GSDCA DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (Inc) had its Inaugural meeting on the 13th April 1960 in Sydney.
Milestones and significant dates in terms of Council's progress.

DATE	DEVELOPMENT MILESTONE
1960	On April 13, the GSDCA is created with Mr. Roy Brabham elected unopposed as first President at a meeting in Sydney.
	It should be noted that the initial members were NSW, SA and Vic, but with QLD and Newcastle attending the first meeting.
	German Shepherd Dog Association of New South Wales admitted as a Member.
	German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia admitted as a Member.
	German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria admitted as a Member.
1960 - 1969	Past Member Clubs – The Northern German Shepherd Dog Club.
1960 - 1987	Past Member Clubs – Geelong German Shepherd Dog Club.
1963	First "German Shepherd Review" published with Mr. Roy Brabham as Editor.
	Mr. Roy Brabham, in his capacity as the first Editor of the inaugural magazine conceived the idea of Council's logo i.e. a black silhouette GSD with an outline of Australia as a background.
1963 – 1965	Past Member Clubs – Murray Valley German Shepherd Dog Club
1963 – 1965	Past Member Clubs – Illawarra Club (did not join).
1964	New GSDCA Constitution adopted and incorporation in the ACT approved.
	Fundraising continues to fund National Press Cutting Service.
	GSDCA selected the 1st Patron, Judge Norman F Mitchell.
	ACT German Shepherd Dog Association admitted as a Member.
1965	GSDCA Press Cutting Service commenced to combat adverse media publicity.
	GSDCA becomes an Incorporated body on 9th July in the ACT.
1967	1st National Show and Obedience Trial on 19th March in Sydney, NSW (Judge: P. Hutter).
	Specialist Judges List instigated.
	Adoption of the German Standard was first sought from ANKC.
	GSDCA provided a standard GSD Pedigree Form.
	Development of the GSDCA Code of Ethics.

1968	National Review magazine production lapsed.
	Formal GSDCA decision to continue the battle to have the Federal Import Ban lifted as well as State legislation.
1969	GSDCA recognises the premature death of the GSDCA President Mr. Roy Brabham.
1970	GSDCA introduces "A progeny Class" at the 2nd National.
	German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia admitted as a Member.
1971	GSDCA formed a National Working Party established from all member Clubs to work on the lifting of the import ban.
	German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland admitted as a Member.
	German Shepherd Dog Club of the Northern Territory admitted as a Member.
1972	Initial "Trial" of one year for lifting of National GSD Importation Ban, apart from Western Australia.
1973	German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania admitted as a Member.
1974	GSDCA appointed the 2nd Patron, The Hon. Donald L. Chipp MP.
	Federal Import Ban lifted permanently on March 5th.
	New imported dogs became available for breeding subsequent to the National GSD Importation Ban being lifted.
	National Review magazine (half foolscap format) was reintroduced with Editor, Mr. Walter H. Reimann who solely financed this endeavour.
1975	The Press Clipping Service discontinued.
1976	Mr. Louis C Donald elected as GSDCA President.
	Mr. L.C. Donald as the new GSDCA President decided that Council's logo needed updating using "Gauner vom Grundel" to reflect the ideal outline of the German Shepherd Dog.
	Repeal of the Alsatian Dog Act Western Australia.
	WA GSD Breeding Ban lifted by WA State Parliament on 24th December.
	Newcastle German Shepherd Dog Club admitted as a Member Club of the GSDCA.
1977	GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme introduced Australia wide together with a formal Breed Survey Manual.
1978	Publication of the first GSDCA Breed Survey Year Book.
	Western Australia holds its First Speciality Show.
1979	GSDCA Tattoo Scheme introduced Australia wide.
	Broken Hill German Shepherd Dog Club admitted as a Member.
1980	Gold, Silver & Bronze medals introduced for National Obedience Trials.
1982	GSDCA Hip Dysplasia Scheme introduced Australia wide.
	Mr. James W H Rodger elected Editor of GSDCA Quarterly National Review

	magazine.
1983	Acceptance of GSDAC of New Zealand Breed Survey system.
	1st Judges Committee meeting held.
	1st Obedience Committee meeting held introduced.
	Breed Surveyed Class I or Class II animals can achieve the Excellent medallion at National shows.
1985	20th and last edition of the National Review magazine in the A5 book format.
	GSDCA Tooth Certificate Scheme introduced.
	GSDCA supports the Queensland Club in a dispute with their Kennel Control.
	GSDCA rewards breeders for HD results with Gold (50), Silver (25) and Bronze (10) medallions for animals that have passed the Scheme.
1986	GSDCA produces the GSDCA Quarterly National Review Magazine (A4 format): Editor Mr. James Rodger.
	GSDCA introduces that Breed Survey status required for Excellent gradings at Speciality Shows.
1987	GSDCA Haemophilia Certificate Scheme introduced.
	ANKC Affiliation - Recognition of National Breed Councils.
	GSDCA conducts 1st Main Breed Exhibition in Sydney with Sieger *Ch. Edlenblut Orkan "A" H. Neg and Siegerin *Ch. Landrina Majic Melody "A".
	Geelong German Shepherd & Obedience Club resigned as a GSDCA Member Club.
1988	GSDCA creates the NBC Executive consisting of the President, NBC Chairman and Judges Committee Chairman.
	GSDCA Special presentation to Dr. Malcolm Willis.
1989	GSDCA decides not to support Schutzhund in Australia.
	GSDCA Special presentation to Mr. T. Luxton, Dr. Beilharz and Dr. P. Wright for their efforts in assisting with the lifting of the Federal Import Ban.
1990	GSDCA Hereditary Diseases Committee formed.
	GSDCA published "A Condensed History of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia": Editor Mr. James Rodger.
1991	GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Scheme introduced (Voluntary).
	GSDCA Special presentation to Mr. James Rodger for the 1990 publication of "A Condensed History of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia".
1992	Australian flag sent to Germany for parading at their Sieger Show.
	GSDCA decides to award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the first three open animals to take effect at the 1994 National.
	Louis Donald was presented with the GSDCA Distinguished & Meritorious Service Award by Mr. Jurgen Neddermeyer and Mr. Max Stokes at the ACT Main Breed Exhibition (MBE).
1993	GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Scheme introduced.

	ANKC adopts the official SV (country of origin) German Shepherd Dog breed standard for use in Australia.
	GSDCA introduces the Sam Bonifacio Memorial Trophy which became the "Breeders Trophy".
1994	GSDCA appoints Mr. James Rodger (VIC) as GSDCA Historian.
	GSDCA Special presentation to "Roadsend Noble Avenger".
	Award of Merit plaques introduced for breeders of Excellent Select animals at the Main Breed Exhibitions (also applied retrospectively).
	ANKC adopts pre-qualification for sitting for Single breed Licence for GSD aligned to ideals and achievements gained in GSDCA Conformation rings.
1995	GSDCA elects Mr. Max Stokes (NSW) as the GSDCA President.
	GSDCA Member Clubs formally approve and establish State Breed Exhibitions.
1996	GSDCA Canine Service Awards introduced.
	GSDCA adoption of the requirement that to receive Breed Survey Class l or Class ll all animals must have a GSDCA "Z" stamp or its GSDCA approved equivalent.
1997	GSDCA appointed Mr. Ian Cameron (VIC) to investigate Responsible Dog Ownership programs throughout the States and Territories.
1998	GSDCA Rules & Regulations position created.
	GSDCA introduced a Breeders Award for animals achieving an Excellent in Obedience, Agility or Tracking.
	GSDCA approves a special plaque for breeders achieving 100 dogs through the Hip Dysplasia Scheme.
1999	GSDCA elects Mr. Vince Tantaro (VIC) as the GSDCA President.
	GSDCA approves Restricted GSD Agility Trials to be held at all future Nationals and Main Breed Exhibitions.
2001	GSDCA recognises the passing of Mr. Max Stokes GSDCA President.
2002	Alterations to Haemophilia Scheme to cover only imported males, sons of imported males and dogs from frozen semen.
	GSDCA Structural Assessment discontinued.
	GSDCA recognises the passing of Mr. David O'Rourke, GSDCA Obedience Chairman.
	GSDCA decides that the Dual Performance Trophy for future National Shows be renamed the "David O'Rourke Memorial Dual Performance Trophy".
	GSDCA Official Website goes live.
2003	GSDCA recognises the passing of Mr. Neil Richardson, GSDCA Secretary.
2004	GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award introduced.
2005	Proposal to ANKC that GSDs assessed with a total hip score greater than 24 and/or assessed with Grade 3 Elbow Dysplasia or UAP are not registered.
2006	GSDCA elects Mr. Bruce Knight (WA) as the GSDCA President.

	GSDCA IT Project Sub Committee formed.
	GSDCA in conjunction with ANKC Canine Research Foundation to investigate the incidence of bloat in the German Shepherd Dog.
	GSDCA Special recognition by the SV to Mr. Jurgen Neddermeyer.
2007	GSDCA AGM decision to officially hold the Main Breed Exhibition in abeyance.
	GSDCA AGM decision to publish the "Golden Jubilee Edition" to celebrate the GSDCA's 50th Birthday in 2010.
	Revised criteria released for GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course.
	GSDCA amendments to the acceptance of New Zealand surveys are passed.
	GSDCA introduced Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for the Elbow Dysplasia Scheme.
2008	GSDCA decided that the National Obedience Awards be extended to include the UDX award. Awards will be for best Novice, Open, UD and UDX classes.
	GSDCA National Haemophilia Registrar replaces State Haemophilia Registrars.
2009	GSDCA agree to run a National raffle to help with funding of the publication of the Golden Jubilee Edition.
	GSDCA agreed to the design and used this logo for all celebrations of the GSDCA's 50th Anniversary.
2010	GSDCA presented a commemorative medallion to all Member Club members to celebrate the GSDCA's Golden Jubilee (50 years).
	GSDCA published "Golden Jubilee Edition of "The Completely Updated and Revised A Condensed History of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia. Editor Mr. James Rodger.
2012	GSDCA created the position of GSDCA Youth Officer that saw Ms. Jess Lynch appointed.
	GSDCA AGM supported the fundraising effort for Elke Effler and Jochen to attend the USAR Operational Test in Switzerland.
	GSDCA elects Mr. Vince Tantaro (VIC) as GSDCA President.
	1st January 2012: The GSDCA acceptance of the Long Stock Coat as a variety in the GSD Breed Standard.
	1st July 2017: The GSDCA accepted micro-chipping as a form of identification for the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes.
	GSDCA introduces the GSDCA Junior Showmanship Award.
	GSDCA Future Directions Workshop – "A Shared Vision for the GSDCA" was held in October 2012 in Melbourne.
2013	GSDCA appointed its 3rd Patron, Mrs. Dawn Fraser AO MBE.
	The last published Breed Survey Book in hard copy 1978 - 2013.
2014	February 2014: Breed Surveys now available to be viewed via the GSDCA Dog Database.

	August 2014: The GSDCA Obedience Meeting was hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria and held in Melbourne.
2015	1st January 2015: The GSDCA Dog Database went online for Member Clubs and their members to access.
	14th April 2015: The GSDCA Website was redesigned for the first time and launched.
	The GSDCA Regulations Manual (Version 07/02/2015) was adopted at the GSDCA AGM.
	15th October 2015: Letter received in October: The Broken Hill German Shepherd Dog Club ceased to exist and as such withdrew its affiliation with the GSDCA.
2016	30th July 2016: GSDCA conducts the GSDCA Breed Survey Forum as initiated by the GSDCA Executive over concerns expressed regarding the credibility and governance of the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme. This was the schemes first review since it was introduced.
2017	26th January 2017: Letter received from The German Shepherd Dog Club of the Northern Territory advising that they wish to withdraw its affiliation with the GSDCA.
	12th February 2017: GSDCA AGM voted in favour of the recommended GSDCA Breed Surveyors Service Agreement.
	12th February 2017: GSDCA AGM accepted the German Shepherd Dog Club of the Northern Territory withdrawal as a Member Club of the GSDCA.
	12th February 2017: The NBC Chair, Mrs. Joylene Neddermeyer did not contest for the position of NBC Chair after 16 years service in that role.
	8th March 2017: WUSV allocates GSDCA to WUSV Oceania Region.
	22nd March 2017: GSDCA recognises the passing of our founding father of the GSDCA, Mr. Juergen Neddermeyer.
	1st April 2017: All GSDCA Breed Surveyors received their GSDCA Breed Surveyors Service Agreement for signature and return.
	22nd March 2017: GSDCA recognises the passing of Thomas Roger Luxton Esquire. Tom is recognised by the GSDCA for his service and significant contribution to the Breed and in particular his role in lifting the infamous import ban on GSDs.
	1st July 2017: GSDCA Tattoo Scheme ceased.
	1st July 2017: GSDCA approved one classification of Breed Survey Classified.
	6th October 2017: GSDCA sent a submission to the ANKC requesting the ANKC reverse its current policy on Schutzhund/IPO/Dogsport and agree to sanction the FCI IPO dog Sport Scheme.
	18th October 2017: The ANKC advised that the GSDCA's request for the ANKC Ltd to reverse its policy on Schutzhund/IPO/Dogsport was unanimously rejected.
2018	15th January 2018: GSDCA recognises the passing of Mr. James Rodger, the past Editor of the Quarterly National Review (QNR) and Editor of "A Condensed History of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia 1929 – 1990", and Editor of "Golden Jubilee Edition" of "The Completely Updated and Revised A Condensed History of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia".

	7th April 2018: All GSDCA Specialist Judges and Aspiring Specialist Judges received their GSDCA Specialist Judges Service Agreement for signature and return.
	30th July 2018: GSDCA recognises the passing of Mrs. Joylene Neddermeyer. A past GSDCA Breed Surveyor, GSDCA Specialist Judge and the past NBC Chair for some 16 years.
	8th November 2018: Honey Gross-Richardson retired as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor and GSDCA Specialist Judge.
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	February '19: The GSDCA Executive approved the new letterhead logo. This design was to modernise the logo and reflect the ideal outline of the German Shepherd Dog.
	7th February '19: The GSDCA was advised by the WUSV that Mr. Louis Donald no longer holds the position of the WUSV Continental Director Oceania.
	1st July 2019: GSDCA Breed Surveyors & GSDCA Specialist Judges to sign a combined Service Agreement.
	6 September 2019 WUSV allocates GSDCA to WUSV South East Asia Region
	8th September 2019: GSDCA recognises the passing of Mr. Andrew Jones. A GSDCA Specialist Judge and GSDCA Aspiring Breed Surveyor.