between the Member Clubs and the Executive has reached a state where the whole GSDCA decides of all matters, we need to allay the misconceived belief that Executive and/or I who decide all! My encouragement of frank and open discussion has benefited our organisation, as diverse opinion is welcomed, and in doing so, the work of the Council is more professional and inclusive. This simple change in approach, and more importantly culture, puts us all on the same page, and further in regard to the direction undertaken, and more importantly decisions being made! This major mind shift has led to the end result that the leadership group and membership together own the decisions made, and therefore no one should shy away from their responsibilities in promoting and or progressing matters as decided.

We must continue to utilise technology to ensure that the membership is better informed and able to contribute to the decision making process. In doing so, the Council validates its path as not only the caretaker of the GSD in Australia, but more importantly, the driver that ensures the fraternity continues to have and support the welfare and further development of the **breed** in Australia as their prime goal.

I am pleased to report that the Executive have worked as a cohesive team, where open and fearless discussion is asked for on all matters before it. Each member is happy to own the decisions made and this alone has, as in the past, stabilised and assisted us in progressing matters forward.

As you are well aware the past year has seen the Executive undertake an enormous work load with matters regarding IPO and "WUSV Harmonisation". It is my belief both past and this Executive has acted in the best interest of the Council in dealing with these matters over the last 3 years. I have in my reports in the QNR, informed the membership about the status of these matters. I emphasise we must move forward and see no reason to revisit the 'why and therefore' of these matters again! I acknowledge and thank the Member Club Presidents and their Committees for the work undertaken in ensuring their membership were informed and participated in the decision making process which saw these matters as presented by Louis Donald, WUSV Continental Director Oceania on behalf of the WUSV, progressed and decided upon at the GSDCA SGM held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

I again reiterate the decisions made by the Council, are owned by all Member Clubs. There can be no selection of 'this' or 'that'. It is the acceptance and adhering to all we decide upon which allows us to progress matters forward.

I thank the Club Presidents and their Committees for their leadership, timely responses and promoting the Council. I would also like to sincerely thank the many members in our Clubs who voluntarily devote much time, effort and money to ensure the German Shepherd Dog is well served and promoted throughout Australia.

Despite my repeating and reassuring the membership during my term as President, I am still amazed that there are members both old and new who continue to hold the belief that the Executive or I, solely decide on all Council business! So, at the risk of repeating myself:

I emphasise again the very basis on how the Council came into being: 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 as determined by its Member Clubs. The Executive 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, despite a number of conversations with some aggrieved Club members: The Council, Executive or I have 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 Club 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 can only again reiterate how important it is that members ensure they voice their grievances, opinions, and or put forward ideas at Member Club meetings.

At this point I ask we remember the passing of Jurgen Neddermeyer, Tom Luxton and more recently James Rodger. These three men played significant roles and worked very hard to ensure the Council was formed and its work served the betterment of the GSD in Australia- they are pillars of this organisation and their contribution is etched in our history! On behalf of the Council I extend our sympathy and condolences to all members who have lost loved ones.

It is important we note and again thank the Officers of the Council, and my fellow members of Executive for their continued dedication and work as undertaken in the past year. We are a team and can be proud that we have collectively continued to perform as we do and achieve so much. It must also be noted that many of the Officers have been long serving workers for the breed and in addition to their Council roles undertake significant work for their Clubs. Please also remember and thank those who are at home supporting you.

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

**Melanie Groth, NBC Chairperson:**

Melanie has in her first year in this role worked hard and enthusiastically to get up to speed with what is a most demanding portfolio. Her 'fresh' approach is welcomed and has added to the diversity of the Executive. She is also a breeder and exhibitor who interacts with all in the fraternity and has found much of her precious spare time is now consumed by not only administering the portfolio but providing valued comment on all matters before the Council. I look forward to her continued growth in the role, valued input into the business of Council, and managing the position in her own style. I am also pleased that she too sees the manner in which the NBC Executive as a collective decide on most NBC matters as most positive.

**Val Moody, Secretary:**

Val as Secretary has held this position for 17 years, and as I have stated in previous reports is integral to how we conduct the business of Council. She holds much corporate knowledge, and being involved at grass roots level as a Show instructor at her own club definitely adds more insights to the decision making process. She is consultative and professional in all she does. We continue to work very well together and I, as does the rest of the Executive, value her well-considered advice on all matters.

**Robyn Knuckey, Judges Committee Chairperson:**

Robyn has continued her work to fine tune the regulations pertaining to her portfolio, and encourages and mentors our trainee GSDCA Judges. She contributes positively to all matters. She is also a breeder, exhibitor, and interacts freely with many in the fraternity. This enriches her valued input on all matters. She is proactive and her input well considered.

**Julie Urie: Obedience Committee Chairperson:**

Julie in her first year as Obedience Chair has contributed positively to the debate and matters concerning the possible introduction of IPO and Schedules 1, 2, & 3. These matters have thrust forward the 'working' element that has long been ignored by the fraternity. It has been by necessity the focus of much of the Council business this year. Julie is also involved at grass roots as a Club obedience / show instructor, breeder, exhibitor and trials her dogs. She has provided valuable input on all matters and I look forward to her input on the challenges that we will encounter in our work to see Schedules 1, 2 & 3 put into place.

**Jane Pike: Treasurer:**

Jane as Treasurer has demonstrated since her holding this position 6 years ago, that she is very competent and her experience in administration has ensured the financial affairs of the Council are up to date, and that Member clubs kept informed as to the financial status of our organisation. She again has provided valuable support to the rest of the Executive and Member clubs. Jane is a breeder and keen exhibitor who interacts freely and openly within the fraternity. She continues to contribute positively with her proactive and practical approach to the business of Council.



**Jacinta Poole:** Editor Quarterly National Review (QNR):

Jacinta has in her first term as Editor made a notable impact. The QNR has this year I believe reached a new status- it truly is now a publication that should appeal to all members. We have all noticed far more articles coming from our fraternity and this no doubt has assisted Jacinta in having the content available to make a difference. The Executive and Jacinta have tried to make the QNR more attractive for members to advertise in. It must be noted that Jacinta's work has brought significant savings to the production cost and therefore we must still be mindful of the 'real' cost of producing the QNR. Jacinta is involved at Club level management, as Club Obedience instructor, exhibitor/ handler and has trialed dogs. Her wide ranging skill-set sees her manage the Council website, FB page and assist all. Jacinta has continued to demonstrate she is very capable and able to positively contribute on all matters as considered by the Executive.

I would now like to acknowledge the contribution of the following Breed Surveyors who have retired in the last year: Joylene Neddermeyer, Anita Pettenhofer, Fran Farley, Barry O'Rourke and James Rodger. All were instrumental in setting ideals that needed to be followed for the breed to make the progress it did! Each played significant roles both at Council and within their own Clubs that educated, and mentored many of the younger breed surveyors!

On behalf of Council I also must acknowledge that due to the SV age rule, Louis Donald who has made a significant and sustained contribution to the betterment of the GSD in Australia is no longer an SV Foreign List judge. It is important to note that Louis, along with Anita Pettenhofer and Barry O'Rourke, who also have been 'retired' a number of years ago, have to date been the only members who, at their own expense, pursued this status and in doing so are respected and key figures in promoting the SV model and breed idealism which saw the development of the GSD in the early years of Council much faster than it would have done. Louis will continue to judge as an ANKC / GSDCA Judge and has been reappointed WUSV CDO.

The major highlight of the Council every year is the conduct of the National GSD Show & Trial which this year saw GSDC of Queensland host the event on behalf of the Council. It must be noted that this Club did the Council proud in the way it conducted what is our premier showcase event. Not only did the event reach new levels with regard to atmosphere, social events and looking after exhibitors, the Club in fact fully utilised the opportunity a National affords a host Club: the Club promoted the breed at every opportunity before the event and without cutting corners, was able to harness the members, who worked hard to ensure a notable profit was made. This of course will assist the Club in further promotion of the breed well into the future. On behalf of the Council, I again thank the Club for staging a most memorable event.

I was pleased to see GSDCA Service Agreements put in place and that all current GSDCA Breed Surveyors signed it. The work of the 2016 Breed Survey Forum, which was to see educational tools / programs put in place for members and Judges/Breed Surveyors, has stalled, due to the heavy workload related to WUSV matters. The forum also reaffirmed an aspirational goal that would see the introduction of an ANKC Litter Registration Limitation (LRL) that will only have GSD's that are GSDCA Breed Surveyed or recognised, to be bred with. The NBC Executive has had little time to pursue this, however in the first instance; we must see a marked improvement regarding the members concerns of the creditability and conduct of breed surveys. This is an important and essential step. I have noticed as a breed surveyor that we are as a group far more consultative and accepting of each other's failings. However, it must be noted that we are still a long way off putting the LRL forward for consideration by the ANKC: in fact the latest survey sees only 40% of litters born having 2 breed surveyed parents. 60% have one or no breed surveyed parents!

I again raise a major outcome of The GSDCA Future Directions Forum held 5 years ago. I have seen little or no progress on: the need for all Member Clubs and Council to plan and implement succession planning. There is little or no encouragement given to the 'next' generation that may be interested in administering canine affairs. This, combined with falling numbers participating in show and or trials, is a real threat to our sport and serving the breed. Club Presidents and their committees need to encourage and mentor our younger members to "have ago" and hand over positions to them: there is no reason why those who have held positions for 10+ years cannot continue to act as mentors to the new generation- this single move could revitalise Clubs!

In closing, I am well aware of the challenges we all face in going forward. The division that has appeared since we had to, in quick time, consider and enact some of the 23 WUSV schedules as put to us cannot be underestimated. The further fuelling of angst fed by misinformation and or by an insistence of anyone, or any Body to implement new programs without due consideration, and or within realistic timelines should not be tolerated. The GSDCA is, in its own right, a most credible and professional organisation that has endured a hostile environment which in the early days saw no



support from canine controls, to one that is now respected and has achieved much more than many other GSD clubs or bodies around the world.

Our ability to outreach and serve the GSD in the community it lives in is unparalleled for any single breed club. The model we have in place is that of the SV; however it is, in my opinion, free of corruption and supported by a volunteer base that works tirelessly for the betterment of the GSD. This cannot be denied! We cannot be dismissed as an organisation that has done nothing, when in fact we have, except for the missing brick “IPO”, done it all and much more than many others!

I wish to thank the Member Clubs for their consideration and hospitality extended to my wife Frances and myself during our visits. I would again thank Frances for her support in what has been a difficult year both at Council level and for our family.

I again thank the membership and my fellow Executive, for their continued support and confidence in me.

I trust that I continue to meet your expectations.

Thank You

**Vince Tantaro**  
President

---

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



I present to the Members of Council and my fellow Executive the audited financial statements for the organisation for the financial year ending 30 September 2017.

The financial report shows an operating deficit for the year of \$17,115 compared to 2015/2016 of \$9,024. The main contributing factor was the additional expense outlaid on the Special General Meeting’s which amounted to \$10,456 from council funds which included airfares for one Club delegate and Executive members and the cost of meeting rooms and catering for the June meeting.

Within the NBC portfolio, travel expenses of approximately \$1,121 represent the cost of sending a second surveyor to survey’s that traditionally only had one surveyor. This primarily affects survey’s conducted in Queensland, Newcastle, ACT and Tasmania.

This concept has been well supported by the members. Thanks must go to the GSDC of Tasmania members for accommodating surveyors, at no cost to Council, when surveys are held.

Other costs that have contributed to the deficit include the purchase of a new Laser Printer for the HD/ED Registrar \$1,065 and laptop computer for the NBC Chairperson \$1,048. Donations totalling \$1,100 were paid to the Canine Memorial Fund at KCC Park and the Australian War Animal Memorial in France. Obedience expenses include handler plaques and printing of CWA certificates. Other sundry expenses included the President and Secretary attending the RSPCA Seminar on Pure Bred Dogs, gift for Joylene Neddermeyer for her service to council, bereavement flowers and the President’s visits to Clubs as per Regulations manual.

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





**Stock on hand** – Below is a summary as at 30 September 2017

Details	2017
Golden Jubilee Book (Leather)	5
Golden Jubilee Book (Soft Cover)	197
Standard Excellent Conformation	700
Standard Excellent Obedience	42
National Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals	*0
National Excellent	156
National Obedience Excellent	8
National Memento	**0
National Service Award	27

*~ South Australia have the stock required for 2018 National, with the exception of Mementos which are included in above.*

*\* Remaining stock of old Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are in Council storage to be used for “special trophies” in the future.*

*New medallions will be ready at the end of January 2018 for the next National.*

*\*\* Once the new Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions are completed new Memento's will be struck. SA requires a further 107 to cover all 2018 National Classes.*

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage Clubs to consider switching to an electronic banking system which may require changes to Club constitutions but will streamline the processing of all types of invoices. The Council along with the GSDC of Vic and GSDC of SA has adopted a “two must sign” process for electronic banking. Given the speed of delivery by Australia Post and chance of lost mail probable, EFT removes the effort/inconvenience of writing cheques and either posting or direct depositing them into the Council account, which at times is not convenient.

The electronic banking system offers a very quick, secure, cost effective method of banking which is particularly helpful if the signatories live a distance apart. If re-elected to the position I will endeavour to find ways for HD/ED Registrars to streamline the collection and banking of monies for HD/ED forms.

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

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



# Scale of Charges as at 1 July 2017 GST Inc

Service or Product		Charge to Clubs/Applicant	Charge to Members by Clubs
<b>TOOTH CERTIFICATE</b>			
Tooth Certificate		\$40.00	
<b>NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION</b>			
Breed Survey Pass		\$27.00	\$35.00
Breed Survey Fail		\$27.00	\$35.00
Breed Survey Book – pre 2003 **		\$5.00	
Breed Survey Book – 2004 onwards **		\$15.00	
GSDCA Title Verification		\$25.00	
<b>HD &amp; ED CONTROL SCHEME</b>			
<b>Charge to Members and payable to National Council</b>			
HD/ED Appeal		\$130.00	
HD/ED Form – Hips & Elbows		\$68.00	
HD/ED Form – Hips only		\$50.00	
HD/ED Form – Elbows only		\$33.00	
<b>Paid to Readers by National Council (*GST Exclusive)</b>			
HD/ED – Readers Charge		\$50.48 *	
HD – Readers Charge		\$31.56 *	
ED – Readers Charge		\$18.91 *	
<b>QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW</b>			
QNR Magazine cost to members per edition		\$5.50	
QNR Advertising – Front Cover		\$225.00	
QNR Advertising – Back Cover		\$200.00	
QNR Advertising – Full Page		\$360.00	
QNR Advertising – Double Spread		\$700.00	
QNR Advertising – Half Page		\$180.00	
QNR Advertising – Quarter Page		\$100.00	
QNR Advertising – Package (same copy in 4 editions for Full, Half or Quarter pages a discount of 10% will apply)			
QNR Advertising – Stud Dog (each full page advert will be replicated on the GSDCA website for a period of 3 months following the public-refere QNR Editor for full detail)			
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber - Australia		\$55.00	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – New Zealand		\$63.00 AUD	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – SE Asia		\$65.00 AUD	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – UK/Europe/ USA/Canada		\$70.00 AUD	
<b>NATIONAL COUNCIL MEDALS/PLAQUES **</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)		\$22.00	
National Show Memento (Octagonal)		\$9.50	
National Council Award of Merit Plaque Excellent Graded Animals		\$22.00	
<b>GOLDEN JUBILIEE EDITION</b>			
Soft Cover **		\$50.00	
<b>GSDCA MEETING SUBSIDY based on KMs by air (maximum \$1,000.00 total)</b>			
	Venue: Adelaide	Venue: Sydney	Venue: Melb
GSDC of Qld	\$220.00	\$126.00	\$226.00
N&HRGSDC	\$173.00	\$22.00	\$140.00
ACT GSDA	\$134.00	\$54.00	\$73.00
GSDC of Tasmania	\$174.00	\$192.00	\$99.00
GSDA of WA	\$299.00	\$606.00	\$462.00

\*\* plus postage





## Independent Auditor's Report To the Members of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc

### Report on the audit of the financial report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2017, and the statement of profit or loss for the year then ended, and comprising notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information to the financial report and the statement by the Committee of Management.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc:

- a presents fairly, in all material respects, the Association's financial position as at 30 September 2017 and of its performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd ACN 130 913 594  
a subsidiary or related entity of Grant Thornton Australia Ltd ABN 41 127 556 389

'Grant Thornton' refers to the brand under which the Grant Thornton member firms provide assurance, tax and advisory services to their clients and/or refers to one or more member firms, as the context requires. Grant Thornton Australia Ltd is a member firm of Grant Thornton International Ltd (GTIL). GTIL and the member firms are not a worldwide partnership. GTIL and each member firm is a separate legal entity. Services are delivered by the member firms. GTIL does not provide services to clients. GTIL and its member firms are not agents of, and do not obligate one another and are not liable for one another's acts or omissions. In the Australian context only, the use of the term 'Grant Thornton' may refer to Grant Thornton Australia Limited ABN 41 127 556 389 and its Australian subsidiaries and related entities. GTIL is not an Australian related entity to Grant Thornton Australia Limited.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation.



**Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc to meet the requirements of the Associations' constitutions. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon**

The Committee of Management of the Association are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 30 September 2017, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Responsibility of the Committee of Management for the Financial Report**

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

In preparing the financial report, the Committee of Management are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Committee of Management are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.



A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

*Grant Thornton*

GRANT THORNTON AUDIT PTY LTD  
Chartered Accountants

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S K Edwards".

S K Edwards  
Partner – Audit & Assurance

Adelaide, 6 December 2017



**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC.**

**STATEMENT BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

---

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 8:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc as at 30 September 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

In accordance with the ACT Associations Incorporations Act, 1991, the Committee of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 September 2017:

- (a)
  - (i) no officer of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc;
  - (ii) no firm of which an officer is a member; and
  - (iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest;

has or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

- (b) no officer of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc has received directly or indirectly from German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value other than those who are employees and remunerated under normal commercial terms.

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

  
.....  
PRESIDENT

  
.....  
TREASURER

Dated this 6th day of December 2017





## SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mrs. Val Moody



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) being held in Sydney, New South Wales and present to you my Annual Report.

In May of 2017 the GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial, our most prestigious event held during the year, was hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland and was held at the Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, Durack, Queensland. It was with great pleasure that the GSDCA Patron, Mrs. Dawn Fraser AO MBE agreed once again to attend the National, and she was delighted to have the opportunity to meet all members over the weekend.

I extend my congratulations to the extremely small but efficient group of workers and those from other State Clubs and the Executive that lent a helping hand prior to and during the event. As always, an extremely well run and most successful National.

Congratulations are extended to the following people that received Awards at the 45<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2017.

### HONOUR ROLL

<b>Medal Winners - Stock Coat - DOGS</b>		
GOLD	*Djambo vom Fichtenschlag (Imp Deu) aED	Owned by Hetty Choy
SILVER	*Ch. Freemont Hells Bells AZ	Owned by S & J Lynch
BRONZE	*Labo vom Schollweiher (Imp Deu) aED	Owned by Martens/Alder/Van Helvoort
<b>Medal Winners - Stock Coat - BITCHES</b>		
GOLD	*Zicke vom Feuermelder (Imp Deu) aED	Owned by J Haase/J Oar
SILVER	*Fremont Ive Got The Magic AZ	Owned by S & J Lynch
BRONZE	*Jaknell Sweet Painted Lady AZ	Owned by A & J Kada
<b>Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - DOGS</b>		
GOLD	*Ch. Erioca Catch Me If You Can AZ	Owned by K. Leonard
SILVER	*Ch. Babanga Mr Anderson AZ	Owned by P & K York & C Craig
BRONZE	*Ch. Shernaa Pakros HT (Imp UK) aED	Owned by N Hammond
<b>Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - BITCHES</b>		
GOLD	*Ch. Erioca Coco Chanel AZ	Owned by C Leonard
SILVER	*Sup Ch. Avahlee Girls Keep Secrets AZ RN ET	Owned by J & J Hayton
BRONZE	*Eroica Duchess Of York AZ	Owned by Shayler/Leonard
<b>Medal Winners – Obedience</b>		
GOLD	Uhlsmdorf Black Label	Owned by V Grzeszkiewicz
SILVER	Trangold Dare To Be Different	Owned by D Hart
BRONZE	O GrdCh Singha Grey Mist UDX	Owned by N Nahas
<b>Breeders Group Trophy</b>		
Eroica Kennels		Owned by K Leonad (Eroica Kennels)



MEMORIAL PLAQUES		
Walter Reimann Memorial Trophy <i>Open Dog Winner</i>	*Djambo vom Fichtenschlag (Imp Deu) aED	Owned by Hetty Choy
Max Stokes Memorial Trophy <i>Junior Bitch Winner</i>	Lago Giannina	Owned by Lago Kennels & Babenberg Kennels
Roy Brabham Memorial Trophy <i>Open Bitch Winner</i>	*Zicke vom Feuermelder (Deu) aED	Owned by J Haase/J Oar
David O'Rourke Memorial Trophy <i>Dual Performance Winner</i>	*Sensen Mann Yokon (Imp Deu) aED AZ	Owned by A & F Henderson/K & R Knuckey/G Bobbin
Rick Richardson memorial Trophy <i>Winner of Winners</i>	Uhlmsdorf Black Label	Owned by V Grzeszkiewicz
Sam Bonifacio Memorial Trophy <i>Most Successful Breeder</i>	Eroica Kennels	Owned by K Leonard (Eroica Kennels)

### GSDCA SERVICE AWARDS:

Congratulations are extended to the following people that received the "GSDCA Service Award" at the 45<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2017 for their dedication to the German Shepherd Dog and continued support and commitment at Club/Canine Control level.

- ❖ Mrs. Val Bonney (QLD)
- ❖ Mr. Steve Jones (NT)
- ❖ Mrs. Margaret Adams (NT)

### GSDCA SPECIALIST JUDGE BADGE

Congratulations are extended to Sharon Ballantyne on receiving the GSDCA Specialist Judges Badge at the 45<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2017.

### GSDCA OUTSTANDING CANINE SERVICE AWARDS:

Congratulations to Police Dog "Quinn" and handler Senior Sgt. Sean Baxendell who received the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award in May 2017 at the 45<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2017.

Congratulations to SES Dog Seigen Quintessential "Cade" and handler Michael Margot who received the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award in May 2017 at the 45<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2017.

Cade was presented with his award at the Rick Richardson Memorial Championship Show on the 26th August 2017 by Mrs. Robyn Knuckey, GSDCA Judges Committee Chair.

### GSDCA SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD:

At the 45<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2017 the GSDCA Special Recognition Award was presented by the GSDCA President, Mr. Vince Tantaró and congratulations are extended to:

- ❖ Mr. John DeLucia                      Service to Council                      GSDCA Obedience Committee Chair
- ❖ Ms Jess Lynch                        Service to Council                      GSDCA Youth Officer

### GSDCA OBEDIENCE AWARDS:

The GSDCA President, Vince Tantaró and the GSDCA Obedience Chair Mrs. Julie Urie presented the GSDCA Obedience Awards to:

<b>"Best Novice Dog"</b> *Harlesrose Angel AZ CD Owner: Mrs. Julie Urie	<b>"Best Open Dog"</b> Koonski Dash Of Pepper CDX Owner: Patricia Bailey	<b>"Best Utility Dog"</b> O Gr Ch Koonski Just a Dash UDX RN Owner: Kathie Minton	<b>"Best Rally Novice Dog"</b> *Ch Hillmagic Golden Calypso Owner: Karen Hore
---	---	--	---



Sadly, 2017 saw the unexpected loss of two dear friends and colleagues, Mr. Juergen Neddermeyer (Past Member of GSDCA Executive) and Mr. Tom Luxton (GSDCV Patron). These two gentlemen were instrumental and played a significant and sustained role in the betterment of the German Shepherd Dog in this country and helped to lay a firm foundation for the GSDCA to continue to build upon". I express my sincere condolences once again to Joylene & Martin Neddermeyer and family, and Ginnie Luxton and family.

2017 was an extremely busy year with regard to the many aspects of the Council that needed to be dealt with and the many meetings that took place due to the WUSV Harmonisation matter. My attendance at the Breed Surveyors/Judges Meeting, National Breed Commission Meeting and Judges Committee Meeting along with the President's Meeting and the WUSV Harmonisation Special General Meeting hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia saw much discussion and many issues that the Council will need to follow up on over the next five years.

I wish to thank the GSDC of SA for hosting these events and express my appreciation for the work undertaken by all those involved. Well done to all and thank you!

I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Barbara Blythe, for her valuable expertise in taking the minutes of the meetings held during the year, especially over the NBC/JC meetings etc., where Barbara was extremely unwell but soldiered on, nothing was going to stop her completing her tasks. Her efforts over the AGM weekend and the SGM were also appreciated.

Thank you so much Barbara, I and the Executive do appreciate the work and effort you put in.

I sincerely thank my fellow Executive, and all position holders for their assistance and support over the year and I look forward to the future, with everyone within the organization working in harmony for the betterment of the German Shepherd Dog and your Council.

---





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

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

The association's membership has remained relatively steady through the year. This can largely be attributed to the performance and activities of our training school.

The association meets every Wednesday night on the grounds we lease from the Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC). Our lease is for our training night only, plus a set number of days for other activities such as our Championship Show etc. This means that the grounds can be leased to other organisations and this has been a major issue over the years.

Annual events conducted at EPIC such as the Summernats, The Canberra Royal Agricultural Show and the Folk Festival impact on the standard of our grounds. This is aggravated by periods of no rainfall linked to the high cost of water in the ACT thanks to the complete incompetence of our local government of all persuasions the grass never recovers between events.

The construction works related to the latest ACT government folly, the light rail project adjacent to the EPIC main entrance and the consequential access restrictions may also have had an impact on membership numbers.

Our membership is in the order of 170 members including life members. As noted, our major activity is the obedience school with a turn-up of 45 to 60 members Wednesday night regardless of the weather. This says a lot for the management of the school and the participating instructors. It also reflects the initiative by puppy sellers to refer purchasers to the association. This is particularly important for the initial socialising of the pup and we keep the training school in action for the baby puppy classes through the Christmas recess area.

Our obedience classes cover the basics from baby puppy socialising and lessons on how to look after and manage the puppy all the way through to CCD, CD and CDX. We have also commenced to incorporate Rally-O into our instructions. In addition the association also hosts an annual Endurance Test on behalf of Dogs ACT. Members have completed CCD, CD and CDX titles – well done!

The participation of members in the area of Conformation Showing has brought success. The showing include the specialty ring as well as local All Breeds events. The success of members at the Queensland National was particularly pleasing and congratulations goes to all concerned.

Once again the Association conducted 2 Championship Shows on the October 2017 long weekend. While the state of our grounds leaves a lot to be desired the show went well.

We conducted one breed survey in early December. I must note that for us the issue of the second surveyor is still of concern as we see it as a waste of money regardless of the concept of the GSDCA paying for the second surveyor.

The WUSV harmonisation program has taken up a considerable amount of time and resources. While the GSDCA IPO submission to the ANKC was very good it was doomed to failure due to the inadequate time allowed for the ANKC members to actually review the submission. The lack of positive promotion of the proposal by most of our members to their state KC's certainly did not facilitate a positive outcome.

---

### **President GSD League – Mr. Terry Jarvis**

Well another year has passed ever so quickly you wonder where the time has gone. The G.S.D.L. has had a good year with the finalising of the updated version of the Constitution in place now and lodged with the Department Fair trading and accepted. I would like to thank Fay Stokes, Graeme Stevenson, Pam Jarvis and our Consultant Judy Brown for their input to the project and bringing it to finalisation.

The website is up and running and we must thank Jacinta Poole for her effort in getting it up and working also Fran McAdam and Graeme Stevenson for their input in bringing it to fruition. I would like to thank Les Nicholas for his commitment to the Show manager position his effort is greatly appreciated and he has stepped up again for 2018. Our AGM went smoothly with some newcomers to the committee and as always Fay Stokes, Graeme Stevenson and myself attended two National Council special meetings to discuss the Harmonisation Program and the prospect of IPO being a requirement for the progression of it going Australia wide at the insistence of the SV & WUSV this has now been



decided by the ANKC and we have received an answer from them in the negative which was unanimous from all members of the A.N.K.C. This was announced in the latest Dogs N.S.W. Journal. The amount of emails that this subject created was mind blowing, there would not be a day go by that replies and input kept filling up the inbox was staggering by its size that it was very taxing on the mind to try and keep up with it but has been sorted now and we now have to work with the items that are left to work with, this is work in progress by the GSDCA.

The League is in financially sound and solid which goes hand in hand with having the right people in the position of Treasurer and the committee that holds the Club together. The League had the added expense of having to fly delegates down to Melbourne and Adelaide as mentioned earlier for the Harmonisation meetings in 2017 which along with some other expenses put a hole in our bottom line but we survive and move into the future.

The League has been involved in a number of promotional events during the year which proved successful in promoting the German Shepherd Dog to the public. These are scheduled promotions that are on our Calendar year to year and I thank those members who participated in these events  
Pam and I paid a visit to the Members Competition at Coffs Harbour over two days. The two days and the judging and atmosphere and the Sun made it a very pleasant weekend.

Our December Open Show with Dr. Robert Zammitt doing the honours was a huge success with a very good entry and the weather was not too hot. The League is putting on a Members Competition on the 24<sup>th</sup> February for a pipe opener for the Members and their dogs which will be confirmed at our January meeting and following on from that Show our Easter Show with Frau N.Hermes S.V. adjudicating at this show. We are looking forward to a big entry as this is her first appointment in Australia and should give our animals a good lead up running up to the National in South Australia.

The October Championship show and members Competition has come and gone and thanks to Karen Hedberg and Fran Farley for their expertise on the weekend.

I would like to thank the committee for their diligence to their positions over the last year and to the members that did not need to be asked to lend a hand at the shows.

---

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

The Newcastle and Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club has continued to promote the breed throughout 2017. The club is growing in size and the members we have are an enthusiastic group who continue to promote the breed in all lights. Our members have competed admirably in the show ring and our obedience members do a great job of promoting the breed via way of back pack hikes, dog scootering and the like.

We hosted our two regular shows in July this year with Alastair Henderson and Rod Vernon officiating. This is the first time that we have held our two champ shows on the same weekend and the positive comments we received from the exhibitors has convinced us that this is the way forward for the Newcastle club. Our obedience trial was judged by Mrs M Wheeler and the numbers were a little down but the competitors all enjoyed the day and their dogs.

We have approached Dogs NSW and have been granted permission to open up our trials to all breeds of dogs from Group 5 (Working Group) this will make the trials a much larger event. Of course, only registered German Shepherds will be entitled to the excellent grading and be entitled to compete in club point scores. The extra numbers will definitely assist in covering the rising costs of holding events. All additional income is very welcome as the small clubs like ours know the cost of attending meetings and other expenses can be a drain on the finances.

Our club hosted two breed surveys which are always well attended and the members enjoy the social aspect at the conclusion of the trials. There were a total of 11 animals presented at survey. We also issued 13 hip and elbow contracts.

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

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

---



## President GSDC of Queensland – Ms. Sharon Ballantyne

This is my second year as club president and perhaps one of the most memorable ones for me personally during my many years spent on committee. I had the opportunity to work alongside an amazing team of people and together we hosted one of the most successful Nationals in recent years. Throughout the year our committee worked well together in a team environment. We finished the 2017 year with 247 members, this is a slight increase from the previous year.

As a brief summary the club has hosted the National, plus 2 additional Championship Shows, State Breed Exhibition, Members Competition (Zone 2), three Restricted Obedience Trials, and a Herding Fun Day where we had 20 dogs attend this was well received by those who attended. We have held 5 Breed Surveys. The club also had a breed stand at the recent Dog Lovers show this was a huge success with over 10 000 people attending the event, this was great PR for our breed and the club and we have expressed our participation for 2018.

I have represented the club and our members at the GSDCA AGM and NBC meetings and Special General Meeting to discuss the Harmonisation Program. More recently I was asked to represent the GSDCA at the opening of the War Animal Memorial Rose Garden in Toowoomba this was a great honour and a very special day.

This year member clubs supported the introduction and implementation of the harmonisation programme, this will prove challenging for our club to implement mainly due to the vast size of our state and large percentage of our membership living outside the greater Brisbane area. I believe Qld will struggle to full fill our obligations to the programme without a lot of assistance and direction from GSDCA. The possible changes and pre-requisites to our Breed Survey system with the introduction of the Zap puppy test 1, BH & ED I hope will not see the demise of what has been one of most important Breed Improvement schemes in this country. I personally would like to see LRL's for the CWA be adopted. Ultimately, we need to encourage all registered breeders to only be breeding with dogs that have been successfully classified through our breed survey system. All Qld breeders will also be required to DNA their puppies as from January 2018.

Moving forward in 2018 our focus will be how to keep our membership on the incline. The committee has discussed the options of how we can achieve this. Our view is that we need broaden our outlook and embrace other activities that will encourage companion dog owners into our fold. This can be achieved by the club offering broader and more frequent activities like Herding trials, Endurance Trials, fun days, puppy picnics, social days and most importantly the reintroduction of early puppy development training classes. Ultimately our goals are to create a friendly atmosphere with events that owners feel welcome to attend and enjoy time with their German Shepherd. A small working party is currently being formed with the view to plan and develop working strategies to have the Early Puppy Development Training Classes & Obedience classes starting at the same time we recommence show training at Durack, which is planned for the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

### **Our Team for 2017 included:**

- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| • Vice President                | Mandy Doyle ( <i>new member to our team for 2017</i> ) |
| • Treasurer                     | Shelley McCammon                                       |
| • Secretary & Newsletter        | Diane Ballantyne                                       |
| • Show Secretary & Review notes | Mandy Scrivens   |
| • Breed Affairs                 | Sue Bruno  |
| • Show Training Coordinator     | Sue Bruno and Mandy Doyle                              |
| • HD-ED/Tattoo Registrar        | Michelle Hammond                                       |
| • Obedience Coordinator         | Ann Clarkson   |

### **Sub-Committee positions:**

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| • Zone 2 Rep         | Karl & Sarah Maresh |
| • Zone 3 Rep         | Phil Gillies        |
| • Website & Facebook | Gail Donald         |
| • Breed Rescue       | Jean Hansford       |
| • Puppy Listing      | Annie Tamblyn       |

We look forward to working with the Executive and other State member Clubs next year while continuing to support the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes.



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

The President, Mr. Vince Tantaro, GSDCA Executive, GSDCA Officers, observers and guests. I am pleased to present this report on the GSDC SA activities for the year 2017.

This report is 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**

I am pleased to report that the club has enjoyed another successful year in terms of membership growth, turnover, event participation and facility use. I would like to thank the extremely hard working and dedicated Committee members for without them, the club would not have ran as smoothly or effectively as it did. Thanks must also go to the sub committees for their dedication and help and to the many club members who volunteer their time to the club.

Pleasingly, our membership has increased once again this year due largely to a number of breeders supporting the club via their puppy sales. Our catering and hiring facilities are second to none and have been utilized by other dog clubs, sporting groups, other organizations and private use.

I would take this opportunity of acknowledging and thanking our club sponsors, Advance and Noah's Crossing Veterinary Clinic. Thank you also to the club members who purchased raffle tickets or offered sponsorship to the club.

### **OBEDIENCE**

Our Trials have been well received with participation by exhibitors very good.

Our obedience classes have been well attended throughout the year and our team of instructors have been very capably lead by our Head Trainer, Robert MacPherson and participation has been fantastic.

### **BREED AFFAIRS**

The club conducted four breed surveys throughout the year which showed a slight downturn in the amount of animals presented compared to the previous year. Two Championship Shows were held and four Members Competitions which are still well attended and have proved very popular with the show fraternity. We have a roster system for Wednesday night and Sunday morning show training which has worked very well and sees a good rotation of instructors.

Our Puppy Days are extremely popular with many people attending with their puppies to socialise and ask any questions about the breed and training.

Some workshops were held throughout the year for judges and surveyors which were very informative and professionally presented by the Breed Affairs Chairperson, Christine Collins.

Preparations for the 46<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show and Trial are well underway. Unfortunately, Herr Ludwig notified us recently of his inability to judge the dog class. Stephen Collins and Vince Tantaro were able to secure, Hans Peter Schweimer (SV) (Germany) to judge the SC Dogs and LSC classes. Rainer Mast SV (Germany) is still judging the SC Bitch classes.

Obedience judges have been contracted as follows:

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| • Utility Dog Excellent & Companion Dog | Mrs Dawn Howard (Vic)      |
| • Companion Dog Excellent               | Mrs Jan Brabham (SA)       |
| • Utility Dog & Community Companion Dog | Mr Peter Dynan (SA)        |
| • Winner of Winners                     | All Above Obedience Judges |
| • Reserve Obedience Judge               | Mr Michael Vigor (SA)      |



Accommodation is available once again at Adelaide Shores Caravan Park and we would encourage exhibitors to book early. They are located at 1 Military Rd, West Beach SA and can be contacted by phone: (08) 8355 7320

Rings will once again be set up on the sports field just outside our club grounds with the obedience rings set up on the main fenced off softball diamond next to the club.

The Friday Night President's Dinner will be held at The Junction Hotel, Anzac Highway, Camden Park for a 7.00pm start at a cost of \$55.00 per head and Saturday Party Nite will be held at the club grounds. Meal will be supplied and entertainment will be provided by local band, "Show Us Your Hits". 6.30pm start until midnight at a cost of \$40.00 per head.

In closing, this has been a year of mixed emotions. The passing of some truly inspirational mentors and visionaries within our organization which has left a lasting impact on many of us. Also, the World Harmonisation Program which has seen division and unrest amongst us. There is uncertainty moving forward and will see the need for strong leadership into the future.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you who have assisted me over some 20 years as President of the SA GSDC.

---

### **President GSDC of Tasmania – Mr. Jurgen Haase**

The Tasmanian Club has had a successful year with the flood and its effects behind us. The club rooms have been refurbished and are now fully functional. Many thanks must go to hard working members of the committee who worked tirelessly to achieve this result.

The club held three very successful championship shows and an SBE. We thank the visiting judges for their expertise and ready engagement with members. The club acknowledges the hard work and dedication of the Show Manager, Russell Lowery and his wife Maureen. Their contribution ensures a smooth running and enjoyable event.

The club expresses its thanks to the catering team, headed by Jeanie Priest. Their diligent organisation at many events throughout the year has been nothing short of amazing.

The club held a special meeting in July to discuss harmonisation. The workshop format proved very successful and members expressed their appreciation of the interactive format and look forward to the future implementation of the various aspects of the harmonisation schedule. As a result obedience classes have recommenced and are being held weekly prior to show training at our New Norfolk grounds.

The club has conducted three Breed Surveys, achieving the highest participation rate seen for many years. The club appreciates the addition of a second surveyor and members welcome the opportunity to have surveyor choice.

In August the club welcomed a new committee and thanked the outgoing President, Dave Griffin, for his outstanding service to the club.

It is pleasing to note that the club membership has grown and new members are enthusiastic and involved in all aspects of the club. The club is in a sound financial position and the club looks forward to the future with optimism and to further developing elements of the harmonisation programs.





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

I am pleased to present my 7<sup>th</sup> report as President of the GSDCV to the GSDCA Executive and my fellow Presidents. Once again, the GSDCV has continued to grow, our final numbers of 2873 individuals comprised of 1411 units spread over the 11 Branch's: (2816 individuals in 1337 units the previous year). With the busy world we live in, this growth cannot simply be attributed to the number of puppies available. I strongly believe as do many of us, that our growth and therefore our strength lies not only in our structure; with 10 separate locations spread over the state, there is usually a training branch within a relatively short distance, it lies in our inclusiveness. While we firmly believe in the premise that we are first and foremost a breed club, we are not blind to the fact that the vast majority of our members have no interest in the show scene and their only interest in obedience is having a well-behaved dog. This we achieve through the training offered at our Branches. There is no greater ambassador for our breed than a well behaved GSD at the local dog park, playing with their owner and other breeds. This success is achieved through the hard work of our Instructors, giving up their time each week to train the members to train their GSD's, and our numerous Branch Committees members, taking care of the administration necessary for us to operate on such a scale. It is the camaraderie that is built up at the branch level that fuels our growth and longevity.

Longevity certainly was the underlying theme for 2017, with 4 of our Branches celebrating significant milestones. To begin with, our Skye Branch, located at KCC park which many of you will be familiar with, celebrated 30 years. If this is not long enough, our Eastern Branch located in Wantirna, our Western Branch located in Kealba and our Ballarat Branch, again one that many will be familiar with, all celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Significantly, Ballarat was our 'first' Branch and to see it survive to this day through all the trials and tribulations is heartening.

While longevity is something to celebrate, it also has a down side. Eventually, those that have served for so very long decide that they can no longer. During the year, Fran Farley resigned as a Breed Surveyor, being one of the inaugural Surveyors, many of us have 'grown up' with Fran, and to me it seems the end of an era. Fran will continue as a Judge and competitor, imparting wisdom gained from years of experience. James Rodger has gone one step further and has handed in his ANKC Judges licence and therefore retired as Judge as well as a Surveyor. What many may not know is that James with Louisa started the Ballarat Branch, being the inaugural Branch Manager and Secretary and we have James to thank for our structure and therefore for where we are today. Our debt to these people cannot be understated and we were pleased to honour both Fran & James at our Champ Show and Trial at the WDC Show weekend.

Sadly, during the year we lost our dear friend, Life member and Patron of the GSDCV, Tom Luxton. Tom's passing came as a shock to many, with Tom & Ginny expected for lunch at our State Breed. The memorial that was arranged to honour Tom would have brought a smile to his face, with people pulling together as they do in time of need and I am sure that Tom was looking down on the honour guard of our noble breed lining the entrance into our Club rooms. Tom was such a big part of the Club, helping to lift the ban in the 70's as well as mentor to many over the years, certainly to any President that took the time to talk to him. I am proud and privileged to have known Tom and to have had his support. The position of patron is not one that will be offered to just anyone, nor in haste. Tom left some big shoes to fill. Once a suitable time has passed, we will begin the task of selecting candidates for the role.

Our premium sponsor Royal Canin and our major sponsor, Monash Veterinary Clinic continued their association with us in 2017. Royal Canin is continuing for 2018 and are already onboard to sponsor the GSDCA National hosted by the GSDCV in Melbourne 2019. The product that Royal Canin supplies as prizes for our Show's and Trial is welcome and through our association we were able to offer a premium dog food to our members at a significantly reduced rate over retail. Our relationship with Monash Veterinary Clinic, both as a sponsor and members interaction enables us to direct enquires of a veterinary nature.

Plans for the 2019 GSDCA national in Melbourne are underway and will surely ramp up in the new year. We have some very dedicated and talented members with plans to again raise the bar and make it one to remember.

As well as providing information to the public, showcasing the breed goes a significant way to dispel any negative thoughts and highlight how well behaved the GSD can be. In addition to non-canine events like The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal which we have taken part in for the last 34 years, Branches attending expos or a large scale event, such as the Victoria Canine Association Big Dog Day out held at KCC Park where the GSDCV runs the only 'participation' event for attendees by having a tunnel run for people and their dogs, we have numerous members who tackle things on a local level and do things quietly without fuss behind the scenes, whether it is story dogs where school children 'read' to the dogs or visits to aged care facilities, young and old alike, their day is brightened by a visit from a



fury friend. The participation of the GSD in these events is integral to the promotion of the breed, I cannot thank the team and the members enough for their efforts in this area.

While 2016 saw the GSDCV face an external threat in the Victorian proposed puppy farm legislation where we banded together, sadly 2017 saw us face an internal and therefore a much more dangerous threat in the harmonisation program put forward by the WUSV. The danger was not in the program itself, rather in the way it was put forward by the WUSV. Without regard for our history or structure, without regard for our achievements, limitations or even wishes. The underhanded misinformation or lack of information itself, was ludicrously highlighted when a member who voted in favour of the program at our SGM tried to explain to another member the effects or lack of, that the program would have on Breed Survey and what Breed Survey was. What is wrong with that you ask? The member doing the explaining in earnest, firmly believing they were imparting the wisdom of the ages was explaining to a Breed Surveyor. The division that was caused, personal attacks on social media showed a viciousness that I was ashamed of. Certainly, debate is healthy in any organisation. For it to be healthy it must be accompanied by truth, transparency and healthy respect for other opinions and a belief that the way forward is for the benefit of the many not just the few. The way the program was put forward by the WUSV did not fit these criteria. The cliché “together we stand, divided we fall” comes to mind.

This will be my last report as President of the GSDCV to the GSDCA. I have served as President for 7 years. I acknowledge not as many as some sitting around this table, understandably stability is something to be sought. It is time to move on and allow another to take the reins. The years have taken their toll, with 11 Branches, over 2000 members, numerous committees and the changes that we have made there was always something that needed my attention. I am proud to be President of the GSDCV and during my time I have made many new friends, I am happy to say some of which are around this table. I leave you with this final thought. Being President is not a privilege, it is an obligation. An obligation to do the right thing, to serve the breed, for the benefit of the breed and the members, not our selves. We are the GSDCA, we are the guardians of the Breed in Australia and whatever we do, we must do to benefit the Breed in Australia.

Whether I serve in another capacity in the GSDCV or elsewhere I have yet to decide. One thing for sure is that I will always be around, using what I have done and learnt, the connections I have made for the benefit of the GSD and the organisation.

A more detailed report will be presented in our Annual report which will be sent to all Clubs and Council. I thank you all for allowing me to present my report on behalf of the GSDCV.

---

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

It is with pleasure that I submit this report to the 2018 GSDCA AGM on behalf of the Members of the German Shepherd Dog Association of WA (Inc).

I have very mixed feelings about this report as I have made the decision that this will be my last year in the role of President of the GSDA of WA. I have been in the role for a total of 11 years with a two year break between years 5 & 6). I have been a member of the management committee for 19 years out of the past 21 years and have been involved in the club in some capacity since first joining the club in 1994.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the friendships that have developed over the 11 years in my role of President. I am amazed at the dedication of all the presidents of the State Clubs who give so much of their time to their clubs, often with little recognition for how difficult the role can be. I will always be grateful for the way that I was accepted into the role from day one and I hope that all future Presidents of the GSDA of WA will be accepted in the same way.

It would be remiss of me not to recognise the retirement of one of our well known and very well respected Life members. I refer of course to Barry O'Rourke who was a very important part of the GSDA of WA from our early days. Barry joined the GSDA of WA in 1971 and was a very active participant in all areas of the club right up until the time that he and Carol moved to Queensland. He was chair of the State Breed Exhibition until his move away from WA. Barry's expertise as a Judge and Surveyor will be missed by us all and we as a club offer our grateful thanks for all the advice and experience that he passed on to so many of our members. Enjoy your retirement Barry; I'm sure that you will still be seen at various shows. Your time with the GSDA of WA will always be recognized and appreciated by the members that knew you.





There has been just one change from last year's committee with Bronson Pereira stepping down from the role, and Mrs Andy Crace taking over the role, of Show Chair on the Management committee and chair of the show sub-committee.

We have once again had a very good twelve months with all members of the Management Committee working very well together. The Committee has yet again shown the ability to accept and support all decisions made as a collective even when the decision has gone against their own personal feelings on the matter being voted on and I thank them sincerely for that. We have all worked within the guidelines of the club motto which is **"We CAN make a difference if we put aside our personal likes and dislikes and ALL WORK TOGETHER for the sake of the Breed"** I am delighted to say that most of the Officers of the club are now endeavouring to work within these guidelines with only the occasional drop off in following the motto.

I am, as always, amazed at the large contingent of our members who made the long trip to Queensland for the National Show and Trial, where we had some great success. There were around 16 animals on the pegs that were either owned by WA members or bred by WA breeders and exhibited by owners in the Eastern states.

The commitment and dedication of our members who continue to support these shows in the Eastern States is awesome and, to be keen enough to overcome the tyranny of distance is to be admired.

Our change to holding General meetings on a Sunday, straight after training, continues to be successful and we have had a quorum at all of our meetings during the past twelve months.

### **Membership**

I am delighted with the improvement in our membership and I am very pleased to say that we have once again increased our membership from last year's 474 to about 531 which is our best figure for many years. There is a full report from our membership officer later in this report.

As always, I acknowledge the hard work done by all of our many hardworking volunteers who have given us many hours of their valuable time helping to run the club on the various sub-committees, as instructors at both of our grounds, as Judges and Surveyors, running the Shop and the Canteen, helping to keep the grounds in superb condition and of course the members of the Management Committee.

The following members work for the club in their various ways and some of these members are not part of any committee but still put in many hours on our behalf.

I thank **Bryn Lubbock** for printing off all of our Show catalogues. **John Fenner** for producing the Front & Back covers for the show catalogues and for acting as Chief Steward at most of our shows. **Ian Heard** for the great work he does looking after our grounds, Ian cuts the grass, fertilizes when needed, sprays for Bindii and regularly checks the reticulation system. **Simon Maxwell** uses the whipper snipper when needed, plus regularly clears away branches that he finds on the ground. **Wayne Martin** who has once again looked after the Point Score system for all of our shows.

**Tamara Touzel and Angela Boeyinga** for looking after the club Canteen and Shop respectively. **John Mitchell** for doing any metal work that we need doing around the club including setting up the new flag holders in front of the club veranda. Without the commitment of these workers we would be unable to run the club in the efficient way that it runs at present. Well done to you all. A mere thank you doesn't seem to be enough.

I do hope that I haven't missed anyone, if I have, then I offer my sincere apologies. The members mentioned above plus all the Office Bearers that have submitted reports are the heart and soul of the club. I know that some of our newer members often think that we get paid for the work we do and they are amazed when informed that the club is run completely by volunteers.

Whilst on the subject of our volunteers, we continue with our push to try and get our newer, and usually younger, members, involved in the running of our club. It is important that we encourage these new members who hopefully will someday take on the responsibility of looking after the interests of our organisation and breed. I ask all of our members to ask themselves the following question:- **What can I do to help keep MY club running.**

### **Charity events that we support**

We have once again supported our two charities that we support every year and this year we have added another charity to our list.

1. We continue to support the Jane McGrath Foundation. We held our usual morning BBQ and Raffle in support of this foundation and this year we raised \$400.00 in just a few hours.
2. We also continue to support the Ted Whitten Men's Prostrate Cancer Foundation. This is run the same as the Jane McGrath fund raiser and we raised \$430.00.



I offer my thanks to Margaret Adams for running the fundraiser days for both of the above charities. She does a super job every year. Margaret started running these two events a number of years ago and has been very successful in raising both money and awareness for both of these charities.

3. The new charity that we have decided to support in 2017 is the Purple Poppy fund raiser. This is an organisation named Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation (AWAMO) that honours the thousands of Australian Animals that died whilst serving Australia in Wars, they raise funds for memorials. They attended our West Coast Challenge and set up a table to sell Purple Poppies, Bandanas, lapel pins, name tags etc. to the members. This was a very successful event and they have been offered the same arrangement at the WCC each year. There is a War Animal Memorial in Pozieres in France thanks to the great effort of AWAMO and their supporters.

### **Sponsorship**

We are really fortunate to have retained the sponsors that have been involved with our club for many years.

They are:

**Mars Pet Care** (Advance Biscuits), **Animal Health Solutions/Triangle Agencies**, **Scarboro Toyota**, **Armada Mower world and Canning Vale fish & Chips**.

These sponsors have been supporters of the GSDA of WA for a long time and I offer my grateful thanks for their ongoing support, I am truly appreciative of the help from all of our sponsors.

**Mars Pet Care** is one of our major sponsors and this has been a mutually rewarding partnership between the two organisations for many years.

**Animal Health Solutions** are our suppliers of dog food and items for sale from our shop and it is their willingness to supply the biscuits we sell at a very competitive price that enables us to offer the biscuits to our members at a great price. Animal Health Solution makes a donation of \$400 towards the cost of running the Children's Christmas Party each year.

**Scarboro Toyota** makes a regular cash donation to the club every year with part of the donation being set aside for ground upkeep and maintenance.

**Armada Mower World** assists the club with supplying a free service to our ride on mower twice a year and do repairs to the mower often at short notice and very often at little or no cost to the club. In return we support the Ted Whitten Foundation which is the favourite charity of the owner of Armada Mower World.

**Canning Vale Fish & Chips** sponsor our Show Child Handlers (Junior, Intermediate & Senior) and our Obedience Best Child Handler, to the amount of \$400 (\$100 for each winner)

As always I ask our members to support the sponsors that continue to support the GSDA of WA.

### **Ground Hire**

We have two groups who pay to use our grounds on a regular basis. They are the Western Australian Greyhound Association who use the straight track for training (our members can utilise the straight track outside of the times that have been allocated to the Greyhound club), and the AIM Archery Club who use the grounds every Monday morning. We also hire the grounds out to other organisations from time to time as long as they have their own insurance cover. This has developed into a much appreciated cash flow for the club.

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

### **Vice-President's Report – John Crace**

It has been another busy year with ongoing repairs to our retic system, clearing tree roots from the septic system, pruning back the trees on site and doing a long awaited burn off of greenery built up over the 12 months.

Much of my time is spent with our Sponsors and they are all happy to continue with their support of our club. Our Children's Christmas Party now appears to be an accepted annual event thanks to our sponsors.

We now have flags to fly at all of our events, both show and obedience, and the concept seems to be appreciated by the members and Judges at these events.

I have just recently arranged to have movement sensor security lights fitted around the clubrooms and there will be some ongoing maintenance in the repainting of the club house floor and the veranda whilst the club is closed during the holidays.

The hire of the club house and grounds seems to be successful and of course this brings in a source of income which helps to keep the membership fees down.

Finally, the main part of my role as Vice-President is to support our President which I hope I have done throughout the year.



### **Secretary's Report – Anna Mitchell**

All is well in the West and starting to warm up. Night training will be a lot cooler and the evenings are lovely.

The year has gone well with no great dramas, the Shows and Obedience trials have also all gone very well. Congratulations to our members who did well and not so well in the shows and those members who gained their Obedience, Rally O, Tracking and Track & Search Titles this year, well done all.

Our memberships have increased and lots of new puppies on the ground for training which is great to see.

We have had our Raffles and Fund Raisers for the E.J. Whitton Foundation & the Jane McGrath Foundation; our members did very well raising funds for both these worthwhile charities

We are also having a raffle, run by our President, Ian Marr, to help pay for the Children's Christmas Party in December with a Bouncy Castle, Farm Animals and Face Painting and the all-important Father Christmas and afterwards we have our trophy presentations.

Then our dedicated trainers will all be having a well-deserved break over the Christmas & New Year period.

I wish everybody a Very Happy Christmas & a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

The following three reports come under the portfolio of the Club Secretary

### **Membership Officers Report – Faye Ramsden**

As of the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 we have a total of 531 members which includes 42 Life Members

This total is made up of:-  
206 Double Memberships  
119 Single Memberships

For a total of:- 531 Members

I have included a list of our memberships from 2011 up to 2017 as an indication of how our membership is increasing.

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Voting Numbers</u></b>	<b><u>Total Memberships</u></b>	<b><u>Double Membership</u></b>	<b><u>Single Membership</u></b>
2011 – 2012	470	301	169	132
2012 – 2013	380	234	146	88
2013 – 2014	445	274	171	103
2014 – 2015	469	279	187	95
2015 – 2016	474	290	184	106
2016 – 2017	531	325	206	119

### **Minutes Secretary & Editor – Margaret Adams**

I have linked these two portfolios together as they both provide me with the opportunity to keep abreast of happenings within our association. I have always enjoyed keeping in contact with the grass root members and it is important that they feel comfortable contacting someone for information (other than the President!!!). Both of these positions fall under the umbrella of the Association's Secretary.

### **Historians Report – Ian Marr**

This is just a brief report on the progress of the history of the GSDA of WA that I have been working on for some time. I have finally completed the task of going through all the boxes of past minutes and now comes the task of putting it all together in the form of a book on our history. I will be asking for old photos etc. shortly which I hope to include in the book. This project has been such an eye opener for me and has given me a much better idea of the great work done by our earlier members. It is thanks to their forward thinking that we have the magnificent grounds that we own and I hope that the history, when completed, does credit to the pioneers of our club.

### **Treasurer's Report – Joan McMulkin**

Good grief another year has zipped by and 2018 is just around the corner.

The club is in a good financial position and providing that we don't experience any large outlays during the next year, finances should remain fairly steady. Thanks to everyone for being mindful of their spending.

Thanks to all the members of the Management Committee who have been working as a collective team for the good of our club and our dogs to ensure that we have a future. Thanks also go to the members of the various sub committees and to all our volunteers who do a wonderful job for the benefit of all club members.

I wish you all the very best for the festive season.



## **The Club Finances were audited and the Auditors report is below:**

### **CERTIFIED AUDIT CERTIFICATE**

Lisa Holland  
Bachelor Business  
Certified Practising Accountant  
Master Administration Business

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017

I have audited the financial records of the German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia for the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

The audit was in accordance with the generally accepted accounting procedures to provide a reasonable assurance whether the financial records and statements attached are an accurate account of activities.

During the audit I have reviewed, on a test basis, the internal record keeping procedures & cross referenced internal accounting against external records.

The evidence provided to support the income and expenses in the financial statements attached, present fairly in all material aspects, the financial position of the German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia.

### **Opinion**

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

Regards, Lisa Holland.

### **Public Relations Officers Report – Kym Glenn**

We had a fabulous group of members at the Perth Royal Show which was another very busy day for our breed representatives. The group spent all day at the show and set a great example for our breed to the general public. We happily distributed information to the public and they all enjoyed the opportunity to have their photographs taken with our dogs.

We held a couple of Public Relations displays during the past 12 months. The first one was a demonstration at a local Primary School. The children enjoyed the demonstrations which included a tracking demonstration plus some agility and obedience. We also had a couple of young puppies that were enjoyed by all. The school enjoyed it so much that they sent us many thank you cards which we displayed in the clubrooms, and we were invited back again in November 2017

The second was a little different in so much that we were approached about a young boy who loves to watch TV shows with German Shepherd Police Dogs. He was having his birthday party to be themed on dog training and we were asked to put on a display for him at very short notice. It was a great success and really made the day for the young boy. Thanks to John Glenn and Iain McIntosh for putting this together at such short notice.

Our club Fun Day and Children's Christmas Party were both a great success. The Fun Day gives the members the chance to have a lot of fun with their dogs and of course the Christmas party is our way thanking our members' children / grandchildren who are "dragged" out to training every week. This was followed by the club presentation evening to recognise all the Obedience and Show winners along with a number of achievement awards.

### **Trophy Officer's Report – Rachael Laubsch**

I took over this role from John Crace at the start of the year and feel that I have grown into the role as the year has progressed. John introduced me to the owners of Classic Trophies who have been great to work with. A new owner took over the Trophy shop and the new owner, Eddie Holt, has been extremely helpful and very prompt with the trophies. I do endeavour to keep the price of the trophies at a reasonable level and try to keep the cost around about the same as the previous year.

The ordering process is very simple. I have supplied Eddie with the schedules for all shows in 2017 and email the trophy order for each show approximately 1 week after the entries close. I visit the shop just before the official order is placed and choose the required trophies.

The turnaround time is extremely fast since Eddie has taken over and the trophies are usually ready for pickup within a few days and no more than a week after putting on the order. Pre-ordering the trophies ensures if they are not in stock Eddie has the time to order them in so there is no delay when we give him the list



### **Show Chair Report – Andy Crace**

We have had a great show year here in the West. I took over the Show Chair from Bronson Pereira in March and have so far really enjoyed the role. This year we held the following shows:- 3 Championship Shows, 4 Members Competitions, 2 Open shows and 1 State Breed Exhibition. We also held a Child Handler competition, for all age groups, at all of our shows which were all hotly contested.

Listed below are the numbers for each of our shows:-

Members Competitions	1 <sup>st</sup> = 33 entries, including 5 LSC's	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 62 entries, including 8 LSC's	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> = 75 entries, including 10 LSC's	
	4 <sup>th</sup> = 52 entries, including 8 LSC's	
Championship Shows	1 <sup>st</sup> = 57 entries, including 13 LSC's	(Rick Richardson Memorial)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 62 entries, including 14 LSC's	(Walter Martin Memorial)
	3 <sup>rd</sup> = 65 entries, including 11 LSC's	(West Coast Challenge)
State Breed Exhibition	75 entries, including 13 LSC's	
Open Shows -	1 <sup>st</sup> = 27 entries, including 8 LSC's	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 27 entries, including 6 LSC's	

Although the numbers have been a little down this year, we have had a great atmosphere at the shows and fantastic sportsmanship.

### **Obedience Chair Report - Honey Gross-Richardson.**

#### **Pleasing Growth in Membership!**

At a time when there is a world-wide trend for a drop in membership of all club activities, an incredible array of sports and entertainment available to young and old, the dog clubs have amazing success in keeping a stable membership and continuing to fulfil the needs of the public.

The GSDA of WA has been able to record an increase in membership and offers an invaluable service to the breed and to every owner, and breeder and exhibitor of the German Shepherd Dog.

#### **The Instructors of the GSDA of WA,**

The instructors of the GSDA of WA are out there, conducting their classes every Sunday morning, with a fair number putting in extra time and dedication on week days for specialized training for Show, Obedience, DWD and Rally O' in the evenings, under our powerful flood lights. We have an average entry of 35 dogs at our Graduations, and for our Obedience trials, around 30 competitors. Our Results are on the Homepage.

**There will be separate reports** submitted by our **Trials Committee**, chaired by Diane Webb, ably assisted by Glenda Wellman, our Trials Secretary and a strong committee.

There will also be a report from our Training Secretary regarding Titles gained during the year. **Training Secretary** Carol Anne-Davies presents her report on titles gained throughout the year.

Titles achieved for 2017:

CCD = 2	CD = 1	UD = 1	
Rally Novice = 1	Rally Advance = 1	Rally Excellent = 1	Rally Champion = 1
ET = 1	OCH = 1	TD = 1	TSD = 3
TSDX = 5	TSCH = 1	TTSGCH = 1	

This gave us a total of 21 titles for the year. Well done to everyone.

Our Instructors, together with Angela Boeyinga in Sales. And Tamara our trusty Kitchen manager, our Management and Show Committees, all successfully and harmoniously work together as one many faceted team. It is good to see the cooperation between the various committees, especially our Show and Obedience committee members working together at our main events.

Our Obedience Instructors on the main, work in their set classes for the year, with minor changes as necessitated at our Gosnells Head Quarters in Southern River.

Our Classes are;- **Pre-Kindy** for the ages of 8 weeks to 5 months, conducted by Kym Glenny, Senior Instructor of many years' experience and Ian Marr who also has many years of experience, with Laurel Cowell and Rachael Laubsch assisting.

**Advanced Pre-Kindy for Puppies over 5 months and Adults** in charge of Karen Westmacott, who is also a qualified Canine Good Companion Instructor.





Jean McCowan, Senior Trainer is always ready to assist with handlers that need one on one monitoring and advice on building up relationships and focus in the beginners' classes, and both Kym Glenny and Karen Westmacott deal with any dogs that have special needs and require behaviour shaping.

**Kindy Class** is still pretty much family pet training that is also aiming for precision, from PK to UDX. Here our Assistant Head Trainer Iain McIntosh puts the class through their paces.

**Class one and CCD Classes** have been run by Ian Marr, our President, and long term Instructor, a club President still very much in touch with grass roots of club membership!

**Our Head Trainer**, John Glenny combines the trials handlers **Novice through to UD and UDX**.

**Rally O' training** is in charge of Diane Webb, former Assistant Head Trainer.

Trainers Diane, Kerrie Pearce, Kym, Rachael and Laurel are currently deeply involved in showing and trialling, keeping the GSDS in the rings and in the ribbons!

**At Otago Park, Craigie**, our North of the River Grounds, I conduct all the classes from Pre-Kindy to CCD in two sessions.

**Endurance Test:** Not a very popular sport with our members since we lost the picturesque venues that we had worked in over the years, but certainly well loved by members of the Dobermann and Rottweiler Clubs! We, the GSDA of WA are the only club conducting the ET. Currently we only conduct one ET annually, but I can see that this will most likely change, when the GSDCA will, under the WUSV harmonization Programme be conducting the ET called Ausdauer Prüfung in German. The ANKC Rules Changes in regards to Endurance Tests are creating some interest.

**Rally O' Trials** are proving to be very popular, as the reader will see in the Trials Report.

**Dances with Dogs:** Never a dull moment, but as far as GSD participation is concerned, apart from Di Webb's 2 dazzlers things are quiet on the Western Front.. With another Rules Change on the way, and discussions for further classes, interest might increase!

**Tracking:** Our handlers may train with Track West, of which Rick and I were Foundation Members, and/or the Advanced Tracking Club, of which we were Patrons.

**The C&WA.** We have high hopes for the future of the **Character and Working** Aptitude Test that we plan to conduct 3 times per year, in order for our Breeder Members to become more acquainted with the concept of some challenging exercises for them to master with their most promising youngsters!

My sincere thanks to the trainers and committee members, helpers and members, who give their combined expertise and love to our club and the German Shepherd Dog,

### **Breed Affairs Report – Natalie Humphries**

Breed Affairs Chair Report 2016/17

The previous year has been busy and somewhat trying at times for the general membership with a lot of time and angst being caused with the introduction of the WUSV Harmonisation program and its subsequent meetings to vote and the agenda items of the counter proposal put by the GSDCA. The most controversial aspect being the IPO proposal to the ANKC. Hopefully now the voting has occurred we can all work together to implement the changes to the requirements for breed survey over the next few years.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for the continued help and support throughout the year and take this opportunity to wish retiring committee member Breed Surveyor and Judge Mr Bruce Knight all the best in his new endeavours.

The 2016/2017 Committee consisted of - Mrs Robyn Knuckey Breed Surveyor/Judge. Mr John Fenner Breed Surveyor/Judge. Mrs Honey Gross Richardson Breed Surveyor/Judge. Ms Candice Baker Veterinary Advisor. Mrs Margaret Adams Puppy Listing and ID Officer. Ms Vicki Beaton HD and Breed Survey Registrar. Mr Ian Marr Club President and Minute Secretary

In July I represented our members at the SGM to discuss the WUSV Harmonisation voting and the Judges and Breed Commission meetings. I was happy to relay the important points of those meetings to our members on my return.

At The NBC Meeting I was voted in as a Trainee Breed Surveyor and look forward to continuing my education in the upcoming year.

We have had several queries in regard to Health issues as well as queries regarding breeders which have been handled promptly and I thank Candy for her support and professional advice with this area.

Unfortunately the planned lecture on DM has had to be postponed until 2018 due to the specialist vets availability and its envisioned we will run this lecture as part of a Breed Forum with Robyn and John presenting short lectures to the members on the same day.

Wishing you all a wonderful 2018.



### **Puppy Listing Officer/L.D Officer & Stud Dog Registrar – Margaret Adams**

These portfolios come under the umbrella of the Breed Affairs Portfolio and once again require contact with the general public. The main strategy is to educate people that when considering the purchase of a puppy that they only look at litters which comply with our Recommended Breeding Practices. We endeavour to educate the general public to do the right thing by our breed when considering breeding and have a contact person to check the microchip details when a dog is lost or when new owners require a “history” of a dog they may have rescued.

We have an extensive information pack which contains our booklets on training, interaction with children, helpful hint pages, general data on our association such as the monthly calendar, membership forms and the free training certificates.

### **GSDA of WA AGM Booklet Officer – Margaret Adams**

I collate everyone’s report at the end of the financial year and formulate it into a report booklet which is available to our members at the AGM. This position is very pleasing to me as it enables me to show the general membership, in an extensive and comprehensive manner, the huge quantity of work which is done by our volunteers. It is vital that our members are fully aware of the disciplines, facilities and dedication put in by a few for the benefit of so many.

### **Club Registrar / HD&ED Registrar Report – Vicki Beaton**

#### **Survey Records 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017:**

The total number of animals Breed Surveyed in the 12 month period was 28, this was made up of 15 Class 1 animals, 5 Class 2 animals, and 2 Failures. With the advent of the removal of Class 1 and 2 as at the August 13<sup>th</sup> Breed Survey, there were a final 6 animals Breed Survey Classified.

#### **HD/ED**

There were 77 animals X-rayed, this total includes 1 for ‘elbows only’ and 2 ‘for hips only’.

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

I love this wonderful breed of ours and it is this love of the breed that keeps me involved.

Although this is my last report in the role of President I will still be heavily involved in my continuing role of Obedience Instructor for the GSDA of WA, taking the young puppies in Pre Kindy class followed by the more senior classes (Class One & CCD classes) in 2018.

There are a number of very important changes coming for our breed, and our clubs, and I wish all the leaders of the clubs and National Council Executive best wishes for the future.

I will be watching with great interest to see how things develop over the next years. My hope is that whatever changes are made in the future, the changes are made with the intent of what is best for our wonderful breed.

As always I offer my sincere thanks to the partners of our many volunteers for their ongoing support throughout the year. Our volunteers could not put in the hard work and many hours in time that they do without the total support of their partners.

I especially thank my lovely wife, Dorothy, who has always supported me through the good times and the sometimes not so good times. She spends many evenings home alone while I am attending meetings in WA, or in the Eastern States attending meetings such as this one. It is this total support that has enabled me to be involved for the length of time that I have been.

There is no doubt that I will miss my involvement as President of this Association but it is the right time for me to step aside and let someone else take up the position for the future of our club.





## **NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION REPORT – Ms. MELANIE GROTH**



It has been a particularly busy year beginning with a relatively smooth transition to the role from Joylene Neddermeyer who has continued to remain a source of support and advice.

The National Breed Commission portfolio encompasses the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and oversees the Health and Welfare of the German Shepherd Dog. Thank you to the registrars who keep the portfolio in safe hands. Doug West HDED, Dr Candy Baker who looks after Health and Welfare and Adam Toretto who maintains the Identification portfolio. This portfolio has been significantly reduced by the cessation of the Tattoo identification scheme as of 1 July 2017. Clubs have had to finalise their numbers and get those into Adam so that the database can be uploaded with the information. Thank you to Adam for his work in this position.

Whilst the Database does not reside within the Breed Commission it is a vital piece of software that is managed very capably by Frank Moody. Frank keeps things in check and is great at letting me know what needs to be done. There is a lot of work behind the scenes, particularly with regard to the maintenance and upkeep of the database and the building of pedigrees from imported dogs.

Joylene Neddermeyer has continued to assist with Title Verifications this year and has been kept fairly busy with a number of imports needing their credentials validated.

### **Breed Survey Scheme**

#### **Dogs surveyed post July 1 2017 are to be known as Breed Survey Classified (BSC)**

The Breed Survey system has undergone significant change this year with the move to one classification in July 2017. A significant number of backend details were required in order to prepare the Database and forms for this move; as changes to the BS7 form needed to be agreed upon and distributed to all state registrars, state coordinators and surveyors. Frank Moody had his hands full working with the programmers to bring the BS7 form to fruition on the Database. All surveyors were able to input data by the end of August and the form became live on the database in late November. Unfortunately, this created quite a backlog of surveys to distribute and at the close of the year I still have the last few surveys from the GSDL, ACT and Victoria to process.

Concern has been raised by some surveyors and breeders that without the delineation between class 1 and 2 that members will have difficulty with which dogs they should use.

It is first and foremost the job of the surveyors to ensure accuracy in how dogs are described at survey to ensure that enthusiasts are able to differentiate between animals that are far above the average and/or just above average. The virtues and faults and recommendations sections of the BS7 form are vital in ensuring that expert and informed advice is provided. Knowledge of what dogs are producing is absolutely imperative and how they blend with certain lines needs to be at the forefront of recommendations. There is work to be done in this area and this will be a focus in 2018.

It is the role of the State Coordinators working in conjunction with the Breed Affairs Chair within each club to ensure that their survey teams and judges are cognisant of the most up to date breeding information and is key in improving our knowledge base for improvement and success. Some of our work over the next 12 months will focus on these initiatives with our survey team.

I thank the members for their patience in waiting for their surveys and now that the registrars and surveyors are now more familiar with the processes, we will be able to improve the turnaround time in getting certificates to owners in a timely manner. Photographs for breed surveyed animals still remain an issue and the registrars are constantly having to remind people to send in photos. At times, the quality of photos is questionable and it is the responsibility of the owner to get a decent photograph to send in.

A total of 30 surveys took place across Australia during 2017 with 192 dogs presented to survey and 184 gaining classification. A break down of the number of surveys, animals presented and classification by state is presented below in Table 1 and 2.



Table 1 No. of surveys per state 2017

State Club	Year	ACT	N&HR	GSDL	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA
Surveys	2017	1	2	6	4	4	3	6	5
Scheduled	2018	*	3	5	5	4	3	6	5

\*ACT schedules surveys in collaboration with the NBC Chair as required by its members. There is a good spread of surveys across the year and Tasmania as a state without a surveyor schedules its surveys in conjunction with shows throughout the year as does Queensland when organising surveys for its northern members. This means that generally the club contract a surveyor judge and the GSDCA subsidises the cost of the second surveyor. Newcastle, Queensland, ACT and Tasmania have all utilised this service. Thank you to those surveyors who have agreed to officiate on behalf of the Council; including Carol O'Rourke, Karen Hedberg, Alastair Henderson and Jenny Yuen.

Table 2 indicates the comparison between the last two years at survey.

Table 2 Animals presented to survey in each state 2016-2017

State Club	Total BS	Classified	Fail	Total BS	Classified	Fail
	2017			2016		
ACT GSDA	6	6	0	5	5	0
N&HRGSDC	11	9	2	5	5	0
GSDL	45	44	1	30	27	3
GSDCQ	17	16	1	30	27	3
GSDCSA	33	31	2	30	26	4
GSDCT	9	8	1	9	9	0
GSDCV	42	41	1	44	41	*3
GSDAWA	29	29	0	19	16	3
Totals	192	184	8	169	153	16

\*Denotes dog suspended by the ANKC

### Long Stock Coats

Table 3 provides a comparison of numbers breed surveyed in each state over 2016 and 2017 survey years. In 2017, 34 animals presented for Breed Survey with 32 gaining a classification. In 2016, 20 animals presented for Breed Survey 19 gaining classification. One long stock coat was placed on the ANKC suspension list during 2016 after being surveyed. This animal has not as yet been represented.

Table 3 Number of Long Stock Coat breed surveyed 2016-2017

State Club	Year	
	2017	2016
ACT GSDA	1	2
N&HRGSDC	2	2
GSDL	9	2
GSDCQ	3	3
GSDCSA	5	4
GSDCT	1	0
GSDCV	7	6
GSDAWA	6	1
Totals	34	20



## Breed Survey - One Classification

Since the Introduction of one classification July 1 2017 – 31 December 2017, 104 animals were presented to survey. Compared to the same period in 2016 where 42 dogs were presented. This may indicate that the members have embraced the one classification ruling given that the number is significantly higher than 2016.

A working party for the establishment of a new Breed Survey manual to incorporate the move to one classification was established in July and is being very capably led by Jane Pike. This is a very big task and will take time to ensure that years of reviews to the scheme and the manual, make sense and are aligned with the regulations. This is a work in progress and will continue into 2018. In the mean-time surveyors have been supplied with a ready reckoner to keep check to make sure they are uniform in using the one classification.

I would also like to acknowledge the role of the Registrars in each state. They are the ones who bring it all together for the surveyors and there are many hours involved in preparing for survey, following up on paperwork, ensuring photos are sent in. A number of registrars have also picked up the Victorian initiative presented by Alastair Henderson at the NBC meeting, where surveyors are furnished with photos of the parents of dogs being surveyed and details of linebreeding, hip and elbow results are provided for the surveyors to enhance their reports on each dog. I commend Alastair, Gill and their team in providing an extra information tool for surveyors to utilise and add value to the surveys. I note that South Australia has also followed suit and it is to be hoped that the registrars and state coordinators in the other states will take up this initiative too.

There are currently 21 active surveyors in the system, with three aspirants that were accepted at the 2017 National Breed Commission Meeting in July. A number of retirements and resignations have occurred throughout the year. Barry O'Rourke (Qld) Fran Farley and James Roger (Vic) chose to retire throughout the year and as a result will remain a part of the survey teams in their state, but will not actively take part in surveys. Bruce Knight (WA) and Joylene Neddermeyer (SA) made the decision to resign from the team for personal reasons. The contribution to the Council spans many years from all of these five surveyors. They have all held positions on the Executive of Council at various times, spanning the past 40 years. We will miss their regular contribution but wish them well in their retirement, enabling them to enjoy some quality time without the expectation of being present at surveys and meetings and not to have to keep contributing at such a high level. Thank you most sincerely for all your hard work and dedication to the Council and being key players in the Breed Survey Scheme. It should be noted that Anita Pettenhoffer is still on leave of absence and is yet to inform her intentions but we wish her well in her pursuits.

Natalie Humphries, Sharon Ballantyne and Andrew Jones applied to join the aspirant survey program having met the criteria to become surveyors and were accepted unanimously at the July NBC meeting. They are currently working with their state survey teams to ensure they gain valuable knowledge and experience over the year before taking the next step of being approved as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor.

*Table 4 – GSDCA Surveyors and club personnel by state for 2018*

State Club	Active Surveyors	Breed Affairs	Registrars
ACT GSDA	NBC Chair appoints	Veronica Meffert	Veronica Meffert
N&HRGSDC	NBC Chair appoints	Jess Lynch	Jess Lynch
GSDCT	NBC Chair appoints	Janet Haase	Janet Haase
GSDL	Fay Stokes (Coordinator) Melanie Groth, Karen Hedberg, Terry Jarvis, Graham Stevenson	Fay Stokes	Pam Jarvis
GSDCQ	Carol O'Rourke (Coordinator) Sharon Ballantyne (Aspirant), Louis Donald	Gail Donald	Gail Donald
GSDCSA	Peter Flynn (Coordinator) Jean Butterfield, Christine Collins Steve Collins, Jane Pike, Doug West	Christine Collins	Andrew O'Loughlin
GSDCV	Alastair Henderson (Coordinator) Andrew Jones (Aspirant), Ian Urie, Greg Green, Jenny Yuen, Vince Tantaro.	Ian Urie	Gill Cafari
GSDAWA	Robyn Knuckey (Coordinator) Natalie Humphries (Aspirant) John Fenner, Honey Gross-Richardson.	Natalie Humphries	Vickie Beaton



## **Breed Survey Retirement/Resignations**

This year has certainly been the year of change. At the 2017 AGM the organisation implemented the Breed Survey Contracts to take effect on July 1, in conjunction with Breed Survey Classification (BSC). Prior to the implementation of the contracts, Fran Farley had decided it was time to take a well-earned break after some 40 years of dedication to our survey scheme. Bruce Knight decided not to renew his judges licence and this in turn made him ineligible to remain as a surveyor, so his resignation was accepted by us with a great deal of regret given his service to the Council. James Rodger has recently decided to hand in his ANKC judges licence and thereby finish up as a surveyor also. James has not enjoyed good health over the past few years. We look forward to James being well enough to still be around at shows chatting, enjoying the dogs, the people and the shows. Joylene Neddermeyer notified the Council early in October that she had decided it was time to take a break after so many dedicated years of service to the Breed. It has been a particularly rough year for Joylene with family loss and I for one hope that one day she may reconsider her decision to hand in her licence. We respect her decision and as such, Joylene joins Barry O'Rourke in finishing up at the end of the year on 31 December 2017. Barry was recognised for his years of service at the NBC meeting and he will be missed by the survey team.

It is with great sadness and a deep sense of regret that all of these very prominent people have decided that 2017 was their year to finish up. Collectively there are so many years of dedication, corporate knowledge and service to the German Shepherd Dog in Australia. It is important that we recognise their service to Council and the breed. It is hoped that they will all still be around at shows helping us make decisions about our breeding programs and passing on their knowledge.

Given the above it makes the decision to include three aspirants at this years' NBC meeting all the more important, as succession planning has never been more poignant for our organisation. I wish Andrew Jones, Natalie Humphries and Sharon Ballantyne every success as they work towards attaining their surveyor status over the next 8 months. I am certain the state survey teams are very happy to have all three joining the ranks.

## **Education and professional learning**

Education has become a major focus in this portfolio. It is recognised that for breed surveyors to be kept up to date that an element of professional learning and collaborative discussion and dialogue is essential for our learning. This element became very evident in the analysis of data for the Breed Survey Forum in 2016, where members expressed the wish that breed surveyors be fully informed about issues in the breed and needed to be transparent in their decision making around survey. Over the years, a lack of trust in our surveyors and the system has emerged and it is important that we address these issues.

As a result, working parties were established to meet these recommendations. The breed surveyor contract was developed and passed at the 2017 AGM for introduction in conjunction with the one classification. All current surveyors have signed the contract to adhere. Surveyors who break the terms of the contract could face disciplinary action from the Council.

The NBC meeting format was adjusted to include a workshop focus and those in attendance praised the move. The program included the following presentations:

- Keynote – Dentition – Dr Kirsten Hailstone BVMS, B.Sc
- Checking Dentition at the National – Jane Pike & Louis Donald
- Talking Heads – Robyn Knuckey
- Power v Economy – Louis Donald & Mel Groth
- Innovations at Survey – Alastair Henderson
- Troubleshooting the Database – Frank Moody



The keynote speaker Dr Kirsten Hailstone, in particular gave us a fascinating insight into the issues around canine dentition. She was entertaining and clearly a consummate professional in her field.

Jane and Louis gave provided a fairly frank overview of the state of dentition as seen at the national this year. Issues that have been raised before regarding the size and spacing of teeth and the side-bites were highlighted as matters that breeders need to pay attention to. The major issue was the examination itself – untrained dogs. This is a reflection on training and temperament. An animal should stand for a teeth examination without fighting the handler and the judge/checker or having to call for the owner. This is something owners need to address.

Robyn Knuckey's presentation regarding the structure of the head, its parts and how it is critiqued was well received and a number of judges and surveyors have indicated to me that since that time they have been far more cognisant of ensuring they look closely at all the components and it has enhanced their critiques.

Louis Donald's presentation morphed to an in-depth look at the evolving structure of the German Shepherd Dog and posed questions for us about how we manage the issues of the curvature of the spine that has crept into the breed and changed the angle of the croup and the depth of the hindquarter and the low position of the knee and how it interacts with the curved backline. It was a fascinating look at the structure of the dog and unfortunately was cut short due to an issue with the airlines. We will continue with this education focus in 2018.

A number of clubs have used some of the material from the NBC meeting to complement their education programs and seminars/workshops have been held in Sydney, Coffs Harbour, Tasmania and Victoria. It is my hope that the State coordinators and breed affairs chair in the clubs are able to use this material and more that is developed for the benefit of their members.

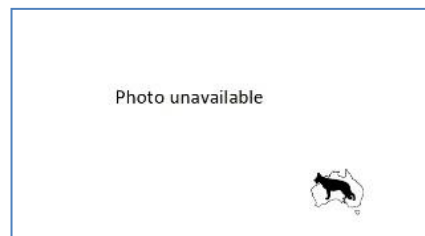
### **The Database and Breed Survey**

I encourage members to use their logon and find their way around the database and do their homework as to which dog might be suitable to be used within their breeding program. Statistics from HDED can be looked at for sires, bearing in mind that if a dog has less than 10 progeny in a scheme it is not really statistically viable to judge the dog on that result. By using the filters you can find out all sorts of information.

Frank Moody the Database coordinator has worked tirelessly with the programmers to set the database up for the one classification, whilst maintaining it. This work has taken some time with access to the programmers being limited. We have had to endure a delay for data entry and the resultant printing of certificates which has in turn created a backlog of surveys to be processed. At the time of writing this report I am now in possession of nearly all paperwork from the 2017 Breed Survey year and the last few surveys will be entered and processed by the AGM in February.

### **Photographs**

Photographs remain an issue for about 10-15% of animals surveyed. A reminder that photographs should be sent to the Breed Survey registrar at the time of survey so that they can be uploaded as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we seem to be chasing many photos and as a result the survey does not appear up on the database even though the dog has been surveyed months prior. After a period of 12 months if the owner has not supplied a photograph, the dog will be approved on the data base and appear with a jpeg that indicates that a photo is unavailable. This is definitely not the preferred option. Thanks so much to the registrars who periodically follow this up for me. It is a thankless task and quite upsetting for them when owners completely disregard their polite and continued requests. If your dog appears on the database without a photo, please send a photo with the name of the dog and the date of survey to [nbc@gsdcouncilaustralia.org](mailto:nbc@gsdcouncilaustralia.org) and it will be uploaded.



The quality of photographs supplied is questionable. Dogs should be photographed in show stance with minimal background. It would be helpful if Breeders and experienced dog people assisted newcomers and novices to obtain a photograph of their dog at the survey. Shots of dogs taken in a field in long grass do not necessarily present the dog in the best light and are not always indicative of the surveyor's comments. So, it is in everyone's best interests to provide the best possible photograph to record the dog's survey.





## HD ED Breed Improvement Schemes

We are now in possession of CVs from our radiographers that work within our HDED schemes. This information will be shared with the SV's Dr Tellheim, from the University Clinic of Geissen so that our scheme can be validated and recognised as per Schedule 15 WUSV harmonisation. Our schemes will remain here in Australia and as part of harmonisation will be shared with the WUSV.

Doug West has provided a report of activity for the past 12 months and provided some historical data for interest. The Hip and Elbow statistics are now being produced via the database and Frank will generate these twice yearly and will be drawn from the last 7 years of data. They are available on the GSDCA Website for breeders' interest.

The incidence of elbow dysplasia continues to improve with the majority of scores being in the normal range. Slight anomalies can cause a dog to score grade 1, however the incidence of dogs with grade 2 and above has decreased dramatically according to our statistics. Anecdotally one hears of animals with UAP and as this disease is normally diagnosed prior to twelve months it would appear that most of these animals whilst may be screened do not ever enter our system. This is why it so important for incidences to be reported to the Health and Welfare Chairperson so that we can gain a more informed view. After all, these schemes exist for the health and welfare of our breed and when pressure is applied by breeders and/or stud dog owners not to tell anyone it does not help with improvement of the breed.

## GSDCA Tooth Certificates



One animal has been issued with a tooth certificate during 2017.

Tooth Certificate No.	Name of animal	Dentition
164	Karham Itzony Destiny	Missing upper left incisor 1 due to accident

## Title Verifications

Nine dogs have had their titles verified in 2017. Joylene Neddermeyer completed these verifications on behalf of the NBC Chair. Thank you to Joylene for ensuring that work was completed so that owners were able to have their dogs' credentials validated for the purposes of Survey and advertising here is Australia. Jane Pike worked with Joylene to produce a new Title Verification form which included credit card payment to streamline the process. This form is located on the database.

Animal	Sex	Country of origin
Iso Rhinland	M	DEU
Djambo Fichtenschlag	M	DEU
Conbhairean Freddie	M	UK
Conbhairean Karlos	M	DEU
Branka Haus Gera	F	NDL
Bellamie Praester-Land	M	Semen
Rudy Haus Edmond	M	Semen
Oak Iskander	M	DEU
Macho vom Lamorak	M	DEU

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC.

## APPLICATION FOR VERIFICATION OF TITLES AND CLASSIFICATION FOR IMPORTED ANIMAL SPECIES

Name of Dog		Date of Birth:	
Registration Number:		Title Number:	
Mating Number:			
Sex:			
Dam:			
M/G pricing price:		Cave M/G Pricing:	
ECG pricing price:		ECG Dosing:	
Breed Source: (Select)		Country of Birth:	
Date of Birth:		Submitted for Use:	
Bumper:		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Breeder Name:			
Breeder Address:			
Purchase of Interest From:			
Address:			
Date of Issued:			
		Released from quarantine: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	

Working Titles (This applicable and provide detail where required)

BR:	IPQ/ISCHIT:	Date entered:	Judges Name:
AD:	IPQ/ISCHIT:		
	IPQ/ISCHIT:		

Other titles (eg. dog)

I hereby declare that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent for the GSDCAD to use this info and photographs for the controlling body of the country where these photographs were recorded. I do not permit publication 2022 or 2023 of a copy of the foregoing documents MUST be received with the title to a submission area.

1. Original (original) 2. Breed Bookly 3. HEDIC Results 4. Title certificates

Signature of owner's \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of new owner \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of new owner \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

The verification will be processed once payment is received. Please retain a copy of the form for Traction purposes.

TAX RECEIPT

**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA 2025 \$10 510 510 510**

Payment \$10 (not incl) GST Credit Card or Cheque. Please email the title to your computer company IPF the post and sign. Scan the form, along with supporting documentation, and email to [info@gsdacad.org.au](mailto:info@gsdacad.org.au)

If paying by Cheque please send with the completed form to Ms M. Smith, GSDCAD, 3330 Street Court, Melbourne VIC 3004 2153.

ETD details: (Email: [info@gsdacad.org.au](mailto:info@gsdacad.org.au) Account Name: GSDCAD, BSB: 081 039 Account No: 407555)

Please see your banknote for a reference.

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT:**

VISA ☐ Mastercard ☐ Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as written on Card Card: \_\_\_\_\_

C/N: (a page number or a page of the form)

## ANKC Suspensions - Aggressive Dogs

The ANKC publish a list of registered dogs each year. I am pleased to report that during 2017 no German Shepherds have been added to this list. Currently there are ten German Shepherd Dogs on that list out of a total of 67 dogs of various breeds. Only one of the shepherds on the current list has been previously breed surveyed and as a result is suspended from our system.

One long stock coat male was represented to Breed Survey in August this year after a prior suspension with Dogs Victoria. The dog passed the character and crowd test and has been reinstated by Dogs Victoria and the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme and has now been removed from the ANKC list.



Table 5 ANKC suspensions by state (GSDs)

State Body	GSD suspensions	Total breeds	Suspension of GSDs by year across State Controls					
			2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
ACT	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
WA	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Qld	1	9	0	0	0	1	0	0
NT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	3	15	0	1	1	1	0	0
SA	1	9	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tas	3	13	0	0	0	1	1	1
Vic	1	13	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	10	65	0	3	2	3	1	1

### Sires Progeny Report – National 2017

A full report appeared in the review detailing the eleven sires that were represented by 6 or more progeny at the National. Due to the lower than expected entry at the Queensland National the sires' progeny was quite depleted in numbers and therefore made it difficult to give an accurate assessment of a sire's worth on that weekend. Information gathered from the database regarding HD/ED statistics and breed survey numbers is collated for members' information. All of this information is available to members via the database should they choose to look. The NBC will be looking at more uniform ways of improving the nature of the report in 2018 given some of the feedback that has been received.

### New Zealand Dogs participating in our schemes

The regulations regarding tattoo are still in place for New Zealand dogs. The Council secretary has written to the NZKC to obtain confirmation that they are now compulsorily recording microchips on registrations. Until such time that this can be confirmed the status quo remains.

### National Breed Commission Registrar's Reports

#### Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair - Dr. Candice Baker BSc BVMS

As the years pass us by, I feel as though the contact with the general membership is getting stronger. I applaud those breeders who have contacted me with health issues and the general GSD owner will contact me on numerous different topics that arise. Sometimes people just need to talk and get things off their chest, other times we need to action certain issues. I continue to encourage breeders to be open and honest about issues, because it's the breed that suffers as a result of continuing on with troublesome lines from a health perspective.

Continued contact with specialists in the areas of haemangiosarcoma, gastric dilation volvulus and degenerative myelopathy research. In Australia and overseas.

Lumbosacral disease, I believe, should still be at the forefronts of our mind. Whilst we would like to see further forward progression with regards to hip dysplasia results and our GSDCA scheme median score decreasing. I also believe we should be considering a screening process coupled with our HD/ED screening prior to breeding. The anatomy and construction of the pelvis and hips have an impact on the stifles and hocks. If the anatomy and conformational issues continue to be a problem and we sit back and do nothing proactive about it, then once again, our breed and the public's perception of the breed is what suffers.



## Haemophilia Registrar - Dr. Candice Baker BSc BVMS

List of dogs that are Haemophilia Negative and were noted in my report to the NBC Meeting, which covered the first six months of 2017.

- Brigenti Ice Fire
- Iso du Rhinland
- Hasenway Major Tom
- Kyoara Ghandi
- Conbhairean Karlos
- Monsimbee Mynnchen
- Monsimbee Wolfman
- Conbhairean Freddie

This list covers the second six months of 2017.

- Fremont Watson A Z
- Janeme Abba Dabba Doo (not a son of an imported female)
- Freinhauf Hasta Lavista Baby
- Oak vom Haus Iskander (IMP DEU)
- Macho vom Lamorak (IMP DEU)

Janeme Abba Dabba Doo is a son of an imported male and did not need to be tested, the owner/breeder had misinterpreted which males need to be tested. The continued haemophilia negative results through this scheme does raise questions as to the value of continuing the program. However, this test is to assess for “affected” males by ensuring their Factor VIII levels are sufficient. If we look closer at the genetics behind Factor VIII deficiency and the mode of inheritance we could then test females and males that are being imported into the country. The sensitivity and specificity of DNA tests are questionable. I would consider doing both, thereby the imported males are DNA and Factor VIII tested and the imported females are DNA tested only. The sons of imported females then should not need any testing if their mother is clear.

Future updates on research and health articles are my focus of updating the council and its membership.

---

## National Identification Registrar - Mr. Adam Toretto

It is my pleasure to submit my final report to the GSDCA AGM meeting 2018.

### **TATTOOING**

As of the 1 of July 2017 the GSDCA Tattoo Scheme has officially ceased.

I'd like to thank those that supported me during holding this position, NBC Chair (past & present), GSDCA Exec, Frank Moody, Member Clubs and those I call on for advice and support from the clubs.

Over the past few months the State ID Registrars have had the chance to update the database.

I'm yet to receive TS4 forms from some clubs for this past year and previous years. It has been quite disappointing and frustrating to have no responses and nothing sent through what so ever from certain clubs time and time again.

***A final note for state registrars, NO tattoos should be entered into the database. Please ignore the directions and suggestions made on social media by “club committee members” as they are NOT correct.***

October 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 through to 30 September 2017 (cessation of the scheme for puppies born after 1 July 2017)

Clubs	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	TAS	ACT	WA
Litters Tattooed	24	2	10	10	-	1	-
Puppies Tattooed	146	14	53	59	-	9	-
Litters Total	84	56	47	49	6	1	32

*\*\*Please note numbers may vary, as some state registrars are yet to update database. \**



## **MICROCHIPPING**

Microchipping is now the only form of identification for the GSDCA Breed Improvement Scheme from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

**It is important now more than ever to ensure the paperwork is correct.**

**Breeders need to:**

- ensure the correct details are registered, ensuring that the microchip has 15 numbers on your paperwork. Keep a back-up copy
- verify the microchip number with the Name/Registration Number of the puppy when it is sold
- check the Microchip numbers recorded on the ANKC Registration papers.
- double-check the paperwork with the registration papers to ensure the correct microchip corresponds with the puppy, the new owner and the pedigree. (Errors do occur in the Canine Controls and this is the quickest way of picking it up rather than waiting until 12 months when the dog is x rayed)
- double check the coat type against the registration papers to ensure that the puppy is registered as the correct variety.

It would also be desirable if owners had the microchip scanned prior to x-ray and/or survey, and noting where the microchip is found (as we hear regularly of chips moving). There was one case this year where the microchip could not be located after the dog had been x-rayed. The dog had to be re-chipped, paperwork altered by the Canine Control and re-x-rayed so that it could be positively identified. There are still a few clubs to submit the final TS4 forms and one club to submit any at all. Hopefully the NBC chair has more luck gathering this information than I. I'll pass on the details of the clubs whom still have outstanding TS4 forms.

I would like to wish the GSDCA and all member clubs the best of luck in the future, as you are the guardians of our beloved German Shepherd Dog. See you around ☺

---

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

As at 7<sup>th</sup> Nov there is now 10,666 Hip & Elbow results in the Council's Data Base; 3,128 Males (29%) and 7,538 (71%) Females, 9,275 (87%) have been tattooed with 3,839 (36%) being microchipped. The 'A' stamp was gained by 9,194 from the 10,599 submitted resulting in a pass rate on Hips of 86.74% slightly up on last year's 86.5%. From the 10,599 also submitted for Elbows 10,321 were successful in gaining the 'Z' resulting in a pass rate of 97.37% slightly down on last year's 97.8%, 7,913 of those were "Normal" (74.66%), UAP 116 (1.09%).

Club participation for the period 1st Oct 2016 to 30th Sept 2017 (12 Months)

<b>Table: 1 Data Base to 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017:</b>						
<b>Club</b>	<b>Submitted</b>		<b>'A'</b>		<b>'Z'</b>	
<b>ACT:</b>	3	0.67%	3	0.67%	2	0.45%
<b>NCHR:</b>	13	2.90%	13	2.90%	13	2.92%
<b>NSW:</b>	109	24.49%	101	22.69%	103	23.15%
<b>NT:</b>	0		0		0	
<b>NZ:</b>	10	2.25%	10	2.25%	9	2.02%
<b>QLD:</b>	67	15.06%	61	13.71%	65	14.61%
<b>SA:</b>	56	12.59%	52	11.69%	53	11.91%
<b>TAS:</b>	19	4.27%	18	4.05%	19	4.27%
<b>VIC:</b>	102	22.93%	91	20.45%	95	21.35%
<b>WA:</b>	66	14.84%	60	13.48%	63	14.16%
<b>Year 2017:</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>91.89%</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>94.84%</b>

*Percentages based on 445 animals.*



As can be seen by the figures above NSW has had the largest number of dogs submitted over the 12 month period with a total of 109 (24%). The national pass rate during that 12 month period on Hips is 92% and Elbows is 95%. There have been 6 animals (1%) with UAP in the 12 month period.

A total of 89 Kennels submitted 445 animals over the 12 Month period, 409 'A' & 422 'Z'.

Kennel participation: 12 Month period 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

Kennel	No.	Male	Female	'A'	'Z'
ANDACHT	9	3	6	8	8
HASENWAY	8	4	4	8	8

In the chart above are the two Kennels with the most animals submitted 9 and 8 respectively, both having 8 animals gain their 'A'/'Z' for the period.

The above is a snap shot primarily of the period 1st October 2016 to 30th September 2017, a more detailed report is presented to the NBC meeting in July each year.

### From the NBC Chair

In closing I would like to thank the people who have worked closely with me this year to help me get my head around the portfolio. In particular, the Registrars Adam Toretto, Candy Baker and Doug West. Their reports are presented in this document. They do a great job managing their portfolios and I look forward to working with them again in 2018. Frank Moody has been very patient with me as I have learnt to be more efficient at using the database; Joylene Neddermeyer has continued to provide advice and process the Title Verifications; Jane Pike, Val Moody and Jacinta Poole who keep me on track with reports and meeting management; Julie Urie, Robyn Knuckey and Vince Tantaró who provide a great platform for ideas and advice.

A big thanks to Adam Toretto whose portfolio will cease in 2018. Thank you so much for your efforts in your role. The council is in debt to your enthusiasm and motivation in providing information and the tenacity in extracting data from the clubs. We thank you for your service to the Council.

I wish you all the best with your breeding programs and your hobby look forward to working with you as a member of your executive in 2018.





## JUDGES COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robyn Knuckey



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has given me support over the past 12 months. It has been an extremely busy time with the harmonisation process and keeping up with general commitments with the GSDCA Judges Committee portfolio and GSDCA Executive business. I have appreciated the support provided by my fellow executive members and other judges within this portfolio.

All, but one, actions from the 2017 GSDCA Judges Committee are listed as agenda items for this meeting. The other item was the development of education package that could be sent to new aspirants within the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course. This was finalised in December 2017 to be distributed to trainees in the Scheme and placed on the GSDCA website as a reference tool for all GSDCA judges.

I would like to thank Val and Frank Moody for their support in pooling the resources to prepare it into a booklet form with links to appropriate information and in the same format as our other tools and information formats.

One of the motions from the GSDCA Judges Committee to this meeting, is to have a Service Agreement for GSDCA Judges to bring them into line with GSDCA Breed Surveyors. This helps to set a standard of accountability for all of the leaders within the GSDCA.

During 2017 we have seen the retirement of three GSDCA Judges, these are Bruce Knight, Chris Hollingworth and James Rodger. Both Chris and James reside in Victoria and will still be seen were possible around the ring. Both of these gentlemen have contributed to the breed at both a GSDCV level and at Dogs Victoria level. James was also a huge contributor to the GSDCA Executive as the National Review Editor. James' contribution was recognised at the GSDCV Championship Show in Melbourne in November 2017. This was very warmly received by James and Louisa. Bruce has been living overseas for nearly 12 months and chose not to renew his ANKC Championship judge's licence. Bruce has also been a significant contributor both to the GSDAWA and GSDCA Executive with several positions.

We have seen several other breed surveyors retire from that role, but have maintained their judging status. I will leave that for Melanie to acknowledge in her report, as GSDCA NBC Chair.

For GSDCA Nationals in general, clubs need to consider bringing in newer SV Judges, as our current crop of judges are approaching retirement age (a mandatory retirement at 70 years). To maintain a healthy roster and the requirement for judges to have judged at least twice to be proposed at the Judges Committee meeting. There were no nominations for addition to the National list at the GSDCA Judges Committee Meeting in July 2017.

### **2017 GSDCA National**

The GSDCA National was held in Brisbane in May. It was a vibrant and well run show and a credit to the GSDCQ. The team was enthusiastically lead by their President Sharon Ballantyne, with her merry band of dedicated workers. Congratulations to all involved. This show coincided with the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the GSDCQ and was acknowledged with a fabulous cake at the Meet and Greet on the Thursday at the National. It was lovely to listen to Harold Ireland speak about the foundation days of the GSDCQ.

The National Report, prepared by Ian Urie, as the GSDCA National Liaison Officer, is under separate cover in the AGM booklet.

A breakdown of the excellent graded animals is presented as Tail Male charts for both males and females for the 2017 GSDCA National. Thank you again to Stephen Collins for his continued support and assistance in presenting these charts. These charts have been presented at the 2017 Judges Committee Meeting and printed in the National Quarterly Review.



**GSDCA Inc. 2017 Annual Report**

Page 48 of 75

## Database for Long Stock Coat GSDCA National Entries

LONG STOCK COATS		BABY MALE		BABY FEMALE		MINOR MALE		MINOR FEMALE		PUPPY MALE		PUPPY FEMALE		JUNIOR MALE		JUNIOR FEMALE		INTER MALE		INTER FEMALE		OPEN MALE			OPEN FEMALE			TOTAL	
VENUE	JUDGES	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	EX GRADE	ENTERED	SHOWN	EX GRADE	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED
2012 Newcastle NSW	Woerner	0	0	2	2	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9
2013 West Beach SA	Brauch	0	0	2	3	3	3	4	4	1	1	6	6	2	2	2	3	4	4	2	2	3	2	4	1	1	1	30	33
2014 Canberra ACT	Steigler	3	4	5	5	4	5	9	9	2	2	5	5	2	2	7	8	1	1	10	10	4	2	4	3	2	3	55	58
2015 Lyndhurst VIC	Quoll	4	7	11	12	3	4	5	10	1	2	4	6	4	4	8	10	5	6	9	9	3	3	5	6	6	9	63	84
2016 Erskine Park NSW	Brauch	4	6	11	14	4	7	4	5	1	1	3	3	4	6	9	11	2	5	6	7	7	7	8	16	15	17	71	90
2017 Durack QLD	Goldlust	4	4	8	11	8	8	4	6	4	5	5	6	3	3	9	11	5	6	10	13	10	8	10	13	13	16	83	99
																												0	0

### GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course

At the GSDCA Judges Committee Meeting in July 2017, Joanne Cathie was acknowledged as GSDCA Specialist Judge, following her transfer of her judging licence from Europe to the ANKC. As Jo wasn't present at the meeting this year, she will be presented with her GSDCA Specialist Judges pin at the GSDCA National in Adelaide in 2018.

Jenny DeLucia and Salvatore Pittelli are at the final stage of their Extension Course, awaiting appropriate judging appointments in 2018 to complete final examinations.

Jess Kada has completed her first mentor assessment in 2017 with Mel Groth as her mentor judge and feedback was very positive, as were the quality and flow of her critiques. Jess will continue with her progress through the scheme and finalising her next phase 1 assessments during 2018.

We have another four of our fraternity at various stages of progressing through the ANKC Trainee Scheme, Nicky McDermott (Vic) waiting to do her practical in early 2018 and Edwina Neale (Vic) doing GSDs only. Andrew O'Loughlin (SA) and Kurt Morton (NSW) both doing Group 5. It was pleasing to see Andrew judged the GSDCSA Open Show in late 2017. I wish them all the very best in their endeavours to become ANKC Championship Show judges and then make application to commence the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course.

I continue to ask that clubs provide opportunities for ANKC GSD trainee judges to be offered an Open Show to judge, as soon as practicable on entering the ANKC scheme. This enables them to gain some valuable experience. As this may be the only opportunity for our trainee judges in the ANKC scheme, to get some experience in handling of dogs and ringcraft, prior to completing their Practical Examination to be a Championship Show Judge. This is more of an issue for those choosing to complete GSDs only.

I would like to thank all the GSDCA specialist judges that have supported the participants in the scheme, it is quite a commitment and your support has been greatly appreciated, by me and the participants in the Extension Course. You will note, there is a motion to expand the requirement for an examination to be completed under a member of the NBC Executive to include previous members of the NBC Executive, so as not to restrict participants.

It is often difficult to get judges to act as mentor/assessor judges, as there is an expectation that they do not exhibit at the show. This really does cut down on the availability of suitable judges to support participants doing assessments, this is more problematic in some states.

### Social Media

This continues to be an issue for the dog world. This was again discussed at the Judges Committee Meeting, as Social Media has been used as a strong forum for criticism. As this continues to be an ongoing issue, the Social Media policy for the GSDCA has been included in the aspirants' training booklet for GSDCA judges, as a reminder.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind all that negative comments about judges or others around a dog show can lead to suspension from your canine control if the case is submitted and proven. Social Media is not a private discussion between two people it is there for the world to see.



Each Canine Control now has Social Media Policies and rules pertaining to use of same. State canine controls do take action if members are found guilty. The ANKC Social Media Policy was distributed to judges at the Judges Committee Meeting. I strongly suggest that club presidents also review their state canine control social media policies and remind members of their responsibilities.

### Shows for 2017

We currently have 43 judges able to award GSDCA gradings, of these, three are trainee GSDCA specialist judges. The GSDCA show calendar has 40 specialist shows for 2017, this is 5 less than 2016, and 1 more than 2015. These consist of the GSDCA National, 5 SBEs adjudicated by 1-2 judges, 22 Championship Shows, 9 Members Competitions, 2 Open Shows and 1 Exhibition. There has been various shows where Australian GSDCA Judges officiated at shows in New Zealand. Twenty Australian Judges have judged at least once during 2017 and 2 new German SV judges, with an additional 2 SV judges judging the National. There were 2 judges from the UK, 1 from Ecuador, Netherlands and from Spain.

We have seen a decrease in the number of specialist shows for 2017. This decrease is the number of specialist shows offered in conjunction with all breed shows.

We continue to see a decline in entries in some states, most obviously in Queensland and Western Australia. For WA, this can be attributed a large breeder moving to Victoria and another large breeder taking a year off from exhibiting.

We have seen very low entries across all states in the stock coat male classes, as few exhibitors are keeping males. They continue to be the same in the long stock classes.

We are also seeing some judges officiating at shows reasonably close together that again could impact on entries. I believe this is an area we need to look at, with the table presented below it shows the changes from 2016 to 2017, by each club.

The contact list for Specialist Judges is updated at least twice a year, or if an additional judge becomes available as a trainee in the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course.

The breakups of the shows are as follows

CLUB	INTER JUDGES 2017	INTER JUDGES 2016	AUST JUDGES 2017	AUST JUDGES 2016
ACT GSDA	2	1	0	1
GSDA WA	1	2	6	6
GSDCQ	0 + National	0	4	7
GSDC SA	1	0	4	6
GSDCT	0	0	4	4
GSDL	2	National	6*	4
GSDCV	2	1	5*	7
NHRGSDC	0	0	2	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8 + National</b>	<b>4+ National</b>	<b>31*</b>	<b>40</b>

\*More than 1 judge with SBEs

### WUSV Judging Accreditation – SV National Breed Judge

At the 2016 WUSV Meeting, Herr Messler presented that a new SV judging process for WUSV members will be available. Appropriate judges will need to attend a seminar in Germany, then complete 1-3 assessments with SV Judges. There will be levels of this new Judging process, were it may be possible for an examination to occur in Australia, once the Seminar has been attended. For full endorsement, then an examination needs to be completed in Europe also.

The first of these Seminars scheduled was held 29 & 30 November 2017. The next are scheduled for 5-7 March and 2018 & 7-29 November 2018. The seminars are all held in Augsburg, Germany. An updated list of criteria to be endorsed by the GSDCA will be presented as a 60 day motion at the GSDCA AGM.



## Judges for 2020 National

The NBC Executive provides 4 names to the club hosting the National on behalf of the GSDCA, from which they will select 2 to adjudicate. These judges are to be ratified at the next GSDCA AGM.

The judges from 2014 are listed so all are aware of the SV judges that have judged the recent GSDCA Nationals for rotations with sexes and time since last judged a GSDCA National.

Confirmed and proposed list of judges for GSDCA Nationals:	
2014 Canberra	Herr J Stiegler (LSCs & SC males) and Herr F Goldlust (SC females)
2015 Melbourne	Herr L Quoll (LSCs and SC males) Herr H Scheerer (SC females)
2016 Sydney	Herr H Buss (LSCs & SC males)& Frau M. Van Dorssen (SC females)
2017 Queensland	Herr J Stiegler (SC females), Herr F. Goldlust, (LSCs & SC males)
2018 South Australia	Herr H-P Schweimer (SC males and LSCs) Herr Mast (SC females) contracted
2019 Victoria	Herr L Quoll (SC females) , Herr H Hohmann (SC males and all LSCs)
2020 New South Wales Sydney	Herr H Buss, Herr E Bosl, Herr F Goldlust and Herr R Brauch. The GSDL to choose 2 judges from this list of 4.

In conclusion, thank you again to all that have supported this portfolio in the past 12 months. I look forward to a fruitful meeting and good luck to the people that have nominated for positions to support the GSDCA.

## OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE – Mrs. Julie Urie



The year has been a rather busy one, as not only have we had to deal with business normally at hand, we have also had the extra challenge of dealing with the WUSV Harmonisation programme.

In February, I attended the GSDCA AGM in Melbourne, where I was elected to this position. I would sincerely like to thank everyone who supported my nomination. Your faith in me is appreciated and I will always endeavour to do my best to represent the Obedience/Working fraternity.

In March I attended the GSDCV Ch. Show/Restricted Trials, which saw an entry of 17 in Obedience and 20 in Rally-O. Pleasing to note that 8 of the 17 Obedience entries were also Dual Performance competitors.

In May I attended the 45th GSDCA National Show/Trial, which was held in Brisbane. The Trial was well organised and run, with quality judging in all rings. There was a total of 37 entries, with 11 of those competing for the David O'Rourke Memorial Trophy (Dual Performance), with the winner \*Sensen Mann Yokon (Deu) coming from the CCD and Open classes. The Rick Richardson Memorial Trophy (Winner of Winners) was contested by the Novice, Open, UD and UDX winners, with the Gold medal winner Uhlmsdorf Black Label coming from the Novice class. Presentations were made during the opening ceremony to GSDCA Obedience Competition winners, which were awarded as follows: Best Novice Dog \*Harlerose Angel CD, Best Open Dog Koonski Dash Of Pepper CDX, Best Utility Dog Koonski Just A Dash UDX RN, Best Rally Novice Dog \*Ch Hillmagic Golden Calypso. I also attended the GSDCV State Breed Exhibition/Restricted Trials, which saw an entry of 16 in Obedience and 18 in Rally-O. Pleasing to note that 5 of the Obedience entries were also Dual Performance competitors, with the winner coming from the CCD class.

In June I attended the GSDCA SGM in Melbourne, where Mr. Louis Donald (WUSV Continental Director) gave a presentation on the WUSV Harmonisation programme. The presentation was comprehensive, with all aspects being discussed in detail. I also attended the 15th WGSDCA National IPO Trial, held in Brisbane. Quite a different experience to ANKC Trials and it was great to see the dogs put through their paces, with some top quality work exhibited. A valuable learning experience for me.





In July I attended the GSDCA NBC meeting and SGM, both held over the same weekend in Adelaide. The SGM was held in order that voting be conducted on the WUSV Harmonisation Programme. From the WUSV Harmonisation programme, the majority of member clubs voted to accept the inclusion of ZAP1 (Puppy Test), a BH title and an Endurance (AD) title as pre-requisites for Breed Survey. These aspects will be phased in over a period of time, but I urge all member clubs and their members to start thinking about these impending changes. It may seem a little daunting to some, but I'm sure we can make a decent go of it, if we remain united and tackle it with a positive attitude.

In September, I attended the GSDCT Ch. Show, unfortunately there was no Obedience Trial in conjunction. The Show and accompanying Breed Survey were well organised and run, with a very friendly and welcoming atmosphere. The GSDCT have begun running Obedience classes for members this year as well, which is very heartening. I wish them the best of luck with their Obedience and hope new and old members alike will participate and support this important aspect of the GSD.

In October, I attended a seminar hosted by Skye Branch, GSDCV. The guest speaker was Glenn Cooke, who is well known among the Australian dog training community. Glenn's topic was dealing with aggressive dogs, which was very well received by the large audience.

In November I attended the GSDCV Ch. Show/Restricted to Group Trial, which saw an entry of 26, with 9 of those being other breeds from Group 5. Of the 17 GSDs entered, it is again pleasing to note that 5 were Dual Performance competitors.

Over the course of the year, the GSDCWA and the GSDCV both held Character and Working Assessments, with a total of 24 animals being presented. These are the only member clubs to hold C&WA since the inception of this scheme. Given the impending introduction of ZAP1, low participation rate by member clubs and negative feedback given to me by members, I cannot envisage that this scheme will remain viable in the future.

---

## **EDITOR NATIONAL REVIEW – Ms. Jacinta Poole**



At the completion of my first two year term as the GSDCA Quarterly National Review Editor and member of Council Executive, I believe the current magazine provides valued, interesting and educational content and is a publication that maintains relevance for the broader membership of the GSDCA member clubs.

In my recent Summer 2018 edition editorial I stated that 'I hoped that at least some people looked forward to ripping open the plastic each edition, as that would be an achievement in itself'. I will continue to work to achieve that, offering a variety of articles across topics that hopefully appeal to many. When magazines are opened hopefully all the content is browsed, so the challenge is to engage you and make you want to open each edition when it arrives! Three of our four editions focus on a diverse range of articles relevant to our broader member demographic across the country, and then of course our flagship 'National' edition records every aspect of our most important event, the GSDCA National Show and Trial.

After a hectic late 2016, we've settled this year into a more regular publication schedule of early in March, June, September and December and this schedule will continue. Whilst there is always flexibility as to when we publish, these dates do not always coincide with events that arise and need reporting or communicating to the membership. The upheaval with the Special General Meetings for the Harmonisation program was a case in point in 2017, where it was not possible for us to publish information in the time frame prior. We relied on our website and Member Clubs to distribute information for the meetings. However, we could and did publish the final outcomes as a full record of the meeting decisions. That's most important for members, to close the loop on communications.

The audited financial reports for 2016/17 record the not insignificant savings we have made in design and printing since we began working again with Maroondah Printing in Melbourne in July 2016. Internal preparation in pre design has streamlined the process and enabled a fairly quick turnaround from close to print, bag and post. These reduced expenses have also enabled us to reduce our advertising rates, which we hope will encourage more members to utilise the magazine to promote their dogs and kennels. The magazine does rely on advertising to cover the yearly costs of production and ensure the longevity of the current format. There is no denying that the magazine in its current format will not survive long-term otherwise. We hope members will take the opportunity to publish with us in the future, that in turn provides them with national exposure. Back editions of the magazine can be viewed online on the GSDCA website,



and Stud Dog ads are translated onto our website for further advertising for 3 months after publishing, so please take advantage. Don't forget the front and back covers are available for photograph promotion too!

My particular thanks to all those who have provided articles of interest when asked, or submitted stories and photographs, and those members of the Executive who regularly provide portfolio reports to update members. Also thank you to those who advertised and supported us financially. Thanks to our Club News Editors from each state. The Club News section is always an interesting read, and provides an opportunity for all states to showcase their news, members and dogs doing all sorts of activities, including a pic or two. I would like to see all states provide reports each edition, giving every member something 'close to home' to read about. So that's another aim for the coming year!

The workload and responsibility that comes with being a member of the GSDCA Executive can at times be challenging, and finding a balance with all other commitments can be difficult. Thankyou to my fellow members of the Executive for their support and provision of articles and content when requested. Particular thanks to GSDCA Secretary Val Moody for guidance and for completing the proof reading of each edition prior to sign-off, an often arduous task !

Thankyou to those who've provided feedback on the magazine, which has enabled consolidation of the diversity in content approach and inclusion of the range of articles relevant to so many of our membership. Our lives are about our dogs in various forms and activities, and that's what we'll be focussing on – from our new puppy, our old dog who's our best friend, to our class winner (or not) in the show or trial ring. We all live with the best dog.

I look forward to a further two year term as Editor, and to continue to engage with the GSD fraternity with timely, interesting and relevant editions of our National magazine. I hope the magazine can continue to live up to your expectations.

Articles, photos and suggestions are always welcomed, please contact me anytime. [revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org](mailto:revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org)

---



## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

I congratulate the GSDCQ on the running of the 45<sup>th</sup> National Show and Trial in partnership with the Council. As per my official report which appears below, the Brisbane National was a great success, after quite a few years since the last one was held in the Sunshine State. I thank everyone who was involved in any capacity including members of the Executive and volunteers from the host Club and sister Clubs.

Arrangements are well underway for the next National in South Australia, and I was contacted to review the draft schedule. Unfortunately, it seems the schedule published in the Review was the original draft, and not the amended version I had suggested. One of the selected judges has had to withdraw due to work commitments and the Host Club will be filling you in on the new arrangements. I look forward to further communicating with that club's organising committee as the 46<sup>th</sup> National Show & Trial date approaches.

During the year I attended the NBC and Judges Committee Meetings in Adelaide and the SGM to discuss the WUSV Global Harmonisation Program. I also thank Jane Pike for her continued work on developing new "National" medals, which was approved at the last AGM.

I thank those Clubs which have nominated me to continue in the NSLO position this year, and look forward to working with the Executive and GSDCSA for the coming 46<sup>th</sup> National.

### **45<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show and Trial, Durack, Queensland, 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

I wish to congratulate the German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland on their hosting of the 45<sup>th</sup> National on behalf of the Member Clubs of the GSDCA. Their all-female committee led by President Sharon Ballantyne conducted a very well organised and successful event, with assistance also of volunteer ring officials from other States. The weather as expected was pleasant, despite a few rain showers on the first day. Stewards, ring staff and PA announcers worked well together, and the running of the conformation rings was very efficient throughout the show, with results being posted online regularly over the weekend. The show judges, Herren Joachim Stiegler and Frank Goldlust, seemed popular and the ring set-up worked well. The judges showed interest in all aspects of the event including progeny parade and official presentations, and especially the working performance in the ring with the Winner of Winners run-off. The presentation of the Sires Progeny Parade and Breeders Groups ran smoothly with few problems, although unfortunately one eligible sire's group was omitted from the catalogue. The Breeders Group was won for the first time by a kennel which presented a Long Stock Coat group. Youth Handlers workshop conducted by Craig Rice from UK and Junior Showmanship Classes judged by Jess Kada were well attended. A prominent media presence was organised, with TV crews attending the Official presentations and Police Dog award on Saturday, and a local radio station broadcasting from the grounds and featuring the National over the weekend. Once again, our Patron Dawn Fraser attended the National and appeared to enjoy herself.

Entries were 394 in conformation classes (including 99 LSC – 25% of conformation entries) plus 37 in the obedience trial, with 11 dual competitors. Congratulations to all the winners, and for the third time an imported German VA male was entered and took out the Gold Medal. Unfortunately, with the increasing costs of travel and limited availability of places for dogs on airlines, it is inevitable that the entry numbers for a show in the North of the country were approximately 20% down from last year, but the quality was still present.

Appropriate consultation was made with me regarding the schedule and catalogue requirements prior to the event. Canteen and bar catering was excellent, official's luncheons and merchandise were also managed very well, and the facilities at the Durack grounds had everything we needed. The social events were well attended including the President's Dinner, and the Saturday night function on the ground was a great success, with the reintroduction of the revue acts from several State Clubs. The after-show presentations were conducted with the appropriate ceremony and were very well catered for. The trophy table was impressive, although the major trophies should only have been presented as specified in the National Manual (i.e. Junior Bitch winner is not a major trophy, as had been clarified at the previous AGM.) Executive have discussed the Official Opening Ceremony and National Presentations, and have come up with several suggestions to streamline both of these events at future Nationals.

The Obedience Trial was well run, and the initiative to fence off the rings prior to the event was appreciated, preventing any problems in regard to the area being used to exercise dogs. The usual problems were experienced with the Trial



presentations, with the need to compete with the show classes continuing in the background, and PA announcements being heard over the Judges speaking. Council is also looking at ways this may be improved in future.

Tents for hire were advertised in the schedule, however all of the ringside tents had been sold almost twelve months before the event. Further “non-ringside” tents were made available, and I was pleased to note that there was still room around the rings for a number of exhibitors’ own gazebos. Fortunately, the facilities at Durack include many shaded areas for public seating, so in the end all spectators were catered for.

In summary, a very memorable National once again, and well done to the small team from the host club GSDCQ.

---

## **National Database – Mr. Frank Moody**

I am pleased to submit this GSDCA Database progress report to the 57<sup>th</sup> GSDCA AGM.

Firstly, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Daryl Bourke who has advised that he wishes to transition OUT of his programming role.

Daryl initially quoted to develop the Database back in 2007. A project that was scoped as a much simpler (smaller) task. He has remained the key programmer over the 10 years and has done work far in excess of the original scope, without any additional payment.

Over the last 12 months or so I have sought the assistance from another programmer to assist in reducing the workload on Daryl. This new programmer is Rob Filardo who over this period has worked on the database in consultation with and in parallel to Daryl – hence he has acquired a very good knowledge of the database, and will continue with the programming role.

It is important to remember that all programming for the database (beyond the original project) has been, and is still being done voluntarily (free of charge).

With current rates for programmers I feel the Council could not afford to pay commercial rates to maintain the database, so keeping both Daryl and Rob happy has been my prime concern.

### **1. PROGRAMMING CHANGES**

The changes to the Breed Survey section of the Database to accommodate the “one classification”, and the changes to the Breed Survey worksheet have now been completed.

Due to the complexity of some of these changes there were delays in the following areas of “post” July Surveys:

- It was mid September before the Breed Surveyors were able to enter “post” July surveys.
- It was mid November before the NBC Chair was able to print the Breed Survey Certificates.
- It was mid December before the Members could “view” “post” July surveys.

Apologies for the delays, however they are now all functioning correctly.

### **2. DATA UPDATE**

#### **Dog Database**

Registrations are currently up to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – being 298,000 dogs.

#### **Tattoo/Microchip Database**

There are now almost 31,000 tattoo records in the database.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 the GSDCA Tattoo Scheme officially ceased, however as per the National Identification Registrar’s report it appears that a number of Club Registrars still need to enter tattoos from prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July.

When receiving the last ANKC Registration data I noticed that some breeders are including Tattoo numbers for puppies bred after 1<sup>st</sup> July.

After discussion with the NBC Executive these tattoos have not been loaded to the GSDCA Database, as the GSDCA no longer has an official Tattoo Scheme.

Club Registrars have also been instructed NOT to enter tattoos for puppies born after 1<sup>st</sup> July into the Database. This will be monitored and if need-be these will be removed.



### **HD/ED Database**

There are now over 10,700 results in the database.

### **Breed Survey Database**

There are now 1,528 results in the database, which go back to 2010 plus a few prior, which now gives 7 years of on-line data.

### **Haemophilia Database**

There are now 1,070 results in the database.

Thank you to Daryl Bourke, Rob Filardo, Melanie Groth, Doug West, Candy Baker and Adam Toretto for their time, and assistance in ongoing data entry and maintenance of the Database.

---

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

It has been another busy year for me with the National being held in QLD and along with other items on my plate makes for a fair bit of time sharing but we manage to make end meet and alls well that ends well.

The Queensland National took a great deal of my time and I congratulate the QLD Club for an outstanding effort and as GSDCA Trophy Officer was proud to be part of the making of an excellent Trophy table. It is most pleasing to present a table of such quality to the members of the Shepherd fraternity.

The Ex/Merit plaques to Breeders attaining an excellent with a dog or bitch they have bred in breed and obedience is proving more popular with Clubs and members my contact details for show Secretaries is Mobile 0407 271 418 or email [tepe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tepe@bigpond.net.au) to place orders. Those Clubs having presentation nights this year do not leave it to the last minute as it does make it more difficult for me but if you are a little late make the phone call as I would like to accommodate all if I can.

The South Australian National is coming up and it starts all over again. I will be in touch with the S.A. Show Secretary shortly to discuss matters pertaining to the Show shortly.

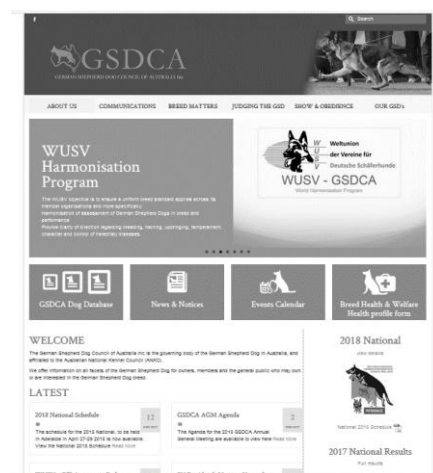
Those people that have the responsibility of collating the Handlers Trophies from each State and also the Obedience awards and Obedience handlers awards and any special Council Awards could you please contact the State reps and see if we can get these in a bit earlier otherwise again it makes it harder on me not forgetting that I will make the effort for the odd late one if I can.

---

## **Webmaster – Ms. Jacinta Poole**

The GSDCA's website is probably more important to our daily business than you realise. It became our core tool of communication for the Harmonisation Program and meeting documentation in June and July when time constraints for our Special General Meeting meant all documentation had to be provided the website for members access. In conjunction with our facebook page, it was the only pathway we could use to ensure all members and clubs had access to the information required prior to Club voting.

Rapid posting of various news and articles of interest to members and the general public provides up to date information. All our HDED stats are updated twice yearly and posted to the website. Past editions of the QNR are available online in pdf format for those interested too.



on





Together with our facebook page, we must continue to use these two media channels to communicate, promote and market the GSD and the GSDCA. We can still expand the scope of our content, and further utilise videos and podcasts for example, to engage and educate about our breed and the GSD fraternity.

The website is the easiest portal to access the GSDCA Dog Database, which continues to increase in use by members. National show critiques and also critiques from all shows held around the country during the year are also easily accessible online now too.



The GSDCA facebook page is our most popular method for rapid communication to enable us to get our news out and to promote our breed. Facebook as we all know is instant and has a massive reach which we must harness for our use, and to engage with all GSD enthusiasts.

Costs and maintenance of the GSDCA website have not increased, and incur minimal fees. Our website hosting, which also includes hosting the GSDCA Dog Database, costs \$192/year. Domain registration per year is \$18.00. All software updates and maintenance are undertaken internally, so there have been no extra expenses incurred. Early in 2017 to assist with a major upgrade to the Dog Database and its software development, a second hosting account was utilised, at an extra cost of \$72 per year. Our total expenditure relating to the Website and Dog Database is \$290 per year.

[www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org](http://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org)

[www.facebook.com/GSDCA](https://www.facebook.com/GSDCA)

Any suggestions for improvements, contributions of content or other suggestions is always most welcome.

---

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

After being “captain” of the B.S.L. ship for 10 years I feel it is time to give someone else the chance to take on this role. Hopefully a younger person who is closer to the “action” may be able to gather some momentum and enthusiasm from all clubs. It has seemed somewhat of an uphill battle to keep people interested in this portfolio.

When I began this task I had quite a sizeable committee but sadly the initial enthusiasm faded and my greatest support came from Bruce Knight, Fran Farley and Peter Belic. Peter put an extraordinary amount of time compiling a booklet “Why Train Your Puppy?” I spent time illustrating with photographs and it is a really good read!! Robyn Knuckey had begun the “Dogs and Children” Brochure which was completed and circulated for the insertion of club logos etc. To those people I say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I am quite sure that everyone realises the importance of trying to be ahead of the game when it comes to legislation and restrictions that can be delivered to our breed in a heartbeat. I have offered booklets and information sheets to clubs for their use especially to new members to encourage correct socialisation and highlight how aware and vigilant we have to be. Because the GSDA of WA is my home club they have accepted these into our introductory package for all puppy enquiries we receive. I have to say a huge thank you for the support they have given me – particularly Ian Marr.

The German Shepherd Dog has been a huge part of my life for over 50 years – no other breed can compare. There is nothing I enjoy more than to see our own dogs run and be happy. The joy of winning a class or trophy at a show or trial is for my dog not for my own ego. I think we need to get back to loving our dogs for what they are. One of my roles in WA is to communicate with new puppy buyers and I love every moment of it – these are the foundations for encouragement for our breed and our hobby. I do not differentiate between coat lengths, size or colour – I love them all.

In closing I wish the next BSL Chair the very best and I will always be available if needed AND I would be happy to continue to be the WA liaison, if I am required.

---



## Youth Coordinator – Jess Lynch/Andrew O’Loughlin

### Jess Lynch

At the National this year, we once again held the Youth Masterclass on Thursday and had the Junior Showmanship classes on the Friday. Unfortunately a number of the participants were unable to make it on the day, however the handlers that made it gained some valuable knowledge and I thank Craig and Hazel for once again stepping forward and helping to develop and engage our youth in Australia. On the Friday the Junior Showmanship classes were judged by Jess Kada. It was great to see a large number involved and especially in the 13-18 age group. It was also great to see a number of these competitors handling in the ring over the weekend. I would like to congratulate Trinity and Stephanie Jones who both handled at the Siegershow this year and did a great job.

I will now hand over to Andrew O’Loughlin to continue to help encourage our youth here in Australia. I wish him and the rest of our youth group the best of luck in the future and hope that they continue to enjoy the German Shepherd Dog.

### Andrew O’Loughlin

I would like to start off by thanking Jess Lynch for all the hard work she has done in the position of Youth Officer over the years. Her dedication to promoting the youth of the breed has been paramount in bringing the youth handlers up to the high level it sits at currently. The benchmark has been set high, and I hope to be able to maintain that level.

This year has been a busy year finding my feet in this new position for council. The National Masterclass was run once again, with handlers present gaining advice and tips from Craig and Hazel. The numbers for the masterclass were a little disappointing and this will be something to aim to improve on next year.

The Handlers competition at the National Show and Trial was supported very well this year in the 10-13 and 13-18 age groups. Unfortunately, there were no handlers for the 7-10 age group, and this should be a key focus for encouragement next year. It was pleasing to see 6 handlers in the 13-18 age group – hopefully this can be improved on again next year! Congratulations to all of the handlers present – everyone gave 100% which was apparent in their focus and determination to succeed.

During my time in the position of Youth Officer, my aim is to help educate members on the anatomy of the dog to better understand how and why we do things as a handler in the show ring. This has started to happen with two articles so far trying to encourage members to be proactive in their own observations at shows. The aim is to have an article focusing on different aspects of handling and anatomy in each Quarterly National Review and this is an aim that should be achievable.

The Youth website is something that seems to have been forgotten about, and is something that needs to be utilized more. This will be one area of focus over the next year. There are numerous avenues to take the website down and these need to be explored. The more interactive we can make the website, the better I feel it can be. It should also be a place youth members can visit and track what their fellow competitors around Australia are doing. Regular updates from clubs are vital for this to happen, and getting each state to have a Youth Representative might be a way to go about this so they can write brief reports after shows or events. Another avenue that needs to be explored is social media, and if this can be used in association with the website as a learning tool. These areas need to be worked on in conjunction with the website officer, and privacy needs to be a high priority throughout since this will be focussing on youth members.

If anyone has any comments, questions or ideas they would like to share with me, please don’t hesitate in sending them through to me at [andrew.w.oloughlin@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.w.oloughlin@gmail.com)

---

## Public Relations – N/A

---

## Historian – N/A

---



## NATIONAL SHOW REPORT 2017 – Host – GSDC of Queensland

*GSDC of Queensland Report – 45<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial conducted in Queensland on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017*



German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland  
National Final Report presented to the  
  
German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia AGM  
  
February 2018





## CONTENTS

- Message from GSDCQ President Sharon Ballantyne
- National Team Members
- Judges Conformation - Resumes
- Judges Obedience – Resumes
- Financials of Income & Expenses
- Marketing items





## **Summary of the 2017 GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial**

The 2017 National has been and gone and what a National it was. The Queensland Club has received many compliments and positive feedback from our exhibitors, spectators, our distinguished guests, even our Judges were sincerely thankful of our hospitality. As a small Club in comparison to some of our sister Clubs this was very pleasing to hear such genuine heartfelt comments from all who attended. Once again on behalf of the Management Committee, National Committee, and members of the GSDCQ our sincere thanks to our German SV Conformation Judges Herr Frank Goldlust and Herr Joachim Stiegler and our local Queensland Obedience Judges Mr Bill Patterson, Mrs Barbara Murfet, Mrs Coral Pethers, and our Junior Handler Judge Ms Jess Kada (NSW) for their contribution and professionalism with the judging of their respective classes. Overall we were very pleased with the entry of 393 conformation and 36 Obedience Entries.

We kicked off the beginning of the show on the Thursday with the Meet n Greet which included a successful Breed Survey, Youth Master Class, Sausage Sizzle, the celebration of our Club's 60th birthday with Harold & Phil Ireland (foundation members) cutting the cake, and the Auction of the Black Hound Car Crate with the proceeds being donated to the Cancer Council. Exhibitors were also able to collect merchandise & catalogues and numbers.

Friday, we had some light rain but this didn't dampen our spirits. The younger male and female classes were being judged with all Babies, Minors & Junior classes in both varieties completed. Friday Lunch break saw our up and coming young gun Junior Handlers competition for the various age groups. Congratulations to all who competed, the days end finishing at the Calamvale Hotel for the Presidents Dinner.

Saturday the sunshine beamed over the grounds (thankfully) and was our biggest day, perhaps some could say the highlight of the National weekend, with our Obedience Trial commencing along with the Sire's progeny, Breeders groups, and retirement lap of a national winner Freevale Crazy in Pink. The judging of the Puppy & Intermediate classes of both varieties and of course the Official Opening held during the lunch break. With the assistance of our amazing PR officer Annie Tamblyn we managed to secure the attendance of the Qld Minister for Police Mark Ryan, the acting Commissioner of Police Steven Gollschweski and acting Assistant Commissioner of Police Peter Fleming and through our media releases we had the TV news channels 10, 9, 7 and ABC arrive, with 2 stations airing the presentation that evening on their news segments.

The very special GSDCA Patron Dawn Fraser who attended as our special guest, as always was amazing with her involvement with the presentation of The GSDCA Service Award to Police Dog Quinn – Handled by Senior Sargent Sean Baxendell. Some very special GSDCA awards were also presented to Mr John DeLucia and Mrs Val Bonney for their contribution to GSDCA Council and the GSD. It didn't stop there we also had the very talented vocalist Mr. Gregory Moore sing the Australian National Anthem. An awarding winning solo performance Thanks Greg. A minute silence was also had for friends of the breed Jurgen Neddermeyer and Tom Luxton who had recently passed away and who were well known and well-loved members of our fraternity.

Saturday from 9.00am to 1.00pm we had local community radio station 101 FM doing a live broadcast from the grounds, Dawn Fraser and Louis Donald were interviewed and people from all over the world listened in via live streaming. Thanks to Rob Ballantyne for organising this.

Continuing into the Saturday Night saw the main stage light up in the main clubhouse with the "PARTY NIGHT" with our band "Just Cruisin" and the State Skit's provided much entertainment and many laughs for the 200 people who attended. The AAPT - Vari Crate, Deggs Voucher and special door prizes were also randomly won by those who attended, A great night was had amongst friends.

Sunday the highlight for most show enthusiasts with the judging of the Open male and female classes in both varieties, we also had another retiree for Friedental Bliss Fulicious. Exhibitors & handlers should be commended for their presentation of their dogs and the sportsmanship shown to each other. Our major Raffle was announced with 1st Prize \$1000 cash to Tony Merceica, 2nd prize Draught Horse painting (donated by Margaret Reidy) won by Edi Fearon and 3rd prize \$250 Bunnings voucher won by Kantenna Kennels, our special prize to the highest ticket seller was awarded to Judith and Irene Hayton. Big thank you to all who supported our fundraising efforts either through class sponsorship, raffles and attending the social functions. Our final goodbye was made at the trophy presentation with the awards to class winners in both conformation and obedience, and special memorial plaques presented (honour roll in the review) Thanks To Melanie Groth, Cristine Begbie, Terry and Pam Jarvis, Hillary Green, Ian & Julie Urie, Louis Donald and Vince Tantara for your assistance with the presentations.





To our Major Sponsors Advance, Partners Engineering, Leaf Building Group, The Links Pet Centre, Aussie Animal Pet Travel, Fido's (Mavlab), Wagtails, Black Hound & small business owners, who contributed to the success of the show I sincerely thank you for your sponsorship & donations they were gratefully received. Special mention to Robyn Knuckey who secured the class sponsorships.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Show Manager and Dogs Qld Representative Norma Zimmerlee for her attendance and to our tireless workers including all ring officials who came from all parts of Australia to help the Qld Club. Special mention to Greg Jones and Jenny Kenworthy - you were amazing thank you. To our Bar staff, and other helpers over the weekend Sarah Gordon, Raimond & Samantha Wharton, Ann Crawford, Naomi Ambrose, Karl & Sarah Maresh, Jocelyn & Megan King, Nathan Doyle, Paul Mathiesen, Deborah Murtagh and the canteen ladies Melissa Starkey and Denise Smith - a huge thank you to all. Our team of official photography's Cathy Shayler and her crew, Jacinta Poole and Gail Donald also were sensational. Special mention and thanks also to Rod Vernon for having the grounds in pristine condition.

My biggest applause is for our amazing National Show Committee for their outstanding contribution to the success of the show, a small yet incredibly dedicated team who I had the pleasure of working with. Gail Donald, Mandy Scrivens, Di Ballantyne, Michelle Hammond, Shelley McCammon, Annie Tamblyn, Ann Clarkson, Carol O'Rourke & Sue Bruno - your experience, dedication, commitment and enthusiasm you brought to the table during the past 18 months was nothing short of inspirational. I was incredibly fortunate and felt very privileged to have had the opportunity to work alongside you all. Ultimately, we worked together, heading in the same direction with the same goals and aspirations which was to create an enjoyable atmosphere for all who attended the GSD 2017 National and showcase the German Shepherd Dog to the best we possibly could. I think we exceeded even our own expectations well done "TEAM AWESOME" Thank you.

Thank you to all our exhibitors and spectators for enjoying this special event with the GSDCQ. The 2017 National Facebook page and club website has all results from the conformation, obedience, Junior Handlers classes and our major raffle prize winners. The critiques and photos were published in the June Edition of the National Review.

Sharon Ballantyne  
President GSDCQ  
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Qld

### **The Queensland 2017 National Team**

Diane & Rob Ballantyne - Secretary & Grounds  
Sharon Ballantyne – President & Sponsorship  
Shelley & Luke McCammon - Treasurer  
Mandy Scrivens – Show Secretary  
Gail Donald – Catalogue and Advertising, Social Functions, Raffles  
Michelle Hammond - Marketing  
Sue Bruno – Breed Survey & Social Functions  
Ann Clarkson – Obedience Trial Secretary  
Jocelyn & Megan King – Junior Handlers Coordinator  
Annie Tamblyn – Publicity and Media Release.  
Carol O'Rourke – Saturday Night Entertainment  
Ann Crawford, Raimond & Samantha Wharton, Nathan Doyle, Naomi Ambrose – Bar Karl & Sarah Maresh  
Margaret & Bob Reidy Sarah Gordon, Paul Mathieson & Deborah Murtogh, Denise Smith and Melissa Starkey - Catering



Ring Officials included

Show Manager – Carolyn Pearson

Dogs Qld Representative – Norma Zimmerlee

Chief Steward and MC – Greg Jones

Assistant Chief Steward and Ring official coordinator – Jenny Kenworthy

Stenographers – Margaret Barnes, Barbara Blythe and Amanda McAnuff

Ring Stewards – John Fenner, Ken Northcott, Ian Rasmussen and Joanne McCann

Assembly Stewards – Carolyn Pearson and Pieter Tjerkstra

Obedience Rings Stewards – Dave West, Margaret West, Paul McKie, Helen Meharg, Trish Court- Obedience

Assistants – Tina McKenzie, Annie Tamblyn

### **JUDGES RESUMES**

#### **Herr Frank Goldlust – All Long Stock Classes and Dog Stock Coats**



Frank Goldlust was born in Berlin on 30th October 1957, and is employed as a civil servant at the Free University of Berlin. He joined the SV in 1970. In 1978 he was appointed as a Breed Warden, an office he has held ever since. During this period more than 300 litters have been cared for and inspected. Frank registered the kennel name “vom Frankengold” in 1979 and has since registered more than 100 litters, from which several dogs have been rated Excellent at the German Siegershow. From 1972 to this day he has attended more than 500 exhibitions all around the world, and has had the winning dog at many exhibitions, including the Federal Champion Exhibition. He has owned five VA females and one VA male. Frank was appointed as an SV Judge in 1989, and has had over 200 judging appointments all over the world. He was appointed as Kormeister (Breed Surveyor) in 1996, and has been appointed to judge at the German Sieger Show in 1997, 2001, 2002 and 2009.

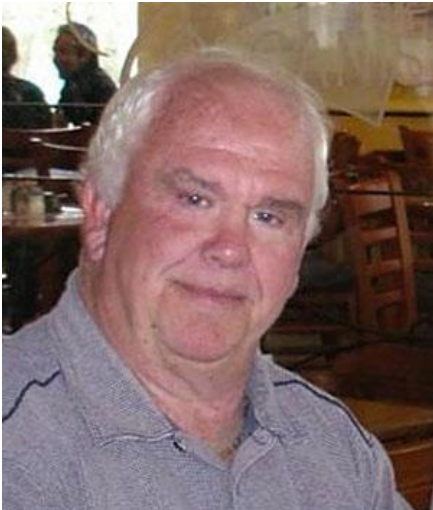
#### **Herr Joachim Stiegler – All Stock Coat Bitches**



Joachim was born in 1952, is married has three children and is an electrical technician. His love of the German Shepherd Dog began in 1964 when he joined the SV. He has bred 100 litters under the vom Stieglerhof kennel suffix and together with his wife they have trained numerous working dogs, with many of his dogs taking part in the Sieger Shows and SV Working Dog Trial Championships with the highlight being having bred and owned the Sieger at the 1983 DDR Sieger Show. He has been a breed tattoo/ID officer since 1970 and became an SV Breed Judge in 1995. In 1998 he was appointed as a breed surveyor and in 2002 appointed as Landesgruppe Breed Warden. He has judged the SV Sieger show in 2004, 2007 and 2012 and to date judged at 39 Sieger Shows throughout the world.



### **Mr Bill Patterson – UDX & Utility**



Introducing Bill Patterson, who came to Australia in 1973, is married with two grown children and three grandchildren. Bill has been heavily involved in the dog world, through obedience, since 1974. He lived in N.S.W. for seven years where he successfully trained and trialled three dogs to Utility Dog level, as well as gaining Show Championship with his first dog. Both of these dogs were Golden Retrievers. As well as another Golden Retriever, Bill has also trained Border Collies and a Jack Russell, who gained his OC Title and Queensland Dog of the Year in 2003. His current dog is another Border Collie who has gained his OC and UDX titles, and UD Dog of the Year (2012). To date he has three passes towards his Grand Champion. A founding member of the Jimboomba Dog Obedience Club, Bill held various positions and was rewarded for his work with a life membership. Bill holds a Senior Judges Licence for Obedience, Agility, Rally-O and Tracking. He is a member of Dogs Queensland Obedience Dog Committee and the Disputes Committee as well as Manager of dog obedience and judges training. Over the years Bill has organised several successful courses for members of Dogs Queensland.

### **Mrs Barbara Murfet - Open**



Obedience, Rally O, Agility and DWD Judge with international experience. I have been a member of Dogs Queensland since 1976 and appointed as Councillor in 2007. I was elected Director in 2013 and again in 2015 and am committed to continuing to represent and serve our members and promote the sporting disciplines. One of the most recent satisfying results has been to negotiate an agreement with the Board of Directors to have sheep at Durack in order to conduct the Restricted Herding Trial for this National event.

As I am the Chairperson of the Dogs Queensland Dog Sports Committee, covering the disciplines of Agility, Obedience, Rally O, Endurance, Tracking, Track and Search, Herding, Lure Coursing and DWD, I am excited to be invited to judge at this prestigious event. These days, my time is spent divided between all the disciplines along with many judging appointments and judges training but over the many years, I have shown and trialled Irish, English and Gordon Setters and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels.

### **Mrs Coral Pethers – Novice & CCD**



I have been involved in dog training since a child as I was born on a sheep station in Cunnamulla. I started with my first German Shepherd in 1977 and since that time have gained many titles with my dogs in Obedience, Rally Obedience, Tracking and Dances With Dogs. I enjoyed training and competing with my dogs so much that in 2000 I began my judges training and now hold a senior Judges Licence in Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Track & Search and Dances With Dogs.

To take on a new challenge three years ago a Papillion arrived as part of our family. Quite a shock for the Shepherds (and us). It has certainly given me a new understanding on judging all types of breed sizes. Amber has been competing for two years and so far has eight titles across Obedience, Rally and DWD. Coming from a Working Dog background it has always been a pleasure judging any of the Working Dog Breeds





## 45th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial



# Merchandise



The GSDCA is pleased to offer a full range of customised merchandise which will provide you with a long lasting reminder of the 2017 National in Queensland. A range of popular items are on offer, great quality and prices, with something for everyone!!!

Merchandise for the 2017 National is available for ordering and purchase via our online shop where the full range of sizes and pictures can be viewed. Postal orders welcome too! Limited stock will be available at the show. Pick up from 3pm Thursday 18 May 2017.

<p><b>POLO</b> <b>\$35</b></p>	<p><b>VEST</b> <b>\$60</b></p>		
<p><b>TOP</b> <b>\$25</b></p>	<p><b>SPRAY JACKET</b> <b>\$55</b></p>	<p><b>JACKET</b> <b>\$80</b></p>	
<p><b>SPORTS BAG</b> <b>\$35</b></p>	<p><b>PEN</b> <b>\$4</b></p>	<p><b>COOLER BAG</b> <b>\$30</b></p>	<p><b>CAP</b> <b>\$15</b></p>



# 45th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial



## PRICE LIST



### **Spray Jacket (Unisex) \$55.00**

(Black only)

XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

### **Polo Shirt \$35.00**

(Colours-Black/Magenta, Black/Purple, Black/Royal Blue, Black/Grey, Black/Red)

Ladies 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24    Men S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL

### **Sleeveless Top \$25.00**

(Colours-Hot Pink, Red, Royal Blue, Purple, Gunmetal, White)

S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

### **Sports Jacket (Unisex) \$80.00**

(Colours-Black/Royal Blue, Black/Grey, Black/Red)

2XS, XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 5XL, 7XL

### **Vest \$60.00**

(Black only)

Ladies 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18    Men S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

### **Cap \$15.00**

(Colours-Black/Royal Blue, Black/Grey, Black/Red, Black/Magenta, Black/Purple)

One Size fits all

### **Sports Travel Bag \$35.00**

(Colours-Black/Grey, Black/Red, Black/Royal Blue)

### **Cooler Bag \$30.00**

(Black Only)

### **Pen \$4.00**





## **GSDCA SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED DURING 2017**

Congratulations are extended to the following people as the recipients of the 2017 GSDCA Service Award, which took place at the 45<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial and presented by the GSDCA President, Mr. Vince Tantaró.

Mrs. Val Bonney (QLD)  
Mr. Steve Jones (NT)  
Mrs. Margaret Adams (NT)

---

## **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>
<b>2005</b>	Police Dog "Titan"	June 2005
<b>2005</b>	Iljaberg Yokone Gold "Famous Amus" SES	June 2005
<b>2006</b>	Police Dog "Silky" (Vic)	March 2006
<b>2006</b>	Police Dog "Duke" (Qld)	September 2006
<b>2007</b>	Police Dog "Tyson" (Qld)	September 2007
<b>2007</b>	Police Dog "Hutch" (Qld)	September 2007
<b>2007</b>	Police Dog "Bear" (SA)	December 2007
<b>2008</b>	Police Dog "Carts" (NSW)	March 2008
<b>2008</b>	Police Dog "Koby" (SA)	March 2008
<b>2009</b>	Police Dog "Ike" (Qld)	June 2009
<b>2010</b>	Police Dog "Salem" (Vic)	May 2010
<b>2010</b>	Police Dog "Zac" (Qld)	July 2010
<b>2011</b>	No Awards Given	-
<b>2012</b>	Police Dog "Bosun" (QLD)	May 2012
<b>2013</b>	Police Dog "Riggs" (	May 2013
<b>2014</b>	No Awards Given	-
<b>2015</b>	Police Bitch "Angel"	May 2015
<b>2016</b>	Police Dog "Rumble" (WA)	March 2016
<b>2017</b>	Police Dog "Quinn"	May 2017
<b>2017</b>	Seigen Quintessential "Cade" (WA)	May 2017



### Police Dog “Quinn”

## GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award



## Police Dog “QUINN”

*Handler*  
*Snr. Sgt. SEAN*  
*BAXENDELL*

Quinn is a male German Shepherd dog born in 2011 as part of the Queensland Police Service’s Breeding program.

As an 8 week old pup Quinn commenced development for the ultimate goal of becoming a General Purpose police dog. At this early age he was showing a lot of promise and he was identified to represent the Qld Police Dog Squad’s in puppy development and training on the hit TV show “Send in the Dogs”.

At six months of age I was fortunate to be allocated Quinn and commenced pre course training. At twelve months of age Quinn commenced the official Police Dog Training Course at the Qld Police Dog Squad. This is quite unique as most dogs will not commence course until between 16 and 20 months of age.

During the course Quinn was filmed in the kid’s educational TV show, “Totally Wild” and he subsequently past the course with flying colours, being sworn into the Qld police in 2012 and attached to Brisbane Dog Squad.

Quinn’s role is that of a General Purpose (GP) which has the primary role of tracking offenders and apprehending violent/armed persons. Quinn has demonstrated a very high standard of ability in this field and has been responsible for a large number of arrests. It is not practical to list his GP achievements as with the majority of our operational dogs they have a lot of success. However to illustrate Quinn’s effectiveness I have included a number of examples in varying environments.

1. Suspects committed two armed robberies before trying to escape in a stolen vehicle. Local police have attempted to apprehend the offenders however the offenders have rammed a number of police vehicles before escaping. The stolen vehicle was later located with suspects having decamped. The Police Helicopter Unit was immediately involved and two offenders were located and arrested by police. An extensive search commenced however three further suspects were not located by either officers searching on foot or by air support. Quinn was deployed into the area and over two hours has located the three remaining suspects. Two suspects were located in a make shift tunnel within flood water debri and the last



within bushland. Quinn displayed extreme tenacity to work over an extended time period, during hot weather, working in and around distractions of people and helicopter in a high risk deployment.

2. A suspect wanted for stealing vehicles, property and committing burglaries of homes etc was intercepted by patrolling police but escaped into bushland and later swimming across a river in the Wynnum area, last seen in bushland. Quinn was deployed into the area and quickly located the suspect's scent. After a period of tracking, the offender was located submerged in mangrove mud and water completely invisible. Quinn displayed the ultimate courage by engaging the suspect resulting in protection of the handler and apprehension of the suspect for a huge array of offences.

In July 2013 Quinn's drive, tenacity and calm nature resulted in him being selected to be trained in Human Remains Detection (HRD). Quinn excelled throughout the HRD training with the Instructor specifically commenting that Quinn was the best HRD dog he had trained and made the prediction that Quinn would be successful in this field. As an example;

In December 2013 an international visitor went missing and an investigation was commenced. The Investigators soon identified three persons of interest but the investigation did not progress beyond a missing person investigation due lack of evidence (no crime scene or body). The three persons of interest were due to fly out of Australia on 19 December and Investigators contacted Brisbane Police Dog Squad to try a last ditch effort with a HRD dog. Quinn was deployed into the area in Algeester, searching acreage residential and surrounding bushland. Quinn has narrowed his search down and then provided a positive indication (indicating the presence of a buried deceased person. Forensic and Investigators subsequently attended resulting in a body being located buried and confirmed as the missing person. The three persons of interest were arrested prior to being able to escape overseas. The location of the body, although tragic for the family, allowed the victim's family closure including visiting the burial site.

Quinn provides HRD assistance throughout Queensland and has been involved with a large number of searches relating to missing persons and homicides in this State. Quinn also provides HRD capability on a National level and has deployed in Western Australia and Victoria. HRD searching can be very arduous especially when looking for buried remains and Quinn consistently shows tenacity even in unpleasant environments (such as Western Australia's extreme heat made worse by the hot sand).

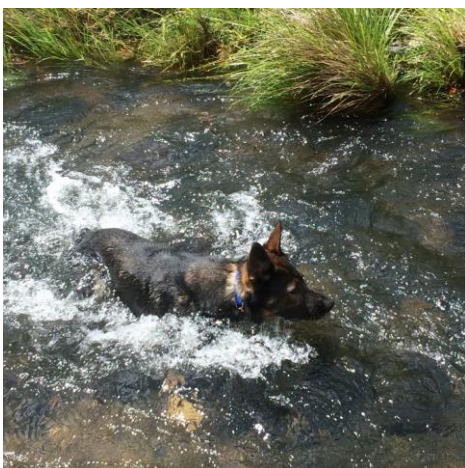
There are currently four HRD dogs within the Qld Police Service. Quinn is the most experienced and successful and he is the only one out of these dogs that has been trained in other capabilities (the other three dogs do only HRD while Quinn does GP/HRD and Tactical).

In 2014 Quinn was selected to be one of 10 Queensland Police Dogs to be trained in Hard Tac (tactical training) aimed at operational support of G20. Quinn successfully completed the training and was one of four dogs selected to provide tactical support in Cairns in October 2014 to Financial Leaders summit (protecting dignitaries from around the world). Quinn later deployed in November 2014 at G20.

Quinn's successful completion of the tactical training and subsequent ability to work in high stress environments has seen him deploy with SERT (the tactical and anti terrorism Squad) on a number of occasions.

Quinn is a unique shepherd within the police service dogs due to him having three distinct roles (the majority have a single role while a few have two). Quinn has continually demonstrated a high level of ability in all his roles and as a service dog.

Quinn continues in his duties at the Queensland Police Dog Squad.



# GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award

## SES Dog “Cade”

### SES Dog Seigen Quintessential “Cade” and Michael Margot

As Cade’s owner and trainer my tracking history goes back to the early 1990s when I got hooked on this sport with a German Shepherd dog called Drum. Drum was not what you called a high drive dog; in fact he was anything but. The search was then on for my next dog.

Cade was born Seigen Quintessential on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2003 and started his tracking at seven weeks of age and became the youngest German Shepherd in Australia to obtain his Tracking Dog title in 2003. He went on to obtain his Tracking Dog Excellent Title and Tracking Champion Title.

I joined the State Emergency Service of Western Australia. Cade and I then became members of the Stirling Unit (Tracker Dog Team). At that time the State Emergency Service Canine Section was undergoing changes where new strategies and operational standards were put into place. On the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009 Cade passed his assessment with the State Emergency Service to become a graded dog and ready for callouts.

The following is an extract of an email I received from the police officer who graded Cade on his final assessment tracks.



*"Yesterday, I assessed a trailing dog handled by Michael Margot on behalf of FESA. They have been developing a training program for some time which uses the scent discrimination style of tracking. The dog works on an individual scent, rather than ground disturbance. If you imagine a bloodhound in a Hollywood film whereby the handler puts a scented bit of clothing to the dogs nose, you sort of get the idea. We had three tracks laid. They were laid on hard surfaces in a normal suburban street/s and incorporated 6 - 8 legs, all of which turned on hard surface. The first two were 800 metres long and 14 hours old (fourteen). The third track was 1km long and 6 hours old. I don't think the handler would mind me pointing out that the first track didn't go to plan and the dog seemed not to switch on. The second and third tracks were done to perfection.*

*I'm sending this out as in the near future this dog will be available to WAPol and other agencies to assist with operational searches. The dog is oblivious to distractions and contamination and can obviously be an asset to us should the conditions not be favorable to our system of tracking.*

*(This only applies to missing persons, vulnerable persons etc. This doesn't apply to offenders!). As soon as I have notification that the dog is now operational, I shall let you all know.*

*Justin"*

### The following search incidents were taken from my personal FESA diary

1. This call out was for a missing 17-year-old male.  
I received a call out at 1230hrs on 05/03/2010 from the SES Duty Officer but I was requested to first attend the Inspector's office at my place of work before heading off. The Inspector informed me that we would be searching for an absconder and would have armed police with us. Did we still want to go? The answer was yes.

We arrived at the given address in Gidgegannup and reported to the Sergeant who showed me where the scent item was located. Cade scented from a pair of thongs and we proceeded in a North Westerly direction with eight police officers in tow.

Cade was making good ground at a steady rate despite having to climb over four or five fences and deal with a large mob of kangaroos that were keeping a watchful eye on our approach.

I was placing reference points on my GPS when we came across footprints that confirmed the absconder's route. Over a distance of six km we came across two very clear and distinctive prints heading towards the North. We had





continued on for a further kilometre when confirmation was received over the radio that the police had received a positive indication from a member of the public as to where the absconder had gone.

We continued tracking until we reached the main road. A local resident had informed one of the officers accompanying us that she had advised the police that she had seen a person standing where we were hitching a ride into town. Twenty minutes later we received confirmation that the absconder had been taken into custody. Cade got to ride in the front passenger's seat and I got to sit in the back of the lockup wagon.

2. This call out was for a missing 9-year-old boy.

We received a call out at 2040hrs on 08/03/2010 requesting our presence to an address in Two Rocks for a missing 9-year-old boy.

We arrived at the address at approximately 2130 hours and reported to the local Sergeant who informed me that he had obtained a scent item, pair of thongs that had only been touched by his mother, and then we proceeded to the front of the property.

I had been allocated two police officers to follow us up so I scented Cade and off we went. We were heading in a westerly direction from the house and ended up on the main road into Two Rocks. Cade was slowing down and changing directions from one side of the street to the other when he came to an abrupt halt at a bus stop. Cade was reluctant to go any further. One of the police officers following up commented that it looks like the boy was picked up from the bus stop, as the dog doesn't want to go any further. The police then radioed back to base to inform them of what had taken place.

I was joined with another member from the canine unit and we were then tasked to clear a couple of areas containing bush. Nothing was found. We were then called to a library area where a previous sighting of the boy was reported. Once again, nothing was found.

Police advised us that they had information that could lead to the locating of the boy at around 0200 hours. We waited for a further 30 minutes for confirmation that the boy had been located. Thanks to Cade's indication at the bus stop, police had contacted the boy's father who, after being informed that they would be bringing down a tracker dog to his house, admitted that he had picked up the boy from the bus stop and taken him to another address where the boy was staying.

We were thanked by the duty Sergeant for providing an invaluable service that cut a lot of search time down by having a good dog. We arrived home at 0345 hours and enjoyed a good night's sleep; well, what was left of the night anyway.

3. This call out was for a missing 86-year-old male.

Received a call out at 1545 hours on 28/11/2010 and arrived at an address in Bayswater at 1640 hours. Doug was my backup on this call out. Steve, from Emergency Operations Unit, met us on site so we could obtain a scent article along with the missing person's details. Cade was scented and we were on our way, it was a very warm afternoon so we were carrying a lot of water for Cade.

Cade followed a scent trail for about three kilometres that was heading towards Leach Highway when we received a radio message to return to base as they had located a dog collar from the missing person's dog at McCallum Park in South Perth.

We were driven to McCallum Park in South Perth where we were then taken to the spot where the dog collar was found. Cade followed the track along the foreshore to the southern side of the Causeway Bridge where we then turned east and headed towards the bus station. We had done a small loop through the streets and had started heading back towards the northern side of the Causeway Bridge when we received a radio call that the Bayswater SES bike team had located the missing man just after the bridge. They said that they looked at which way Cade was heading and decided to take his lead and go on ahead under the bridge. They then located the missing person a bit further on.

We were then taken back for debriefing where Cade was praised for his tracking skills and giving the search teams a direction of travel. The missing person was located at 1930 hours and we arrived home at 2100 hours.





Cade retired from his tracking duties in December 2013 having been a member of the State Emergency Service and Search Dogs Australia Inc. I am still a serving member of the State Emergency Service.



---

## PLEASE NOTE:

The following information can be found on the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) website [www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org](http://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org)

- The GSDCA National Winners
- The GSDCA Main Breed Exhibition Winners
- The GSDCA Service Awards List
- The GSDCA Development Milestones



## 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
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.*

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PATRON</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>* CHAIRMAN NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION</u>	<u>* CHAIRMAN JUDGES COMMITTEE</u>	<u>* CHAIRMAN OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>EDITOR QNR</u>
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
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



<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>PATRON</u></b>	<b><u>PRESIDENT</u></b>	<b>* CHAIRMAN NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION</b>	<b>* CHAIRMAN JUDGES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>* CHAIRMAN OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE</b>	<b><u>SECRETARY</u></b>	<b><u>TREASURER</u></b>	<b><u>EDITOR QNR</u></b>
<b>2007</b>	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
<b>2008</b>	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
<b>2009</b>	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
<b>2010</b>	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
<b>2011</b>	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
<b>2012</b>	Vacant	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms. J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
<b>2013</b>	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
<b>2014</b>	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
<b>2015</b>	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
<b>2016</b>	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. Jacinta Poole
<b>2017</b>	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Ms M Groth	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. Jacinta Poole

