



The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

**ANNUAL REPORT
2019**

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PRESENTING

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

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It is with great pleasure that I present the 2019 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 1st October 2018 to 30th September 2019, 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 the many disciplines our dogs undertake i.e. show, trial, breeding, breed survey, public pet expos etc. 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 59th GSDCA Annual General Meeting held in Melbourne, Victoria.

Val Moody
Honorary Secretary

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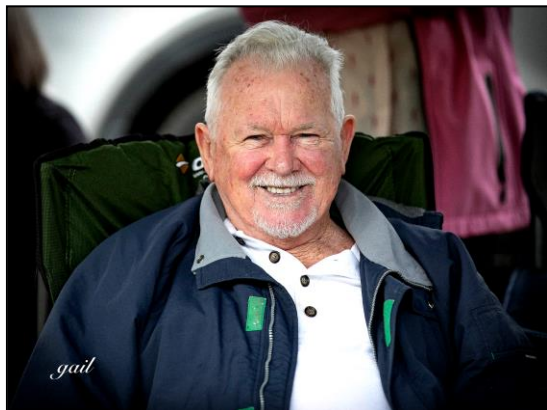
Tribute to Barry O'Rourke

Breed Surveyor & Specialist Judge

A Tribute

Barry O'Rourke

28th August 1941 - 9th November 2019



Where to begin on the life and times of Barry Daniel O'Rourke. There were many facets to Barry, but first and foremost he was a family man. Married to Carol for many years, proud father to his two beautiful daughters, Suzanne and Cerise, father in law to Gordon and beloved Poppy to Summer and Bianca. He was also the proud 'adopted' father of Sherrie James, making a speech at Sherrie and Mark's wedding. He was active in the boom years in WA as a Property Developer and enjoyed rubbing shoulders with the likes of Alan Bond. Barry liked to provide a wonderful lifestyle for his family and friends and loved to socialise with his friends and was always a gracious host. He was known to enjoy a good red wine and good food. Barry was also

passionate about the German Shepherd Dog (GSD), as we all know. Barry was a part of a large family being the second eldest of five children. Barry was always a larger than life figure, with never ending self confidence and a fierce determination to achieve a desired goal. He was passionate about all avenues of his life.

Barry was born in South Australia, where he met Carol and originally was in the Air Force and had worked as a Photographer. Here Barry and Carol purchased their first German Shepherd Dog Kaiser. Barry and Carol moved to WA in 1971 (Carol's home town) along with Kaiser. On arriving in WA became members of the GSDAWA. In 1971, Barry became a licenced importer of GSDs to WA, at that time they all had to be sterilised to cross the WA border. Barry became active in the GSDA of WA immediately and organised the first GSD Parade on 16 April 1972, and the best exhibit was Kaiser. Barry became the inaugural Show Committee Chair for the GSDAWA in August 1972.

Barry worked tirelessly with the current Patron of GSDAWA, Jim Clarko to have the ban lifted on 24 December 1976, so unsterilized GSDs could be accepted into WA. This was a real achievement for WA and one that the GSDAWA membership have always been grateful to Barry and Jim for their commitment and energy to see this piece of legislation through.

In 1973, Barry started breeding under the Parourke prefix, along with then GSDAWA Secretary Dot Parry. This was the UK import Eng Ch Kingsmen Witchcraft. This female won the National in 1974 and was Best in Show the same year at the Sydney Royal. She was the dam of Parourke Mystical. In 1976, the Duval prefix was born, where the line of Witchcraft was carried on via her daughter Mystical to Duval Royal Velvet who was a super producing female and was in the lines of foundation females for a number of high-profile kennels throughout Australia. Duval kennels have had a great deal of success in WA at the West Coast Challenge with Best in Show or Runner up Best in Show ten times, nine of these were Duval animals. At one West Coast Challenge, running off for Best in Show was John Cowdroy with Eng Ch Vorlich Amigus and Barry with Ch Duval Quo Vadis. They were both past their prime as handlers, but no less fierce competitiveness or passion. At the end of it, both were full of smiles and friendship, as it should be for long time friends.

Barry formed lasting friendships with many German judges that came to WA, but his greatest friend was Walter Martin (von der Wienerau kennels). Their friendship was based on respect, they both were passionate about GSDs, and both had an entrepreneurial flare. I suppose you could say they were kindred spirits.

In 1978, Barry became a GSDCA Breed Surveyor and a Group 5 ANKC judge in 1980. From 1981 until 2005, Barry served as the Breed Affairs Committee Chair for the GSDAWA. During these years, Barry was actively involved in the GSDCA as the GSDAWA representative at all NBC Meetings. During these years, Barry was active at a state Canine Control level, as Governing Councillor (Management Committee) of the Canine Association of WA. Barry was also the President of the WDC of WA for a time, ensuring a good working relationship and standing of the GSD within the wider canine fraternity of WA.

Barry was presented with Life Membership of the GSDAWA in 1984 and in 1988 Barry travelled to Germany and completed his SV Foreign List examination. Barry worked hard in WA to promote the ideals of the Main Breed Exhibition via the State Breed Exhibition, that was first introduced in WA 1989, with Barry Chair of the SBE Committee from 1989 to 2007.



Barry held positions on the GSDCA Executive with Judges Chair in 1994, and from 2010 to 2014 and as NBC Chair in 1996. Barry was awarded the GSDCA Service Medallion for services to the breed in 1990. Barry worked with Marie Merchant (ANKC) to set the requirements for GSD only judges to enter as trainee judges into the ANKC scheme to become Championship Show judges for GSDs.

Barry and Carol moved to Queensland in 2008 to remain close to Cerise and their beloved granddaughters, Summer and Bianca. Here Barry continued as a Breed Surveyor and GSD Specialist Judge and maintained active involvement until recently, where Barry had retired as Breed Surveyor and Judge but was always happy to support and mentor younger participants in the breed, such as Sharon Ballantyne. Barry was honoured with Life Membership with the GSDCQ. In July of this year, he sat with Nicky McDermott ring side on the Sunday to discuss dogs and judging, Nicky found this a most helpful experience.

Personally, Barry and I had many robust discussions, locked horns from time to time, but there was always respect, and as a young judge he gave me mentorship and support. He rang me on my birthday in July this year to say happy birthday and just have a chat, which we did, asking how Kevin was and give my best to the boys. That was Barry, family was always important.

Robyn Knuckey

Vale - Andrew Jones

Specialist Judge & Aspiring Breed Surveyor



Vale

Andrew Jones

8 June 1971 – 8 September 2019

On Friday 13th September the Victorian and Australian German Shepherd Dog fraternity said farewell to Andrew Jones. Andrew had finally succumbed to pancreatic cancer following a long and brave battle and treatment over several years. He leaves behind his loving wife Rachel, daughters Trinity and Stephanie, and his son Ayden. Andrew will be missed by the GSD fraternity Australia wide, where he left quite a mark over the last 25 or so years.

Andrew together with Rachel and family were exhibitors, breeders and owners of a number of high quality German Shepherd Dogs. He was an ANKC Single Breed Championship Judge, a GSDCA Specialist Judge, and an aspiring Breed Surveyor. He was GSDCV Show Manager for several years. Andrew bred GSD's with Rachel under the Zandrac Kennels prefix, and was well known for creditable results in shows, including several class and Medal wins at Nationals.

Their Kennel either solely or in partnership imported a number of dogs and bitches from Germany over the years, including three National Gold medal winners; Kwint vom Juerikstall, Toby von der Plassenberg and Charlotte von Tronje, as well as Bronze medal winners Hatto vom Huhnegrab and Xaro von der Plassenberg, and also Conbhairean Karlos and Vecia van Noort. Andrew's influence on the GSD breed in Australia has been immense, through his very good stud dogs and their quality progeny bred by Zandrac Kennels, and also by many other kennels. He was a regular visitor to the Sieger Show in Germany and maintained contact with many successful breeders in Europe.

Andrew was born and grew up in Rushworth, where his parents Edyta & George, his sister and brother's families still live. His family values were very strong and he was always driving for success at whatever he did. Both of his daughters have become accomplished handlers in the GSD specialist ring, and young Ayden is showing an interest in Junior handler classes. He was also very successful in business, owning and managing a growing metal fabrication business in Silverstone Engineering, and was a business partner with Rachel's parents Vince and Fran Tantaro in the Ponderosa Boarding Kennels.

Andrew's passing is a huge loss to the German Shepherd Dog breed in Australia, as it is to his family and many friends. May he rest in peace.



The GSDCA Executive 2019

OFFICE BEARERS

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

POSITION HOLDERS

Public Officer	Brenton Lowes
Breed Health & Wellbeing Committee Chair	Dr. Candy Baker
HD/ED Registrar	Doug West
NBC Registrar	Melanie Groth
National Show Liaison Officer	Ian Urie
Trophy Officer	Terry Jarvis
Database Coordinator	Frank Moody
Breed Specific Legislation Officer	N/A
Website Officer	Jacinta Poole
Public Relations Officer	Paul York
Title Verification Officer	Jenny DeLucia
Historian	N/A

MEMBER CLUB COMMITTEE'S FOR 2019

ACT GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION

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

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE

President	Terry Jarvis
Vice President	Melanie Groth
Secretary	Fay Stokes
Treasurer	Lisa Yates
Training Coordinator	Kathie Minton
Breed Affairs Administrator	Jo Cathie

NEWCASTLE & HUNTER REGION GSDC

President	Sean Lynch
Vice President	Bradley Foley
Secretary	Paul York
Treasurer	Kay York
Breed Affairs Administrator	Gavin Bean
Obedience Coordinator	Graham Robinson



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF QUEENSLAND

President	Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon
Vice President	Raimond Wharton
Secretary	Annie Tamblyn
Treasurer	Shelley McCammon
Breed Affairs Administrator	Gail Donald
Obedience Coordinator	Ann Clarkson

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF TASMANIA

President	David Griffin
Vice President	Jeanie Priest
Secretary	Jacquie Cullen
Treasurer	Sandra Parker
Breed Affairs Administrator	Carol Millhouse
Obedience Coordinator	N/A

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA

President	Tony Mercieca
Vice President	Frank Moody
2 nd Vice President	John Schultz
Secretary	Vince Ebejer
Treasurer	Fiona Henderson
Breed Affairs Administrator	Ian Urie
Training Administrator	Les Rudling

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

President	Brian Lubbock
Vice President	Bronson Pereira
Secretary	Lucy Lubbock
Treasurer	Joan McMulkin
Breed Affairs Chair	Natalie Humphries
Show Chair	Tracey Roberts
Obedience Chair	Honey Gross-Richardson



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Vince Tantaro



Ladies and Gentlemen, I welcome you to the 59th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.

I look forward to your participation and am heartened that members from the host club and other Clubs are also in attendance.

At this point I ask we remember the unexpected passing of Barry O'Rourke. Barry was indeed a likeable and colourful character, who was very much an innovator. He had a record of long sustained involvement and work for the GSD both at Council and Member club Level. He was a retired GSDCA Judge & Breed Surveyor, SV Foreign listed judge (only 1 of three Australians that attained that status), mentor to many of our judges and friend. We also lost, due to prolonged illness, Andrew Jones, my son in law, a GSDCA Judge and Aspiring Breed Surveyor: Andrew was of the next generation, well liked, a successful breeder and exhibitor who had much to contribute to his Club and the Council.

On behalf of the Council I extend our sympathy and condolences to all members who have lost loved ones.

We must be proud to note that the past year saw another significant milestone and one which was overlooked by many of us: - The 60th Anniversary of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia. The spirit with which the founders of the Council formed the alliance of GSD Clubs is, despite pessimism as expressed from time to time, still alive today. The ideals that were set so long ago still hold true: To act as custodian of the German Shepherd Dog and ensure its health, welfare and development.

I am pleased that we have finally come to terms with exactly what the WUSV Harmonisation program means to us and what will be pursued. This has in the last 12 months brought about a degree of calmness to the affairs of Council. On this point I want the membership to understand the path as set by the Council at the last AGM is that which currently will be followed.

We have made it clear to the SV & WUSV on a number of occasions that whilst the end goal of Harmonisation is to be praised, the fact is, we in Australia (and no doubt other WUSV members) will only progress matters if the membership so desires and at our own pace!

It must also be noted that the Council is not bound by past decisions and therefore can and should amend its direction based on the impact any decisions made are or may have on its ability to serve the Breed in this country. Whilst we have not received any official communique, I have been told that the Council is now a member of the WUSV SE Asia Region and that its Continental Director is Mr Yap Seng Tak. Yap is from Singapore and is known to a number of us.

As in past years I have been subjected to rumblings on social media from time to time, where discontent and factions in our fraternity voice their concern about the organisation and or me. The reality is that unlike individuals who find it easy to be critical and put forward an easy fix, it is the Member Clubs via their membership and the Council that seriously considers and, if appropriate, progress matters.

I again repeat what I have stated in the past: Those critical of the Executive and or my role in trying to progress matters are mischief-makers who unfortunately continue to divide and show ignorance with regard to how this Council works. We have a proud history of over 60 years and together have achieved significant milestones. We are the envy of other Breed Councils: many of which have modelled themselves on us: primarily set up for the welfare and betterment of their breeds.

The work of the Council is based on idealism that sees enthusiasts sacrifice their own self-interest for the good of the breed. The fact that we do not control litter registrations makes it easy for anyone to become a GSD breeder. Our breed improvement schemes must continue to be promoted and our message spread to those who do not subscribe to our ideals. It is my belief that 'Project Outreach', a discussion point at this meeting, should mobilise the Council to reach out to many who do not breed with 2 GSDCA recognised Breed Surveyed animals in and outside our fraternity.



We need to ensure that our Member Clubs remain relevant to the needs of GSD puppy buyers and the best way to do this is to have the breeders on board with what we want to achieve: ensure the health, welfare and betterment of our breed!

The last year has again seen much work done in order to progress ZAP Character Test. The GSDCA ZAP Seminar as conducted by Harald Hohmann, was the catalyst that saw much ignorance about the test disappear and hence now accepted. The test is a very useful tool for breeders. The only dogs that fail this test are those which are aggressive, shy or not gun sure. I thank everyone who organised and ran demonstrations at Member Clubs: your work helped the membership understand what has been put in place is, despite the protestations of some, easily achievable. I also wish to acknowledge the work of the GSDCA Education Committee. Their work saw a number of Breed Seminars that highlighted ZAP test along with other breed matters held by various Clubs.

The most important event held last year was the 47th National GSD Show & Trial. This event continues to be the showcase of our work. Its success is based on GSD enthusiasts that are idealists and supporters of the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and betterment of the GSD.

The GSDC of Victoria must be congratulated for hosting a well-run and memorable event.

We must ensure this event is promoted and conducted to maximise the entry.

There is no doubt entry numbers are falling as are the number of breeders and enthusiasts. The current policy that sees the show on a roster basis must be reviewed. We only need look overseas: the SV, as is the Italian Seiger Shows, are held in the same city every year. The reality is that we should only hold this event in NSW, Victoria and possibly South Australia. To further enhance it a 'National Committee' made up of experienced members from all Member clubs would allow many others, rather than just the host club to 'own' the event.

The 50th National GSD Show & Trial will be hosted by the GSDC of South Australia in 2022! This momentous event will present a perfect opportunity for wider input into its organisation and conduct.

I continue to have conversations with aggrieved Member Club members. It is important that the membership understands: 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. Further, each Club has its own distinct constitution. The Executive and I continue to promote that Member Clubs must inform their members who have a right to contribute and or initiate debate as related to breed welfare and improvement. It is important that the leadership group and the membership are encouraged to participate in the decision making process of their Member Club.

I am pleased that in my 8th and final year as President there has been a change of culture that now sees encouragement of frank and open discussion amongst the Executive, and decisions as made owned by the group. I trust that this is now the norm, as it is most important that we dispel the myth that the President and or NBC Executive control all in Council. The ownership of decisions is most important as it's only with this commitment that decisions made can truly be progressed. This principle must also be applied by Member Clubs:

I again urge the leadership group, namely the GSDCA Judges & Breed Surveyors, to continue upholding the ideals of the Council. It is my opinion that you are best placed in our fraternity to influence and help carry forward the work of the Council. You are now well informed and have been encouraged to contribute to the affairs of the Council. It is most important that this group owns and promotes the decisions made.

I am happy to report that the Executive and I have worked hard. Open and fearless discussion is asked for on all matters before it. The Executive has acted in the best interest of and at the direction of the Council. I also acknowledge and thank the Officers of the Council, and my fellow members of Executive for their continued dedication and work as undertaken in the past year.

I thank the Club Presidents, Club Secretaries 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.

In order to gauge the diverse work and activities undertaken by all, I ask you please read the 2019 GSDCA Annual Report (can be found on GSDCA Website):



I would now like to acknowledge the following persons who have decided to retire from their positions and wish them all well for the future.

Val Moody- Secretary

Val, as you are all well aware, has been Secretary of the Council for the last 19 years. Her dedication to the Council and work for the Council is indeed to be praised. Her grounding at her Member Club in various positions which included her being GSDCV Secretary at same time as Council, has ensured positive outcomes for the Council. There is no doubt she will be missed.

I am proud to say that after working closely together and despite a small number of disagreements during my two terms totalling 14 years as President, we remain along with her husband Frank, close friends.

Jane Pike- Treasurer

Jane, during her 8 years as Treasurer made significant contributions to the work of the Executive and Council. Her expertise was most valued and it showed in her work: account reporting and supervision were paramount. Her approach has always been most professional and her willingness and ability to assist all of Executive must be noted. As a grounded breeder/ exhibitor she also provided much valuable feedback on matters before the Council.

Robyn Knuckey- Judges Committee Chair

Robyn has contributed most positively in her role as Chair Judges Committee, member of the National Breed Commission Executive and wider matters. She has held the position this time for 6 years and also held this position during my first term as President. Her relaxed approach has seen her ably administer the affairs of her portfolio and become a mentor to many aspiring GSDCA Judge. As a breeder / exhibitor she brought much to the work of Council.

Now to my own parting.

My announcement some months ago not to seek nomination for re-election was not made lightly. I am as passionate today about the breed, my Club and the GSDCA as I was when I took on my first position (with fractured ankle) as Assistant Equipment Officer at Western Branch, GSDCV 43 years ago!

All organisations require renewal. I have since been elected in 2012 advocated succession planning and review of operations for all. The 2012 GSDCA Future Directions Forum identified gaps and possible paths to follow- out of interest these were very much the same as the GSDCA Forum held 16 years before and no doubt if one was held today there would be similarities regarding its outcomes. Member clubs must become more relevant to the needs of GSD puppy buyers. It is only with servicing these needs can we influence and expose the new enthusiast to what we can offer as a 'sport': Show, Performance or just enjoy the social life the club can offer

My catch cry is that we have lost a 'generation' of enthusiasts and those who are much younger than the majority find it hard for many reasons to commit to the work of their Clubs or the Council. I again repeat: Club Presidents and their committees need to encourage and mentor our younger members to "have a go" by giving them "a go!": there is no reason why those who have held positions for long terms cannot ask them to be assistants and act as mentors to the next generation- this single move could ensure the survival of our Clubs but also revitalise them!

As President I would like to thank my fellow Executive members I have worked with during the last 8 years: Val Moody, Jane Pike, Robyn Knuckey, John Delucia, Yvonne Yun, Jacinta Poole, Melanie Groth, Julie Urie & the late Joylene Neddermeyer and Barry O'Rourke. Together we have been most professional and can be proud as much work and progress has been made in our time together!

I do apologise to those that see the world as shades of grey. I have not played games, spent countless hours coercing an opinion as the matter at hand is exactly that. It is what it is!

I may have offended at times with my approach and that unfortunately has seen friendships fail. Leadership and friendship are rare bedfellows- in the end to disagree is one thing but to sever a friendship is indeed the ultimate price of believing in what is right, is right!

I wish to thank the Member Clubs for their consideration and kind hospitality extended to my wife Frances and I during our visits.



In closing, I thank Frances for her support during my 43 years of being involved at some level with my beloved GSDC of Victoria and or the GSDCA. Whilst Frances also shares this passion, I know it has been hard on my family and her for most of that time. My passion and tunnel vision for all things German Shepherd Dogs over these years has seen other things that should have taken precedence put to the side or forgotten.

I wish you all well for the future.

Postscript:

I wish to congratulate the following who were successful at the recent elections: Sean Lynch, President, Lyn Phillis, Secretary, Louis Donald, Judges committee Chairperson and Peter Flynn, Treasurer. It is pleasing to see younger members elected along with a most experienced member namely a past long serving President of the Council, Louis Donald. Together with Jenny Yuen NBC Chairperson, Jacinta Poole, Editor QNR and Julie Urie Obedience Committee Chair, we look forward to the future I urge all members to support the new GSDCA Executive.

Thank You

Vincenzo 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 2019.

I can advise that the Financial report shows an operating deficit for the year of \$11,172 compared to the previous report of \$10,562.

This financial year we have outlaid \$19k to replenish the stock of medals. In future years an income will be realised from the sale of these to Clubs. As at financial year end the Inventory Asset is showing \$17,705.

The HD/ED Control Scheme income remained steady compared to last year however Breed Survey income is down slightly.

The cost of holding Council meetings is an ongoing unavoidable expense. Meetings held away from Melbourne see the cost of travel increase, as at present, the majority of Executive reside in Victoria. Executive have instigated a business rule that sees the cheapest possible airfare option booked and if members of Executive wish to travel on their preferred airline at a greater cost the difference is met by that member. Given the requirement to rotate the meetings this is unfortunately unavoidable.

The Quarterly National Review made a loss of \$2,900 with Club Subscriptions remaining fairly constant. Advertising was well down on last years which can be again attributed to the use of Social Media for the exposure of dogs. Soon the fraternity will need to accept that the magazine will save between \$10,000 - \$13,000 by moving to an E publication. There will obviously be continued design costs and some IT expense. Consideration should be given to make the National edition the only hard copy magazine produced each year which would significantly reduce the cost of circulation.

Comments relating to specific income and expense areas:

- Increase in Affiliation fee income was due to the increased fee charged to Clubs per vote.
- Sundry income includes the \$5,500 from the dissolving of the GSDC of NT.
- Club Meeting Subsidy includes the 2018 NBC payment as well as the two meetings in 2019. Payment was omitted in the 2018 financial year for the NBC meeting.
- Equipment replacement of the Secretary and Judges Chairperson's laptops were required this financial year due to fatigue and general ageing. The figure of \$2,251 also includes the purchase of Microsoft licences and printer.



- Travel expenses include \$2,728 relating to accommodation expenses for Harold Hohmann and Club Character and Working Test Officers to fly to Melbourne prior to the National to attend the ZAP workshop conducted by Harold.

Stock on hand – Below is a summary as at 30 September 2019

Details	2019
Standard Excellent Conformation	850
Standard Excellent Obedience	7
National Gold Medals	8
National Silver Medals	7
National Bronze Medals	6
National Excellent	1131
National Obedience Excellent	56
National Memento	842

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

After much thought I advised the Executive at the 2018 AGM that I would not seek another term at the 2019 AGM. I have enjoyed serving the Council for the past 8 years in which time I have learnt much about Council.

Special thank you all Member Club position holders for your assistance and prompt payment of accounts. To my fellow members of Executive, past and present, thank you for your assistance and support over the past 8 years.

To the incoming Treasurer, I am happy to assist wherever possible to make the transition smooth.



German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

Independent auditor's report to committee members

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 2019 and the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 September 2019, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Association's constitution.

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 Association 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 opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

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

Responsibilities of the Members of Executive and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The Members of the Executive are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Association's constitution and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

The members of the Executive are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 these financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Pronouncements/Australian-Auditing-Standards/Auditors-Responsibilities.aspx>

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.

William Buck

William Buck
ABN 38 280 203 274

G. Martinella

G.W. Martinella
Partner

Dated this 12th day of December, 2019



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 2019 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 2019:

- (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: 12th day of December 2019



SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mrs. Val Moody



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 59th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) being held in Melbourne, Victoria and I wish to present to you my Annual Report.

During 2019, we were all deeply saddened by the passing of two of our dear friends and colleagues, Mr. Barry O'Rourke (GSDCA Breed Surveyor, Specialist Judge and past member of the GSDCA Executive) and Mr. Andrew Jones (GSDCA Specialist Judge and Aspiring Breed Surveyor and successful breeder and exhibitor).

Barry's dedication to the German Shepherd Dog, this Council and his many roles within the GSDA of WA and GSDCQ over many years is well recognised. I express my sincere condolences to Carol and families.

Andrew's battle with pancreatic cancer was hard fought and the strength this young man showed was most admirable. My sincere sympathies are extended to Rachel, Trinity, Stephanie and Ayden and the extended families. A loss many of us will find difficult to comprehend.

Please refer to the Tribute to Barry as written by Robyn Knuckey and the Vale for Andrew within this Annual Report.

The GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial, our most prestigious event held during the year, was hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria on the 5th, 6th & 7th April 2019, and was held at the State Dog Centre, Westernport Highway, Skye. It was with great pleasure that the GSDCA Patron, Mrs. Dawn Fraser AC MBE agreed once again to attend the National, and she was delighted that many members took the opportunity to meet and chat with her over the weekend. Another delight was to have the well known Mr. Peter Hitchener attend and he was warmly welcomed by the membership. Peter was so delighted with the event that he was interested in attending the 2020 National in Sydney. Let's hope it comes to fruition!

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

When writing a report covering the year, one cannot go without thanking those that have continued to help over that timeframe.

Firstly, I wish to personally express my sincere appreciation to Barbara Blythe, for her valuable expertise in taking the minutes of the meetings held during the year.

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

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Club Secretaries for their continued support of me and hope that the future GSDCA Secretary will be provided the same respect and continued support.

As you are aware, I made the decision not to stay on in my role as the GSDCA Secretary after 19 years of service that at times can be quite demanding. This position is one that continues to evolve and requires complete confidentiality along with being able to work as a team member.

My years of service has always been one that could be described as enjoyable, however the last three years has seen much turmoil and angst amongst the fraternity and I hope that Member Clubs will work with the new Executive to continue to ensure the organisation works together for the betterment of the GSD.

Vince Tantaro - My sincere appreciation is extended to Vince Tantaro not only as a dear friend but as a colleague that as President offered much support and advice to me over the years and continues to contribute to the Council by putting the GSDCA and the breed in the forefront of his mind. He is always thinking about how we can improve the breed, work in unison with the ANKC and Canine Controls to keep the organisation ahead of the rest and continue to ensure that our breed will survive into the future.

Jane Pike - I wish Jane the very best for the future. As the GSDCA Treasurer Jane has made a huge impact on the processes we have in place. She is always willing to put her hand up for any task and is very professional in her approach. Your insight and help that you gave to me over the years was always welcomed and most appreciated.



I sincerely thank my fellow Executive (past & present), all position holders, for their assistance and support over the 19 years in the role and I look forward as always to the future, with everyone within the organization working in harmony for the betterment of the German Shepherd Dog and your Council.

I wish the new GSDCA Secretary all the very best and offer my assistance wherever possible to make the transition as smooth as we can. I therefore bid you all a sincere farewell!

Awards that were presented at the 47th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2019 held in Melbourne with congratulations being extended to the following:

GSDCA SERVICE AWARDS:

- ❖ Mrs. Barbara Blythe (VIC)
- ❖ Mrs. Gillian Cafari (VIC)

GSDCA SPECIALIST JUDGE BADGE

- ❖ Mrs. Jenny DeLucia
- ❖ Mr. Salvatore Pittelli

GSDCA OUTSTANDING CANINE SERVICE AWARD:

Congratulations to **Police Dog “Ike”** and handler Leading Senior Constable Heath Drew who received the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award in April 2019.

GSDCA SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD:

- ❖ Mr. Andrew O’Loughlin Service to Council GSDCA Youth Coordinator.

GSDCA RETIRING BREED SURVEYORS AND SPECIALIST JUDGES:

- ❖ Mrs. Honey Gross-Richardson, Retiring as Breed Surveyor and Judge

GSDCA 2019 RETIRING DOGS:

- ❖ *Aust. Ch. Fremont Hells Bells AZ
- ❖ *Babenberg Jaci AZ
- ❖ *Aust. Ch. Jayshell Glasgow AZ

GSDCA JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS FOR 2019

MEMBER CLUB	<i>(7 years to under 10 years)</i> NAME	<i>(10 years to under 13 years)</i> NAME	<i>(13 years to under 18 years)</i> NAME
ACT GSD Association	---	---	---
GSDC of Queensland	---	---	---
GSDC of Tasmania	---	---	---
GSDC Victoria	Ayden Jones Ryan Kelly	Chelsea Juggins Claire Byron	Stephanie Jones
GSD Association of WA	Rachel Leeder	Bradley Leeder Leanna Turner	---
GSD League of NSW	Brodie Morris	Paris Turoczy	Heidi Varlet
N&HR GSDC	Gracie Ashlin	---	---
GSDC of South Australia	Cienna Acciarres	Baylie Mercer Laura Ringrose-Mitchell	Amber Phillis



HONOUR ROLL

Medal Winners - Stock Coat - DOGS		
GOLD	*Macho Vom Lamorak A ED (Imp Deu)	Owned by J&J Haase, J&POar, L&G Donald, Growth/Jones, Green/Hickey
SILVER	*Fremont Hells Bells AZ	Owned by Sean Lynch, Leanne & Jess Lynch
BRONZE	*Freinhauf Hannibal AZ	Owned by Jo Cathie, Leeanne Lynch, Kevin & Robyn Knuckey

Medal Winners - Stock Coat - BITCHES		
GOLD	*Charlotte Von Tronje A ED (Imp Deu)	Owned by Andrew & Rachel Jones
SILVER	*Freinhauf Havoc AZ	Owned by Jo Cathie, Leeanne Lynch, Kevin & Robyn Knuckey
BRONZE	*Vladimir LegenWaitforit Dary AZ	Owned by Grant & Kurt Morton

Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - DOGS		
GOLD	*Ch. Bodecka Casanova AZ	Owned by Shaun Schembri
SILVER	*Ch. Jayshell Glasgow AZ	Owned by Lorelle & David Organ
BRONZE	*Siobahn Greyt Impact AZ	Owned by Iris Selby

Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - BITCHES		
GOLD	*Ch. Eroica Duchess of York AZ	Owned by Cathy Shayler, Cristal Leonard
SILVER	*Ch. Jaknell Ruby Tuesday AZ	Owned by Anne & Jess Keda
BRONZE	*Eroica Easy On The Eye AZ	Owned by Cristel Leonard & Kurt Morton

Medal Winners – Obedience		
GOLD	Uhlmsdorf Black Label Z UD	Owned by Vic Grzeszkiewicz
SILVER	Bodecka Interogator	Owned by Andrew Saliba
BRONZE	Vindel Dancing With Mr D RA	Owned by Alex & Karyn Cogdell

Breeders Group Trophy	
Freinhauf Kennels	Owned by Robyn & Kevin Knuckey

MEMORIAL PLAQUES		
Walter Reimann Memorial Plaque <i>Open Dog Winner (SC)</i>	*Macho Vom Lamorak A ED (Imp Deu)	Owned by J&J Haase, J&POar, L&G Donald, Growth/Jones, Green/Hickey
Max Stokes Memorial Plaque <i>Junior Bitch Winner (SC)</i>	Jaknell Patience Is A Virtue AZ	Owned by Jess & Anne Kada
Roy Brabham Memorial Plaque <i>Open Bitch Winner (SC)</i>	*Charlotte Von Tronje A ED (Imp Deu)	Owned by Andrew & Rachel Jones
David O'Rourke Memorial Plaque <i>Dual Performance Winner</i>	*Ch. Sensen Mann Yokon A ED CD TDX ET	Owned by A&F Henderson, K&R Knuckey, G. Bobbin, J. Cathie
Rick Richardson Memorial Plaque <i>Winner of Winners</i>	Uhlmsdorf Black Label Z UD	Vic Grezszkiewicz
Sam Bonifacio Stock Coat Breeders Trophy <i>Most Successful Stock Coat Breeder</i>	Freinhauf Kennels	Owned by Robyn & Kevin Knuckey
GSDCA Long Stock Coat Breeders Trophy <i>Most Successful Long Stock Coat Breeder</i>	Eroica Kennels	Owned by Cristel Leonard
Hans-Juergen Neddermeyer Memorial	*Ch. Bodecka Casanova AZ	Owned by Shaun Schembri



Plaque <i>Open Dog Winner (LSC)</i>		
Thomas Roger Luxton Memorial Plaque <i>Open Bitch Winner (LSC)</i>	*Ch. Eroica Duchess of York AZ	Owned by Cathy Shayler, Cristal Leonard
James William Henry Rodger Memorial Plaque <i>Intermediate Bitch Winner (SC)</i>	*Astasia Darya AZ	Owned by Brenda & Peter Hersant
Joylene Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque Intermediate Dog (SC)	Uhlmsdorf Black Label Z UD	Vic Grezskiewicz

GSDCA OBEDIENCE AWARDS:

The GSDCA President, Vince Tantaró congratulated the following and advised that the obedience awards will be presented at a significant event by the Clubs.

GSDCA BEST COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG *Ch Bronacre Murumbidgee Murphy ‘AZ’ RN Handler: Tania Schumann	GSDCA BEST NOVICE DOG *Ch Brigenti Ice Fire ‘AZ’ CD RA HT ET H-neg Handler: Irene Hayton	GSDCA BEST RALLY NOVICE DOG Druann Just For Fun ‘AZ’ RN Handler: Kathie Minton
GSDCA BEST RALLY ADVANCED DOG *Ch Brigenti Ice Fire ‘AZ’ CD RA HT ET H-neg Handler: Irene Hayton	GSDCA EXCELLENT HANDLER Gold – 15 Excellents Handler: Kerrie Pearce	GSDCA BEST RALLY EXCELLENT DOG T. Ch. TS Gr. Ch. Glenbala Bratsarefun CD RE Handler: Kerrie Pearce
BEST UTILITY DOG Uhlmsdorf Black Label ‘Z’ UD Handler: Vic Grzeszkiewicz	EXCELLENT DOG T. Ch. TS Gr. Ch. Glenbala Bratsarefun CD RE Multiple Performance Disciplines – 10 Excellents	EXCELLENT HANDLER Bronze – 5 Excellents Handler: Judith Strachan



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 the current drought linked to the high cost of water in the ACT which, thanks to the complete incompetence of our local government of all persuasions, never allows the grass to recover between events.

At long last the construction of the tram (light rail) has been completed. The Government will now be looking at reducing the EPIC footprint in order to redevelop the land adjacent to the tram corridor.

Our membership in 2019 was 179 members including life members. As noted, our major activity is the obedience school with a turn-up of 45 to 60 members on 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. Very few members actually continue with their training past the basic obedience levels

As in previous years, 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, CDX and UD titles – well done!

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

In particular Vic G who once again excelled with a 1st place Intermediate Dog Stock Coat and continued in that vein with a First Place in Open Obedience, UD and the Winner of Winners Obedience Gold Medal. He also received the Jolyene Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque.

Members have also done well at shows in Newcastle, Sydney and Melbourne – Congratulations!

Once again, the Association conducted 2 Championship Shows on the October 2019 long weekend. For a variety of reasons the show weekend was a bit of a financial disappointment. Also, the entries were down due to what we believe to be the increased number of show enthusiasts being in Europe for the German and Italian Sieger Shows, as well as a show in Tasmania on the same weekend. While the state of our grounds leaves a lot to be desired the show went well.

Due to a lack of demand from our members the Association did not conduct any breed surveys during 2019.

The WUSV harmonisation program has taken up a considerable amount of time and resources. However, we note that enthusiasm is waning a little as the reality of some of the requirements are becoming clearer. The Association conducted a trial ZAP assessment under the direction of Melanie Groth. We do have some issues with the equipment to be used. In particular the specific requirement of a pallet when a similar size board will be just as effective. Also, we do not support the use of the 'Bunnings' plastic tables without some slip reducing surface which would give it the same traction as a piece of pine plywood. There is nothing to be gleaned from a dog stepping onto the table's plastic surface and coming to a halt. In fact, we believe that it would be detrimental to the dog's confidence.

President GSD League – Mr. Terry Jarvis

That time of the year again, like the never-ending story, but still we plough on regardless. The GSDL Inc. has as always kept its head above water in the past year allowing for some unexpected monetary expenses which will ease out over the coming year. In the next year when all is finalized the League will be in a fairly comfortable financial position.

The GSDL has had a number of changes to committee this year and has the workings of a good committee that should work together quite well this coming year.



I would like to thank Fay Stokes our Secretary who with myself, have finally reached the end of our negotiations with the expected (12/12/2019) sale of the property that was bequeathed to the League by a satisfied member. Fay has always been at the fore front and has a fairly heavy workload to cope with, but she still plugs along. Also, another benefactor has come forward with a substantial bequest which has been finalized and thanks to Pam Jarvis for her help and consult and contribution to the running of the League in the past year. Thank you, Fay and Pam.

Karen Stevenson for her continuous pounding of the Publicity drum, a position which she takes seriously. Karen with Graeme do a lot of publicity shows and events that are numerous and with her helpers do a lot for the promotion of the German Shepherd dog in NSW. We do get new memberships through these promotions and is quite a worthwhile exercise. We have a regular list of functions that are ongoing.

Our Webmaster Fran McAdam always on the job and eager to help. We have a new Show Manager in Greg Jones who stepped up for the National and the League. It is great to see Greg back as he has been gone too long and has been missed.

Obedience is still hanging in there and we have a new Training Superintendent in Kim Graham who is working to pull the obedience members together. ZAP test training has been started by Kim with a run through done just recently. Tony D'Arcy is another great asset to the League, always there to lend a hand when called and instructs on two nights a week, one Obedience and one Show training he is like having another arm and I thank him for his help and contribution to the running of the League. We sent a Delegate down to the Obedience Forum but did not get a lot of info back from that exercise as our delegate resigned and it was not followed up.

Fay and I attended a number of Council meetings during the last twelve months on behalf of the League. We have a full Show Calendar for this year culminating in the October Show with Susan Bellfield from the UK and we are looking forward to her attending our shores.

We have the National in May and the committee is coming together with a plan which is moving forward. The State Breed Exhibition is on the Calendar in August and three Members Comps, so a busy year going forward for the League but as said earlier we as a Club are looking to a meaningful and progressive 2019/2020.

President N & HR GSDC – Mr. Sean Lynch

Ladies and gentleman, members of the Executive and Club Presidents.

This past year has seen the club consolidate last year tremendous efforts and come together even further in many ways, from the show ring to the trial ring to the renewed social functions it has seen new and old members come together to the betterment of the club and the breed.

As reported last year I believe as President for the last 19 years I have never seen a happier club not only within the committee but also with the exhibitors, visitors and general members and I put this down to a very good and open committee with everyone helping each other and working as a team in all areas of the clubs activities.

During the year we held two successful championship shows with entries around 145 which was an increase of approx 18% on last year. We had one local Australian judge in Fran Farley and one New Zealand Judge, Mike Bradley and both did an amazing job, we had a few raffles plus the Saturday night BBQ which all went very well, again I saw many positive remarks on social media, plus a number of exhibitors told me how enjoyable the show was, also I think the new look rings added to the atmosphere of the weekend and were a huge success.

We held a very successful Obedience Trial with entries up to very good total of 31, this was an 11% increase on last year's very good numbers and at this time I would like to congratulate the Obedience team lead by Graeme, Kiera and Dom on a great effort. This area of our club has been a major concern regarding the viability going forward and seeing an increase in numbers this year is positive and eases some of the concern of the past.

We held a couple of very successful Breed Survey's during the year and plans are already in place for 2020. Newcastle would like to thank all the surveyors that have assisted the club during 2019 and special mention to Fay Stokes who is always available to assist.

The club continued with many social events this year, all very well attended. We had events for the dogs but many events just for the members and I do believe this is a major factor in the club's great friendship amongst its members.

At this time, I would like to thank my committee for all the work during the past 12 months, we achieved a lot this year again and it is pleasing to see the club continue to grow year on year. I can't thank you enough as you keep this club strong and I hope that 2020 will be even better.



I look forward to the future of our club as I believe we have passed through a very difficult time in 2018 and this year 2019 has proven that the club is now stronger than ever thanks to the committee.

I would like to congratulate all outgoing members of the GSDCA Executive on the wonderful job that you all have done over several years and hope you enjoy the break away from the National arena and wish all incoming members best of luck in your position.

President GSDC of Queensland – Mrs. Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon

This is my fourth term as club President, and I am pleased to advise that as at the 30th September 2019 our membership was 212 this is a slight decrease from 2018 of 6 members. Effective from the 1st October 2019 the club introduced a new payment option via the Pay Pal system this enabled the treasurer to generate an invoice to email to renewing members, along with a variety of relevant club forms which included the AGM agenda, Breeders Directory, Stud Dog Directory. We have also expanded this to include HD/ED and Breed Survey generated invoices, this has created a quicker turn around for members wanting a contract. The system has been well received by the membership and the majority of members had renewed by the AGM. Our Club has \$132 786.48 in the bank. We made a small profit this year, however we did have extra expenses with conducting our first Introduction to Zap Seminar and sending delegates to the Zap Day in Melbourne earlier this year.

During 2019 the Queensland Club has presented members the opportunity to receive GSDCA gradings at 2 Championship Shows, 2 Members Comp's in Brisbane and 1 Members Comp in Gin Gin (5 hours North of Brisbane). We have also conducted two Restricted Obedience Trials, 5 Breed Surveys, and held our first introduction to Zap which was held in-conjunction with a Breed Workshop. All events have been well received and attended. I was particularly pleased with the participation at Gin Gin for the Breed Survey, where there were 10 dogs apply. This increased participation has been in part due to the support by our Dog Sport members which is also reflected in the increase in participation to breed survey by 8 overall during 2019 which is a positive step forward towards our breed improvement scheme.

This year also saw the introduction of an additional training night, conducted at Ipswich Dog Obedience Club, initially introduced to primarily encourage new GSD puppy owners who require assistance with their young puppy and to also offer a closer option to Durack for West Brisbane members to also conduct show showing. The Wednesday night session has been well attended and appreciated by those that have participated.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the passing of GSDCQ Life Member, past GSDCA Breed Surveyor and Specialist Judge Mr Barry O'Rourke. Approximately 30 GSDCQ members and interstate friends attended Barry's funeral, it was a beautiful service and a lovely tribute to him. He will be greatly missed by Carol and her daughters and the GSD fraternity. Thankyou Barry for all you have contributed over many years not only for Qld but the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.

Combining the 5 Breed Surveys we had 32 dogs presented, and 59 HD/ED contracts issued.

I would also like to highlight the increased number of calls to the club secretary and our breed rescue officer from people with German Shepherds in need of rehoming. Sometimes between both we can have 5-10 calls per week, this is an alarmingly high number of calls for help. I have also been involved in a rescue situation recently where there are a number of GSD's in desperate need of assistance. Since the demise of 'GSD In Need', we currently do not have a breed rescue facility in Qld, this is some area of concern. We do not know where these mismanaged dogs can potentially end up without the correct intervention from experienced GSD people. I am hopeful that collectively we can work towards a possible solution to reduce the number of BYB an area of high importance in my opinion, and one we should be heavily lobbying at state canines and governments regularly to overcome. 'Promotion of the Pure Breed Dog'

Looking ahead in 2020, Updating the Club Webpage, publishing the Puppy Booklet, conducting regular Zap practise days. 2021 National Fundraising.

Our Team for 2019

Management Committee

Vice President:	Raimond Wharton
Treasurer:	Shelley McCammon
Secretary:	Annie Tamblyn
Breed Affairs:	Gail Donald
Show Secretary:	Mandy Scrivens
HD-ED Registrar:	Michelle Hammond



Obedience Co-Ordinator: Vacant
Minute Secretary: Sarah Ballantyne-Gordon

Sub-Committee

Website Manager: Gail Donald
Face Page Administrator: Gail Donald
Breed Rescue Officer: Jean Hansford
Puppy Listings: Annie Tamblyn
Obedience Trial Secretary: Annie Tamblyn
Zone 2 Rep: Judith & Irene Hayton
Zone 3 Rep: Phil Gillies

GSDCA Surveyors

Louis Donald, Carol O'Rourke and Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon

We look forward to working with the GSDCA Executive and other State member Clubs in 2020 and wish all sister clubs a great year ahead. Looking forward to attending the National in Sydney.

President GSDC of South Australia – Mr. John DeLucia

The President, Mr Vince Tantaró, GSDCA Executive, GSDCA Officers, Observers and Guests, I am pleased to present this report on the activities of the GSDC of SA for the year 2019.

CLUB

2019 has once again been a busy year with club and non club activities alike and I am happy to report that the club financially did have monies in the bank. Unfortunately, we lost our major sponsor, Advance, which was unexpected and contributed to the financial position the club was in. However, we are pleased to advise that Royal Canin have agreed to be the club sponsor for 2020. We have already been selling Royal Canin in our Shepherd Shop with sales very pleasing. We are looking forward to a fruitful partnership with Royal Canin. I also take this opportunity to thank our other sponsor, Noah's Crossing Vet Clinic, our Club Instructors and helpers and volunteers who contribute very positively with the overall running of the club.

OBEDIENCE

We have increased our pool of instructors by running an Instructor's Course through the year, managed by our First Vice President, Jenny De Lucia. Our club won the Balmead Shield Obedience Team event again this year under the leadership of our Head Trainer, Robert MacPherson, which makes this the third year in a row. The club held two obedience trials, two agility trials and an inaugural Rally O trial, all of which were well patronised and returned a profit for the club.

BREED AFFAIRS

The club held four Breed Surveys this year, with a total of 28 animals presented which is a drop from 2018 where 38 animals were presented. Five shows/Member Competitions were held this year with a few having a below average entry which has reflected upon the financial statement for this portfolio. We again had a training roster comprised of judges and breeders which proves very effective and which will be continued into 2020.

Two breed lectures were held and presented by; Christine Collins and Peter Flynn and both very informative and well attended as we opened up the lectures for trainee judges and non members to attend.

A puppy day is planned for January 12, 2020 which are always well received and gives non members an opportunity to attend the club with their puppies, enjoy the day and have a look at our facilities.

IN CLOSING, preliminary preparations and planning for the 50th National in 2022 have commenced and will continue on in 2020 to ensure a well run event.

As an organisation, we have many hurdles to still overcome and hopefully, as a collective, we can achieve this. I wish everyone a successful and safe 2020 and to enjoy their hobby.

President GSDC of Tasmania – Mr. David Griffin

The GSDCT Annual General Meeting held in August 2019, saw a number of new faces and old ones (no pun intended!) join the Management Committee of the club. It was very pleasing to see three of our younger members take on the key roles of Club Secretary, Web Page/Face-book Administrator and on General Committee. Likewise, two of our rejoining members, volunteered for the equally key roles of Show Secretary and Breed Affairs. With



the collective experience of all the respective portfolio holders, the club looks to have a very bright and successful 2019-20 year.

The club throughout the year held weekly training sessions for both ring-work and general obedience training. Whilst participation varied, no-one lost out, as the social interaction for both members and dogs, was always pleasing.

Two successful championship shows were held throughout the year and whilst the numbers of dogs entered was slightly down on previous years, it did not detract from an enjoyable occasion for all participants.

Membership wise the club currently has a total of 61 members, consisting of 7 Life Members, 40 Dual and Family, 10 Single and 4 Associate. Whilst this figure has remained reasonably stable over the last few years, discussions within the club are currently centered on means to increase membership, club general activities and overall participation. Movements in these areas will be mentioned in the Quarterly Review.

As regards HD & ED, this year has seen 10 contracts issued, which is a very pleasing result for the club.

As regards Breed Affairs, the club successfully conducted two surveys this year with a total of 4 dogs surveyed.

Unfortunately, this is the lowest number surveyed in the past eight years and has brought into question the validity of holding them annually, compared to bi-annually; given costs are rising in all related aspects.

Finally, whilst the club is in a comfortable financial position it is still necessary to exercise cautionary expenditure in all matters pertaining to the running of the club.

President GSDC of Victoria – Mr. Tony Mercieca

As President of the GSDCV Inc., I am pleased to submit this report to the 2020 GSDCA Annual General Meeting. In general, these days most years are considered busy years, however 2019 was genuinely an especially busy year for the GSDCV on various fronts. Our end of year membership was slightly down on 2018 numbers, we still finished the year with at 1387 unique membership units being comprised of 567 single, 796 family plus 24 life member memberships – compared to 1435 membership units in 2018.

Let me kick off this report by again recognizing the significant support the GSDCV and its members have received in 2019 from our two long-term major sponsors; Royal Canin and Monash Veterinary Clinic. Both of these wonderful organizations stepped up most generously in 2019 in light of the GSDCV hosting the GSDCA National Show and Trial in April. As those who entered would know, Royal Canin not only donated sponsor product to all show and trial classes in line with previous years, providing a total of 41x 12kg bags and 118x 3kg bags of specific German Shepherd nutrition, they also donated an additional 500x 3kg bags. That is one 3kg bag for every exhibitor who supported the National Show and Trial. I think that all would agree that this was especially generous on behalf of Royal Canin and we would like to thank them for that. In addition, the Monash Veterinary Clinic made a very generous financial contribution to the running of the National Show and Trial. It must be noted that both of these organizations have been long-term friends and sponsors of the GSDCV and we very much look forward to continuing these relationships into the future.

The main event for the GSDCV in 2019 was undoubtedly the hosting of the GSDCA National Show and Trial in April, although planning for this event started back in the early part of 2018. My sincere thanks to the whole of the organising committee and the many helpers, many of whom worked extremely long and hard in the lead up to, and all the way through the event to ensure its organisational success. It is fair to say that the underlying intention was always to deliver an outstanding event; a feat, which I for one believe was achieved. Based on the numerous comments and praises offered, I feel sure that exhibitor and spectator expectations were met, and generally exceeded. The venue was planned, prepared and presented well. All judges and officials were well accommodated, transported and catered for. With the exception of an unforeseen weather event that destroyed a number of corporate marques, many of which were promptly replaced, few people were left wanting over the weekend. While the event itself made a financial loss, the event was a huge success achieving “memorable status” for all the right reasons. Additionally, through the initiative of our Council President, the GSDCV was pleased to play host to Mr. Harald Hohmann on the weekend preceding the 2019 National. Harald presented an extremely informative ZAP training session and assessment workshop. Representatives from clubs from all corners for the country attended to listen, learn and ask questions of one of the architects of the ZAP program.

In 2019, the GSDCV and its Branches ran a number of events and activities including;

- AGM, SGM's, Breed Affairs, Obedience Training and Show Committee meetings as required
- Monthly branch committee meetings at 11 branches across the state
- 7 Breed Surveys (including National Show Survey)



- State Breed Exhibition incl. Obedience and Rally trials – March 9&10
- Endurance Test – June 22
- Open Obedience and Rally Trial – July 13
- Lillydale KC Show (Aug 10) and Breed Exhibition – Aug 11
- GSDCV Championship Show and Trial plus WDC show – Nov 2 & 3
- Open Show – Dec 1
- Various seminars, guest speakers and educational presentations at branches throughout 2019

Once again, the GSDCV, spearheaded by our Western Branch and supported by Eastern Branch participated in the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal collecting an outstanding total of \$23,182.10 in 2019. The GSDCV has been represented in this iconic Melbourne community event for the last 36 years raising a grand total of \$648,104 – a grand effort which all should be proud of.

In 2019 the GSDCV embarked upon the complex process of updating its aging membership database system in order to provide additional functionality and future stability to this all-important part of club administration. This system is now complete and is in operation across our club.

Once again, I must recognize the efforts and foresight of those who came before in developing the systems and processes to keep our club running smoothly. The machine that is the GSDCV requires such systems to ensure its efficient operation. In 2019, the GSDCV Management Committee formed a small Constitutional Review subcommittee to assess and propose changes to our Club Constitution and regulations, if and where needed. These suggested changes will be discussed and voted on by our membership at a Club Special General Meeting scheduled for late January 2020.

I would like to pay tribute to the various Club and Branch committees as well as all of our qualified instructors, both show and obedience who really are the lifeblood of the GSDCV. With our large membership and 11 Branches spread across the state, the mechanics behind weekly training and the various extra activities is only possible through the dedication of these groups of people.

I am enormously fortunate, and endlessly thankful to have had the support and assistance of an extremely capable Club Executive (7ea), and an equally hard-working Management team (11ea) in 2019. Each member of the GSDCV Management Committee brings a unique perspective and argument to all discussions, with the subsequent decisions made based on the wider perspective. I offer my sincere thanks to each member of the GSDCV Management Committee, as well as the various Breed, Obedience, Show and Branch committees.

The GSDCV would like to recognize and thank Mrs. Val Moody, who after 19 years in the demanding role of National Council Secretary will be stepping down from official duties at the conclusion of this year. This has been an extraordinary effort on Val's part and we wish her all the very best for the future. Similarly, we wish to offer our thanks and best wishes to Mr. Vince Tantaró who will be also be stepping down from the position of National Council President at the end of this current term. As Victorian members, the GSDCV is especially proud of both Val and Vince.

It's with sadness that the GSDCV said goodbye to a number of dear friends in 2019. While I certainly don't want to try to list them all, I feel that it would be remiss of me to not to make mention of the loss of Mr. Andrew Jones. Andrew was a respected GSD Specialist Judge, Trainee Surveyor, successful breeder and exhibitor, and great friend to all. Andrew will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

In closing, I wish to advise that I have opted not to nominate for the position of President of the GSDCV in 2020. With the sudden and rather unexpected purchase of a new home earlier this year, I find that I am unable to commit the time to serve full justice to this position. This being said, I have however sought nomination for the position of Vice President of the GSDCV in order to continue my service to our club, its members, instructors and the incoming club president in a somewhat less time demanding position. I would like to once again thank all the members of the GSDCV Management Committee, and in particular the Club Executive for their skills, expertise and guidance.

My aim is to prepare a more detailed annual report for presentation at our Club AGM which will be made available to all Clubs and Council should you wish to receive it.

Please Note: Audited GSDCV financial statements will be detailed in the GSDCV 2019 Annual Report. Copies of this report will be available following the GSDCV AGM scheduled for March 21, 2020.

We should always remember that all members of all committees and all instructors are volunteers. We do this work for the love of our breed, and for our friends who make up the membership.



President GSDA of Western Australia – Mr. Brian Lubbock

It is with pleasure that I submit this report to the 2020 GSDCA AGM on behalf of the Members of the German Shepherd Dog Association of WA (Inc), it has been a good year for me and the new committee with many new projects and issues being fulfilled at our club grounds, we now have a fully enclosed off lead area, that can be used for many activities, our Premier show the West Coast Classic went off very well, and I am very sure the visiting judge had a great time sightseeing our West.

I am very proud of my team who worked through small problems and projects with a calm but firm conclusion, back to club news and although we have only had a couple of meetings the committee appear to be working well together although, a couple newbies I think did not realise the workload involved, only one change to management committee, the new Vice President is now Ian Heard, and after many years of being without a ground manager, I am pleased to say that John Crace has now taken this position on and doing a great job, including new LED lights that have been installed to all the light poles.

As always a large contingent of our members made the trip to the National Show and Trial, where we had some great success, many West Australian 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 fantastic and to be keen enough to overcome the distance is to be admired especially when we are unable to return the favour, I know that as much as entering the show it is the one time for us to catch up with old friends and foes (tongue in cheek), our change to Sundays General meetings straight after training continues to be successful and we have had a quorum at all of our meetings.

“We can make a difference if we all put aside our personal likes and dislikes and all work together for the sake of the Breed”

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 with our usual morning BBQ and Raffle in support of this foundation.
2. We also continue to support the Ted Whitten Men’s Prostrate Cancer Foundation.

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

3. The new charity that we have decided to support 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.

Sponsorship

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

They are:

Purina (ProPlan Biscuits), Animal Health Solutions/Triangle Agencies, Scarborough Toyota, Mower World.

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 our sponsors.

Purina (ProPlan) 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 donates \$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.

Secretary’s Report –Lucy Lubbock

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; 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.

Minutes Secretary & Editor – Margaret Adams

These two portfolios continue to keep me busy – we try to issue weekly updates to our members by emails – people are time poor these days and often do not have the time or interest to read through pages of information. This continues to keep me involved with the general membership and the chance 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. The minutes have been received well by our members – with only the odd query. They stand as a history of our time in office.

Puppy Listing Officer/I.D. Officer/Stud Dog Registrar

These areas involve the portfolio of Breed Affairs. These areas require contact with the general public and the main strategy is to educate people that when considering the purchase of a puppy to look at litters which comply with our Recommended Breeding Practices, 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 are asked for recommended litters which we do not do – we encourage new owners to make informed choices by visiting breeders and get a ‘feel’ for their animal husbandry and care of their dogs. I often advise people to do this well before they are intending to buy a puppy so they can be receptive and well informed when the time is right.

We continue to send out our extensive information pack – containing our booklets on training, interaction with children, helpful hint pages, general data on our association such as the monthly calendar, membership forms and free training certificates.

A.G.M. Booklet Officer – Margaret Adams

A frustrating job at times – waiting to receive reports - but it is necessary in order to keep a complete history of the portfolios within our association.

I collate everyone's reports at the end of the official year is 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.

Treasurer's Report – Joan McMulkin

Good grief another year has zipped by and 2019 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 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.

The Club Finances were audited, and the Auditors report is below

CERTIFIED AUDIT CERTIFICATE

Lisa Holland

Bachelor Business, Certified Practicing Accountant

Master Administration Business

Thursday 25th July 2019

I have audited the financial records of the German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia for the financial year ending 30th June 2019.

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*.

Show Chair Report – Tracy Roberts

Well what a year we have had over here in the West. It's my first year as the Show Chair, taking over from Andy Crace.

It's been a challenging year however I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I've got a great committee who without them our show season would be null and void.

This year our show scene saw us have 4 members competitions, 2 open shows, 1 State Breed Exhibition, 3 Champ Shows. We were also lucky to have a Specialty judge for the prestigious Western Classic All breed show which made for a 4th Championship show. We are lucky that this will occur again in 2020. It was great to see our club members support this event and going back the next night to the All-breed show for the group run offs.

The following is a list of the shows, and entries we had in 2019. As you'll see they were up and down from last year going by the shows however without including the Western Classic and Open Shows into the count we had an increase on last year's shows which is pleasing to see.

1/3/19 – Western Classic – Andrew Jones Total entries – 62 – 45 Shown	10/3/19 – 1 st Members competition – Salvatore Pittelli 78 Entries Last year – 33 entered	30/7/19 – 2 nd Members Competition – Natalie Humphries Total entries 51 – 35 Shown Last year – 62 entered
4/8/19 Rick Richardson Memorial – Jane Pike Total entries 65 – 54 Shown Last year – 57 entered	25/8/19 – Walter Martin Memorial – John Fenner Total entries 62, Shown 45 Last year – 62 entered	22/9/19 – 3 rd Members completion – Greg Green Total entries 60 – 45 Shown Last year – 75 entered
6/10/19 – 4 th Members competition – Robyn Knuckey Total entries – 53 – 32 Shown Last year – 52 entered	West Coast Challenge – Mr. Robert Caputi Total entries – 77 Last year – 65	

Last Year Entries	This Year Entries
481	531

The Show Committee is looking at ways to reduce our costs per show to make our bigger shows better. We are very thankful of our club members who have donated through the year towards our Trophy presentations.

We also ran a successful Bunnings Sausage Sizzle which we made a profit of just over \$1000.

I'm excited to be leading our committee into another year of showing.

Club Registrar / HD&ED Registrar Report – Vicki Beaton

Total of 65 HD/ED contracts issued for the financial year 1.10.18 – 30.09.19

One form was issued at 'no charge' due to a tilt on the pelvis.

A 2nd form was issued as a re-present for 'hips only'.

WA BREED SURVEY REGISTRAR – 1.10.18 – 30.9.19

A particularly disappointing year with a total of only 15 animals presented.

12 were subsequently successfully breed surveyed.

2018/19 Totals herewith:

Males: 5 – (1 LONG STOCK COAT/4 STOCK COAT)

Females: 7 – (2 X LONG STOCK COAT / 5 STOCK COAT)

Failures – 3 females

Closing statement from the President GSDA of WA

As always, I offer my sincere thanks to the partners of our many volunteers for their ongoing support throughout the year as 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 look forward to the coming year and working for our beloved breed and club.



NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION REPORT – Mrs. Jenny Yuen



As I said in July at the NBC meeting, 2019 has indeed been a sharp learning curve for me.

Executive team - I would sincerely like to thank my fellow Executive members for their patience and assistance throughout 2019. Val Moody, our Secretary has the patience of a saint and I will miss her guidance and assistance.

The techno savvy pair Jacinta Poole (Webmaster and National Review Editor) and Jane Pike (Treasurer) have been of great assistance to me. Vince Tantaro (President), Robyn Knuckey (Judges Chair) and Julie Urie (Obedience Chair) have always been ready to assist and advise when necessary. Thank you GSDCA Executive team.

To my NBC team - Melanie Groth (NBC Registrar), Doug West (HD/ED Registrar), Jenny DeLucia (Title Verification Officer), Candy Baker (Breed Health and Welfare Chair), Frank Moody (Database) and Jo Cathie (Education), thank you so much for all your efforts throughout 2019. I appreciate your commitment to your roles and cannot imagine my role without all your support. You have all been amazing to work with and I sincerely thank you.

I would like to reiterate the comments, from Mel and Doug, acknowledging the work of the **State Breed Survey Registrars and HD/ED Registrars** as listed in their reports. Thank you all for your valuable contribution.

Thank you to the **Education group** led by Jo Cathie. This team has dived in with great enthusiasm. They have assisted with running very successful seminars in several states, helping get the Zap test off the ground. A Sires' powerpoint is currently being developed. Thanks team.

Surveyors- The GSDCA is fortunate to have a large team of Surveyors. All are listed in the NBC Registrars report. It is gratifying to see some of our younger members working toward the Judging and Surveyor roles. We need to encourage, mentor and support them in these endeavours. The **Breed Surveyor/Judges contracts** have now been merged. It is indeed gratifying to see that the vast majority of Surveyors and Judges have fully supported the intent of these ideals. Our role must be to lead by example. I appreciate the work put in and thank you all.

Database- The database now gives the Surveyors the opportunity to save and revisit their surveys to proof read prior to finalising. This has been of great assistance when processing the surveys. There is a wealth of information on the GSDCA Database providing great assistance for researching bloodlines, breed improvement scheme results, kennels and individual animals. It is a valuable resource that should be utilised by all. Thankyou Frank, for your support and all your work.

Photographs- The surveys can now be uploaded and finalised without waiting on a photograph to be supplied. Waiting on owners to provide a photo was delaying the process in some cases. Ideally a photo needs to be supplied. Having a photo available on the day of the survey is the best option. There is an opportunity to update the photo at a later date if a better one becomes available.

Melanie's suggestion of having an official photographer present at surveys is an excellent one and if achievable I would encourage all states to give it a go.

I don't think the membership always fully understands and appreciates the commitment and amount of work involved in all the roles noted above, including the work of our HD/ED Readers and the GSDCA Executive. I implore ALL members to treat all those working for the clubs and the GSDCA with consideration and respect.

A huge thank you to Jane Pike & Steve Collins who got the update of the **Breed Survey Manual** off the ground, presented it to the NBC executive and saw it through to finalisation. It is indeed a milestone to see this document updated and finalised. I recommend that all Surveyors/Judges carry this document with them as part of their Surveyors/Judges pack.

Zap- Well done to Julie Urie who led the charge to set up the ZAP manual. It is pleasing to see that most states have run ZAP demonstrations. I have been fortunate enough to be present at several. ZAP should not be viewed as a test but rather a tool to give an understanding of the character traits in our dogs.



Submission of GSDCA Health Reporting Forms- This has long been an issue. Thank you to Candy Baker who has approached the Veterinary Practitioners Board with pleasing results. I understand that when we have one of our dogs pass away it is very painful and at the time the Health Reporting form is the last thing on our minds but I urge you all to PLEASE take a moment to fill these in. Providing this data may assist with breed health improvement in the future.

National Haemophilia Scheme Registrar- Note that as of the 1/1/2020 this will no longer be a prerequisite for registration with the kennel control.

National Title Verification- As mentioned in Jenny Delucia's report, with the variety of countries from which animals are imported this task can be quite time consuming. Note Jenny's comment in her report. Thanks Jenny.

Tooth Certificates- I have issued the following Tooth Certificates during 2019.

- Mr. R & Mrs D Evans - *Leberhine Umeeko.
- Pat Smith - Bhuachaille Deliberation.
- Mr. R & Mrs J Fabian - *Freundhund Xinxin For Faith.
- N Hammond - *Shernaa Pakros.
- Mr. R & Mrs M Lowery, Mr J Haase & Mr. R.J. Oar - *Hasenway Montgomery.

All of these were straight forward. The procedural information and appropriate forms are available on the GSDCA website.

Harmonisation: I was indeed gratified to see, when attending the GSDCA AGM in Feb 2019, all the State Clubs working together to pave a way forward that was more achievable for our organisation here in Australia. I look forward to us all continuing to move forward in this way, as working together is the only way.

One final comment- Let us not lose our idealism. Idealism is what has allowed the GSDCA and you, our members to achieve so much. We have always been the envy of so many dog clubs with our breed improvement schemes. I implore you all to continue to work together and never stop striving to promote the correct German Shepherd dog. The medium size, balanced, unexaggerated working dog with a sound, self-assured temperament.

National Breed Commission Registrar's Reports

National Breed Survey Registrar – Ms. Melanie Groth

Breed Surveys

A total of 31 surveys took place across Australia during 2019 with 160 dogs presented to survey, 22 less than last year with 150 gaining classification. A breakdown of the number of surveys, animals presented and classification by state is presented below in Tables' 1 and 2. Table 3 data displays state numbers of classified and non-classified with reason for inability to be classified.

Table 1 No. of surveys per state 2017 - 2019

State Club	Year	ACT	N&HR	GSDL	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA	TOTAL
Surveys	2017	1	2	6	4	4	3	6	5	31
	2018	1	2	5	6	5	3	6	5	33
	2019	0	1	5	6	4	3	7	5	31

The number of surveys held across the states remained the same with one survey in Sydney cancelled in June due to proximity to national meetings and availability. The first survey in 2019 in Western Australia was cancelled. ACT were interested in holding a survey towards the end of the year however due to surveyor commitments this was put on hold until 2020. Surveying requires a good deal of commitment and with added responsibilities of the survey team to provide education weekends, attend shows and participate in club business, this places quite a strain on the remaining group. Given our surveyors are not getting any younger and we have lost a number to retirement over the last few years it might be time for the Council to look at the rules governing surveyorship and whether they are restricting people from making the jump to becoming surveyors.

There is a good spread of surveys across the year. The Tasmanian club 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 contracts a surveyor/judge and the GSDCA subsidises the cost of the second surveyor. Newcastle, Queensland, ACT and Tasmania have all utilised this service through the Council.



Table 2 Animals presented to survey in each state 2016-2019

State Club	Total BS	Classified	Fail	Total BS	Classified	Fail	Total BS	Classified	Fail	Total BS	Classified	Fail
	2019			2018			2017			2016		
ACT GSDA	0	0		5	5	0	6	6	0	5	5	0
N&HRGSDC	6	6	0	12	10	2	11	9	2	5	5	0
GSDL	37	34	3	25	23	2	45	44	1	30	27	3
GSDCQ	30	26	4	25	22	3	17	16	1	30	27	3
GSDCSA	24	24	0	39	38	1	33	31	2	30	26	4
GSDCT	5	5	0	14	12	2	9	8	1	9	9	0
GSDCV	40	37	3	29	37	2	42	41	1	44	41	*3
GSDAWA	18	18	0	23	19	4	29	29	0	19	16	3
Totals	160	150	10	182	166	16	192	184	8	169	153	16

Unfortunately, the trend towards higher numbers of animals being surveyed has not been achieved in 2019. The number of failures compared to the total of animals surveyed was 6% in 2019 as opposed to 9% in 2018, 4% in 2017 and 9% in 2016.

Table 3. GSDCA Club Breed Surveys January 1 – December 31 2019

Club	No. of surveys	Classified	Fail	Reason
ACTGSDA	0	0	0	
GSDL	2	34	3	2 x gun test/ conformation height
NHRGSDC	1	6	0	
GSDCQ	6	26	4	level bite/gun/ height/character
GSDCSA	4	24	0	
GSDCT	3	5	0	
GSDCV	7	37	3	Character/Character/ Height
GSDAWA	5	18	0	
Total 2019	31	150	10	

The number of classified animals presented to Breed Survey fell by 22. The number of animals failing survey has reduced from 16 in 2018.

The number of dogs presented for breed survey has fallen nationally, however the GSDL, GSDCQ and GSDCV have enjoyed an increase over 2018.

Reasons for Fail

Ten animals across Australia were unable to be classified.

Gun Test	Bite	Anatomy/oversize	Character/Temperament	Total
3	1	3	3	10

Long Stock Coats

Table 4 provides a comparison of numbers breed surveyed in each state over four survey years. In 2019, 41 animals were presented for Breed Survey with 38 gaining a classification. The number of long stock coats being presented to survey continues to increase with the highest growth in Victoria, with NSW remaining stable with 9 presented each year for the past three.



Table 4 Number of Long stock coat breed surveyed 2016-2019

State Club	Year			
	2019	2018	2017	2016
ACT GSDA	0	0	1	2
N&HRGSDC	0	3	2	2
GSDL	9	9	9	2
GSDCQ	8	2	3	3
GSDCSA	4	12	5	4
GSDCT	1	0	1	0
GSDCV	14	10	7	6
GSDAWA	5	4	6	1
Totals	41	40	34	20

State Registrars

I would like to acknowledge the work of the Registrars in each state. At times it is an unenviable task dealing with people who are not prepared with the proper paperwork and fail to meet the deadlines of having this in a week prior to the survey. This can cause anxiety for those in the role and I would ask the general members to be more mindful in the lead up to having their dog surveyed so that the process runs smoothly for all involved.

There have been some difficulties with obtaining paperwork within a given time frame and this makes the process frustrating for owners waiting on certificates. All registrars have been furnished with an outline of what is required to ensure a seamless transition of information. However, as stated in last year's report some of the surveyors still need to be mindful of ensuring that original paperwork is returned within a two-week period to the State Registrar and to input their data as soon as possible after the survey. Delays in doing this causes a hold up as all originals need to be batched with a cover sheet from the survey and sent to the NBC registrar. The state registrars are the people who bring it all together for the surveyors and there are many hours involved in preparing for surveys, following up on paperwork, ensuring photos are sent in etc.

I have also noticed that registrars have also been proactive in providing details of results of surveys for members on their Club Facebook pages. Queensland have taken it one step further providing photos. Clubs could consider appointing an official photographer at surveys and this may assist in ensuring photos are provided for the database. Photos for survey are still slow however those states that have photographers on hand seem to be able to circumvent this for owners. It is the goodwill of these people who provide this service for our members; however, the onus is still on the owner of the dog to ensure an acceptable photograph is forwarded for the database.

Table 5 – GSDCA Surveyors and club personnel by state

Breed Survey State Registrars 2019

Club	Active Breed Surveyors	State Registrar	State Registrar email
ACTGSDA	Melanie Groth	Veronica Fairbairn	wmeffert62@gmail.com
GSDL	Fay Stokes (Coordinator), Melanie Groth, Karen Hedberg, Terry Jarvis Graham Stevenson	Pam Jarvis	tepe@bigpond.net
N&HRGSDC	NBC Chair appoints	Gavin Bean	Gavin.bean@honeywell.com
GSDCQ	Carol O'Rourke (Coordinator) Sharon Ballantyne, Louis Donald	Gail Donald	gsdcqbreedaffairs@gmail.com
GSDCSA	Peter Flynn (Coordinator) Jean Butterfield, Christine Collins Steve Collins, Jane Pike, Doug West	Jenny Delucia	jjdelucia@bigpond.com
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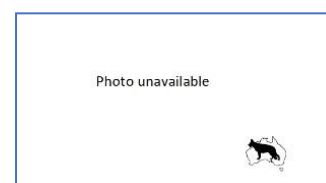
The Database and Breed Survey

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.

This has been a particularly busy year in the second half with education events, shows and the number of breed surveys held. At the time of writing this report I am in possession of almost all paperwork from the 2019 Breed Survey year. There are a few surveys still to be checked against original paperwork. These will be processed, printed and sent to owners in January.

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. The decision by the executive to allow surveys to go up on the database without a photograph has enabled me to shift surveys much more quickly this year. Thanks so much to the registrars who take photos at the surveys and send them in. Gail Donald and Vicki Beaton are particularly to be commended for getting this done. There are virtually no photos outstanding for WA and Queensland. 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 the NBC registrar and it will be uploaded. If you have obtained a better photo than the one originally published you can have it replaced by sending it directly to me on email preferably in a compacted jpeg format. The database is unable to accommodate large photo sizes.



Dogs should be photographed in show stance with minimal background at the survey if the owner does not already have a suitable photograph. 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.

Final comments

Thank you to the registrars and members of the executive for their work throughout the year and welcome the incoming registrar, Carol Millhouse to the team. Thank you to Janet Haase the outgoing registrar for Tasmania. Thanks to Jenny for her support and assistance throughout the year. She is awesome to work with.

Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair - Dr. Candice Baker BSc BVMS MANZCVS (ECC)

2019 has been quite productive for the Breed Health and Welfare Chair. We have made some changes and also planted some seeds for production of compiling more information on breed health issues, as well as making some attempts in tightening our schemes already in place. I have been looking at including some members and forming a committee for Breed Health and Welfare, given my rather busy life it can be difficult to single handedly make changes and put things in motion. I would like to extend thanks to those who have offered their kind support and helped me this year with regards to administration and offering ideas.

I would also like to thank those council members and general membership who have continued to liaise with me and support me in my breed health and welfare position.

Particular areas of production and interest in 2019 have included:

- JPS – if it is being performed, we need to foolproof the system and protect our breeding animals update
- Spinal diseases – they haven't gone away!
- UAP scheme and updated problems
- Health Profile Forms and data accumulation
- Production and reproduction of educational health articles for the GSDCA Quarterly Review



- Haemophilia testing – discontinued in 2019
- Bloat/GDV, Haemangiosarcoma and DM research and topics update in NBC report from 2019

JPS

Juvenile Pubic Symphysiodesis procedure uses an electrocautery to stop the growth plate at the top of the pelvis. The effect of this is to halt bone development from this growth plate so that as the rest of the pelvis continues to grow, to provide better coverage of the hips. The best results are achieved if surgery is performed at 14-16 weeks of age, while the pelvis is still growing and developing. Between 16-20 weeks of age a good outcome is still possible, but significantly reduced compared to 14-16 weeks. Dogs greater than 20 weeks of age are unlikely to get a successful result.

Whilst controversial, given the difficulty in diagnosing or predicting hip dysplasia in such young animals, we cannot ignore the fact that it will be performed on our breed. This is still at the forefront of our minds to ensure any breeding animals are identified if they have had such procedure done and subsequently pass the GSDCA hip and elbow schemes and are then bred from.

Spinal diseases

Transitional vertebrae – the last vertebrae in the lumbar spine (at the start of the pelvis) is unbalanced, containing anatomy from the sacrum and the lumbar spine, due to the imbalance degenerative changes can occur readily. As a result, they end up with Cauda equina syndrome or narrowing of the lumbosacral spinal column. Signs result from compression of the spinal cord or the nerve roots at this location (through the pelvis). Back pain is noticeable during jumping, climbing or any kind of hyperextension on the back. The tail may be weak in advanced cases and compression will lead to weakness and paralysis of the hind limbs, finally faecal and urinary incontinence will follow.

Osteochondrosis of S1 (occasionally L7) is also a predisposing factors and German Shepherd Dogs appear to be over represented for this condition. We should probably be considering this condition as a main differential in the common diagnosis of degenerative myelopathy for somewhat similar presenting signs – weakness, limp tail, uncoordinated hind limb gait etc.

Evidently, if a transitional vertebrae is noted on hip radiographs, serious thought should be given to breeding with that animal, as the trait can be passed on. To the average person degenerative changes in the spine in this location and higher up can present very similar to Hip Dysplasia and more degenerative spinal conditions that are non-painful such as Degenerative Myelopathy.

UAP and elbow dysplasia - updates

United Anconeal Process is one form of elbow dysplasia and German Shepherd Dogs are over represented for this disease. It will cause varying degrees of lameness and pain (sometimes no lameness or pain is seen at all) and over time arthritis and ongoing pain occurs. The topic of delayed closure has risen, however, following discussion with Dr Graeme Allan. The current consensus is to monitor and keep track of those who pass the scheme with delayed closure of the anconeal process without any further degenerative joint changes over time.

There are multiple disease processes that occur in the elbow and our form of assessment currently is for the radiologist to assess the degree of arthritic change over the anconeal process. Without any changes in this region but subtle changes within the joint then a grade will be given. The concern is that any arthritic changes is evidence that the joint has undergone an abnormality during the growth phase. Any degree of change should be considered as elbow disease and extreme care should be taken in breeding with those animals.

Furthermore, young dogs who have been diagnosed with a UAP and not been presented to the GSDCA scheme are not accounted for in breeding value of the sire and dam and decreases the level of predictability for the issue to keep arising. Clarity and communication is encouraged to report these back to myself so they can be filtered back through our NBC chair and appropriate breeding recommendations can be given to breeders at the time of breed survey.

Health Profile Forms

Information and knowledge is power for us as breeders and owners of the German Shepherd Dog, I continue to implore everyone to fill in the Health Profile Form for any illness' discovered in their individual animals. An attempt has been made to contact every Vet Surgeon's Board in each state as well as the AVA to release the information about our form and where people can find it to fill it in. This information will filter out via their newsletter's and mailing lists and potentially media releases.



Haemophilia Registrar's Report - Candice Baker BSc BVMS MANZCVS (ECC)

Haemophilia A testing (Factor VIII deficiency)

Haemophilia A/Factor VIII deficiency – Motion passed and the scheme has now been discontinued as a pre-requisite for breeding animals. However, the motion: “That effective 11th February 2019, the GSDCA will no longer require factor VIII testing for Haemophilia A in any German Shepherd male dogs as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey scheme.

- In the event that any confirmed Factor VIII deficient Haemophiliac male arises, stringent Factor VIII testing on animals related will immediately be put in place to avoid further implication or passage of the disease.
- Upon the motion being supported the GSDCA will inform the ANKC that the current LRL as applies to H- neg & GSD is no longer required.

Rationale as provided by Dr Candy Baker & Dr Karen Hedberg

Over the past 15-20 years, the GSDCA has not had a factor VIII deficiency for Haemophilia A in any imported, progeny of imported males or Australian bred male dogs.

The Haemophiliac population was identified some 30 years ago, and we have to date had no reoccurrence. At that time the Haemophilia Negative scheme was implemented by GSDCA with advice from Professor Bruce Parry, Melbourne University, who provided expert advice with regard to blood clotting disorders in domestic species.

Factor VIII levels have been tested to ensure appropriate levels of factor VIII were present in the male dog breeding population in Australia. In more recent years a DNA test has become available through Orivet for Haemophilia A in German Shepherd Dogs. The GSDCA, sought advice from Professor Parry with regard to this test and whether or not it was time to cease the scheme. He made some valid points which have been described below:

As “Haemophilia A is a mutationally heterogenous coagulation disorder” ie many different mutations can arise.

Prof. Parry's provided the following advice “*If the GSDCA is to continue to screen male dogs for Haemophilia A, it is recommended that Factor VIII assays are used for this purpose. All dogs with Haemophilia A will have reduced factor VIII values, regardless of the specific mutation that is causing their disease. It is also worth remembering that measuring Factor VIII must be performed by specialist laboratories that have reference canine plasma for comparison.*”

It is with confidence, that at this point in time, we do not appear to have a Haemophiliac problem within the breed and could focus our energy on more prevalent diseases to be tested for, as appropriate screening tools arise.

The scheme has not been abolished as a requirement for registration of litters from imported males or sons of imported females with the ANKC until January 2020.

As such, two dogs presented to the Haemophilia A testing scheme with appropriate levels of Factor VIII, they are :

- Monsimbee Jax
- Kovacs Vikus

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

Once again, I'm pleased to present my report to the GSDCA AGM, this report primarily covers the 12 month period, 1st Oct 2018 to 30th Sept 2019.

Table 2, and the 30th June 2019 Sires Statistics information covers the whole database.

Table 1 below covers the period 1st Oct 2018 to 30th September 2019, which is the period I'm reporting on, 370 animals were presented to the scheme as depicted in the chart table 1 below. Comprising of 104 males (28.11%) and 266 (71.89%) Females. The 'A' stamp was achieved by 336 resulting in a National pass rate of (90.81%), the 'Z' stamp was gained by 357 giving a National pass rate on Elbows of (96.49%). A total of 3 animals were affected by UAP (0.81%), coming from 3 Sires and 3 Dams.



Table: 1 Data Base 12 Month Period from 1/10/2018 to 30/09/2019:								
Club	Submitted		'A'		'Z'		UAP	
ACT:	7	1.89%	7	1.89%	7	1.89%	0	0.00%
N/C:	9	2.43%	9	2.43%	9	2.43%	0	0.00%
NSW:	92	24.86%	81	21.89%	87	23.51%	1	0.27%
NT:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NZ:	9	2.43%	8	2.16%	9	2.43%	0	0.00%
QLD:	63	17.03%	57	15.41%	62	16.76%	0	0.00%
SA:	50	13.51%	44	11.89%	50	13.51%	0	0.00%
TAS:	8	2.16%	8	2.16%	8	2.16%	0	0.00%
VIC:	73	19.73%	69	18.65%	70	18.92%	0	0.00%
WA:	59	15.95%	53	14.32%	55	14.86%	2	0.54%
Year 2019:	370	100.00%	336	90.81%	357	96.49%	3	0.81%
<i>All percentages in table 1 above is based on 370 animals</i>								

As detailed by the figures above, NSW has submitted the most dogs over the 12 Month period with a total of 92 (24.86%), which is 3 up on their last year's total of 89 for the 12 Month period.

Table: 2 Full Data Base to 10/11/2019:								
Club	Submitted		'A'		'Z'		UAP	
ACT:	200	1.75%	169	1.48%	164	1.44%	0	0.00%
BH:	35	0.31%	28	0.25%	34	0.30%	0	0.00%
NCHR:	474	4.15%	430	3.76%	466	4.08%	1	0.01%
NSW:	2,781	24.33%	2,457	21.50%	2,724	23.84%	14	0.12%
NT:	88	0.77%	63	0.55%	83	0.73%	1	0.01%
NZ:	671	5.87%	533	4.66%	621	5.43%	15	0.13%
QLD:	1,784	15.61%	1,488	13.02%	1,720	15.05%	25	0.22%
SA:	1,347	11.79%	1,186	10.38%	1,299	11.37%	21	0.18%
TAS:	385	3.37%	330	2.89%	365	3.19%	6	0.05%
VIC:	2,224	19.46%	1,938	16.96%	2,142	18.74%	35	0.31%
WA:	1,439	12.59%	1,261	11.03%	1,399	12.24%	9	0.08%
Year 2019:	11,428	100%	9,883	86.48%	11,017	96.40%	127	1.11%
<i>All percentages in table 2 above are based on 11,428 animals</i>								

Table 2 above is the whole database to 10/11/2019, giving a total of 11,428 animals, comprising of 3,337 Males (29.20%) and 8,091 females (70.80%). The 'A' stamp was gained by 9,883 giving an 86.48% pass rate on Hips, 11,017 gained the 'Z' stamp resulting in a pass rate of 96.40%, there has been 127 animals with UAP resulting in a fail rate of 1.11%.

The whole data base comprises of 11,428 animals compared to the 370 for the 12 Month period so the pass rates will inevitably be different.



From the 370 animals presented between 1st Oct 2018 to 30th Sept 2019, Dr R. Lavelle processed 307 (82.97%) and Dr J. Richardson 63 (17.03%).

The current Sires statistics (dated 30th June 2019) are available on the GSDCA website where sires are listed who have with 10-19 progeny or 20 plus progeny.

The following information is based the Sire Statistics reports dated 30th June 2019. There is a combined number of 81 sires that have produced progeny in the last 7 years, 33 (40.74%) are in the 10 to 19 chart and 48 (59.26%) in the 20+ chart. The 81 sires in the 2 charts produced a total of 18,246 progeny, Out of the total 18,246 animals that had been submitted to 11/06/2019, there has only been 2,550 (13.98%) come through the GSDCA scheme, 446 (12.49%) are in the 10 to 19 progeny chart and 2,104 (14.34%) are in the 20+ chart. A total of 1,600 dams, 1,314 of them (82.13%) are in the 20+ and 286 (17.88%) are in the 10 to 19 chart. So overall the GSDCA scheme has only captured 13.98% of the progeny.

Just a reminder: if your X-Ray result has been returned and has written in the “Readers Comments” that the X-Ray has a “Tilt, show this comment to your State Registrar and a free Form will be provided if you wish to re X-Ray, providing you send the new X-Rays back to the same Reader that made that comment.

A total of 185 Kennels had progeny pass through the scheme during the 12 Month period. A total of 13 Kennels presented 5 or more being:

ICCARA 10

GEWALT 8

IZONME 8

BRONBOREO 8

SUNDANEKA 8

BOSSFACE 6

DEBBAR 6

GRANDWEST 6

JAYSHELL 6

JENTOL 6

REICHKAISER 6

KUIRAU 5

LINDENHELM 5.

I would like to thank the Breeders and Owners with progeny from the 185 Kennels reflected in the chart below who have supported the scheme with the 370 animals submitted over the 12 Month period.

Kennels that produced progeny in the 12 Month Period 1/10/2018 to 30/09/2019							
Kennel	No. Prog	Kennel	No. Prog	Kennel	No. Prog	Kennel	No. Prog
ABELARA	2	DERHARV	1	KARHAM	2	SCHAEFERHUND	2
ADJURE	1	DIAMONDBLUE	1	KASSAAR	3	SCHUTZSHEP	1
AIMSWAY	1	DREAMSTAR	1	KATELLIA	1	SEASIDESHEP	1
ALBATA	2	DRUMARHUIS	1	KAYROSSI	2	SEIGEN	3
ALDERHAUS	4	DUCLIFFE	1	KELINPARK	1	SHAYGAR	2
ALEZAN	2	ELKALA	1	KETTSHEP	1	SHEPROSE	2
ALIMANDA	1	EROICA	2	KEVGAR	1	SHEZNOVA	2
AMBALA	3	EUCYDENN	1	KHANIQUE	3	SIEGERHEIMS	2
AMBERG	1	FAX	1	KINGKESHA	1	SILVEROASIS	1
AMDAK	1	FREEVALE	1	KINGLAND	4	SIOBAHN	1
ARKAHLA	3	FREMONT	4	KINGVALE	3	SOLANA	1
ARTWIZ	1	FREUNDHUND	1	KUIRAU	5	STOBAR	2
ASKUWHETEAU	1	FRIEDENTAL	1	KYEWITNEY	1	STOLZERHUND	1
ASTASIA	2	GABMALU	1	KYTANA	1	SUNDANEKA	7
ASTERHUND	1	GARSOVA	1	LAGO	1	SUNHAZE	4
AUGSROTT	1	GEWALT	8	LASHADAS	2	TAITIA	1
AWATEA	1	GILARISHA	3	LAWINE	1	TAKIMBRE	3
AZTEK	1	GLENBALA	2	LEISHJACLYN	2	TAURORN	1
BABANGA	2	GRANDWEST	6	LEPPSDORF	1	TERUNIK	1
BABENBERG	2	HASENWAY	1	LETTLAND	1	TONAKER	1
BABYAWN	2	HAUBERK	4	LEWISLAND	1	TRAYKEN	1
BEMBOKA	1	HAUSILLEVON	3	LINDENELM	5	TREUSCHUTZER	1
BERNLOCH	1	HAUSOSIN	1	LORDAVO	3	TRUEALLY	1
BEYCHIEF	2	HAVELOC	2	LUCSAM	2	TYRILEBEE	2
BHUACHAILLE	4	HERRZIG	2	MACKLIN	1	UBLONG	2



BLACKLEGION	1	HILLMAGIC	3	MANVETOM	1	UNSHAUS	1
BLUEMAX	1	ICCARA	9	MOREKOS	2	VANHARLEY	4
BOSSFACE	6	IDELIA	3	NECASTRO	1	VEEAY	1
BOZEED	1	INCAVALE	1	NIKOBISHUNDE	1	VENCEDOR	1
BRAJANDI	1	INIFF	1	OAKWAY	3	VLADIMIR	1
BRONACRE	2	IZONME	8	OBYWAN	1	VOLSCARO	3
BRONBOREO	7	JADINE	1	PERFECTPUPS	1	VOMAMBACH	1
BURSHUNE	1	JAKNELL	2	RAMARA	1	VOM HAUS ARKASHAN	1
CASTASTAR	1	JANEME	2	RANDINKA	2	VOMKOGELBERG	2
CERRAH	1	JARVINIA	1	RANTINO	1	VONDARCOR	1
CINDERHOF	3	JAYSHELL	6	REICHKAISER	6	VONDELRAE	2
CONKASHA	4	JAYZSTYRKE	2	REICHUND	1	VONDYNAST	1
CRYTARA	4	JENTOL	6	REJE	1	VONPETA	3
DAMONTE	1	KADAMA	2	RHOSYN	2	VONRAUTEN	4
DEBBAR	6	KAMUNYAK	1	RIMERINI	1	VONROSEBLICK	4
DELAFORCE	2	KANIKULAR	1	ROXAMBURG	1	WANDARRAK	2
DELKIT	1	KANTENNA	2	SABARANBURG	3	WESTFIELD	4
DELLAHUND	2	KAPERVILLE	1	SACLEBEN	1	WILDHERTZ	2
DELLARESS	1	KARABACH	3	SALPENZ	1	ZANDRAC	3
DENARGUN	2	KARALCIN	3	SATYR	1	ZAUBISTAR	1
46	91	46	109	46	81	47	89

I would like to thank the State Registrars around Australia:

ACT: Wolf Meffert, NCHR: Jess Lynch, NSW: Jessica Kada, QLD: Michelle Hammond, SA: Robert Evans, TAS: Heather Mathers, VIC: Gillian Cafari, WA: Vicki Beaton, and Tizzy Scheres in New Zealand for all their input and continued support of the Scheme.

I would also like to comment that it's been a pleasure working with Jenny Yuen the new NBC Chairperson.

I have enjoyed doing the job since its inception and look forward to continuing in the future.

National Title Verification Officer - Mrs. Jenny DeLucia

For the year 2019, four animals have been verified.

- Lenny Vom Team Armada (Greece) non surveyed Male LSC
- Jaci's Style (INT) Einstein (Germany) surveyed Male SC
- Atoo Brama (Czechoslovakia) non surveyed Female SC
- Ypsilon Di Casa Caputi (Ecuador) surveyed Male SC

It is pleasing that owners are completing the required Application for Verification form without too much difficulty and paying the fee to the GSDCA Treasurer in a timely manner. Once again, given the diverse regions from which our imports are coming from, a great deal of time is spent researching animals in order to complete verifications.

At times, owners have queries most of which are directed to me via email however, assistance from a member's own club would be helpful in assisting novice handlers understand what the requirements are concerning verification *before* presenting their animal to survey.



JUDGES COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robyn Knuckey



This is my final report as GSDCA Judges' Committee Chair, a position I have held for the previous six years. I would like to thank the GSDCA Executive for their support and help during this time, it has made a big difference and it is very much appreciated. With two candidates for this position and at the time of writing this report, not knowing who the successful person is, I will bring to the AGM a prepared handover file to make the transition as seamless as possible. The coming year will be a very busy time and a steep learning curve as there will be three to four new members of Executive, and so am very willing to work with the incoming Judges' Committee Chair to provide support and guidance if required. It will be a testing time as major position holders find their feet and get up to speed with current work and for a new Executive establishing their time frames and how to work together as a team.

It was with great sadness that Barry O'Rourke passed away in November 2019. I was honoured to write his tribute as published in the December National Quarterly Review. We have seen a few of our long-time judges leaving us. I am sure they are all chatting and solving the problems of the breed.

It was also extremely sad that Andrew Jones passed away in September 2019, this was a big hit to the GSD fraternity, as Andrew was a young man, leaving his young family. His tribute was also published in the same magazine.

Two GSDCA specialist judges, Ingo Kahl and Peter Cocks, have decided not to continue as judges as they have not been given a specialist appointment for several years. We wish them well in their future endeavours and hope to see them both at shows in the future. Letters of appreciation were sent to both gentlemen.

A number of achievements have been formalised within the Judges Portfolio and overall in the NBC Executive, since the last AGM.

1. The education package for trainee GSD Judges has now been circulated to all GSDCA Judges and members of the fraternity that were ANKC aspirants.
2. State Breed Exhibition rules are in place and all clubs are abiding by these.
3. GSDCA Agreements have been redistributed as a generic focus to cover both Judges and Breed Surveyors. (Two specialist judges have withdrawn as they were unwilling to only breed from animals that are successfully breed surveyed)
4. The workshops now completed at the NBC weekend have been very well received, this year the focus was proportions and the breed standard, as well as other items under the NBC banner.
5. Education package completed by Jo Cathie on presenting dentition as a handler. This was required following the poor behaviour of a number of animals when the handler was trying to present dentition at the 2018 National. This was printed in the GSDCA National Quarterly Review. This should be highlighted at all clubs, as in Richard Brauch's summary of the National, he noted the poor behaviour of animals on dentition checks.
6. Since January 2019, all Judges have been required to provide a summary of the show to be a prelude to the critiques. Initially this was being completed by judges, but recently judges have needed a reminder to complete this task. I ask Clubs to include this as a part of their contracts to judges as a requirement to complete this.
7. All educational material on the GSDCA website has been reviewed and updated to reflect changes and current breed issues. This has been sent to all judges.

Critiques

It is now a requirement to record the height and depth in all critiques for classes from Junior to Open. Judges have been requested to ensure it is noted in the critique if the animal is deep. In a number of critiques, the depth can be almost 50/50, and there is no mention that the animal is deep, or there have been some critiques to go on and say well proportioned, when they cannot be where the standard says 45-48% depth to height. With height, it is a requirement to use the appropriate descriptors for size, this is not always the case. An email has been sent to all judges to remind them of size descriptors, the requirement to complete a summary of the shows judged and to ensure depth is appropriately critiqued. This issue will be covered in the workshop over the weekend.

Clubs that have newer judges, please provide them with the opportunity to review their critiques prior to uploading onto websites. Please check that the show summary is completed prior to publishing as well. A further reminder to all Judges and Clubs that completed critiques are to be forwarded to the GSDCA Judges Committee Chair for distribution via the



GSDCA Secretary. Also, if Clubs and Judges also keep me informed of shows that have been contracted to judge and also if these have changed later. This allows me to keep the Appointments Database up to date. These are updated on a three-monthly basis. The latest list as of mid-December 2019 is published on the GSDCA website.

2019 GSDCA National

The GSDCA National was held in Melbourne from 5 to 7 April 2019. The GSDCV, as always, did an excellent job overall, especially considering the adverse weather conditions, with a small band of dedicated workers who were on site to deal with the storm damage. It was evident, the Club had worked very hard on details to ensure it was a successful weekend. Well done to Tony Mercieca, Vince Ebejer, David Organ, Cristine Begbie and the club crew for an excellent weekend. There were some very tired bodies at the end of the Sunday.

A special note of congratulations to Jacinta Poole, for her amazing work over the National weekend, running between the trial, taking photos in the show ring, handling dogs and being an active part of the organising committee. Then backing up to present the amazing GSDCA National Quarterly Review – National Edition. This was no mean feat.

The National Report, prepared by Ian Urie and Jenny DeLucia, as the GSDCA National Liaison Officer, in consultation with the GSDCV is under a separate section of the reports.

At the Official Opening of the GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show and Trial, both Jenny DeLucia and Salvatore Pittelli were both presented with their GSDCA judges' pins and certificates, having completed their GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course. We all wish Jenny and Salvatore the very best in the continuation of their judging careers.

Another presentation at the National was to Honey Gross-Richardson to honour her commitment to the German Shepherd Dog and dedication as a Breed Surveyor and GSDCA Specialist Judge. Honey retired from these activities at the end of 2018.

A breakdown of the excellent graded animals is presented as Tail Male charts for both males and females for the 2019 GSDCA National. Thank you again to Stephen Collins for his continued support and assistance in presenting these charts, these were printed in the National Edition of the GSDCA National Quarterly Review.

Database for Stock Coat Classes GSDCA National Entries

Judge	Year	BD		MD		PD		JD		ID		OD		Excs	Totals	
		Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex		Ent	Ex
Schweimer	2018	17	11	20	16	4	4	13	9	19	17	27	25	25	100	82
Hohmann	2019	11	6	14	9	7	4	14	11	19	15	37	30	29	102	75

Judge	Year	BB		MB		PB		JB		IB		OB		Excs	Totals	
		Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex		Ent	Ex
Mast	2018	35	28	41	30	20	15	28	24	51	39	68	53	53	243	189
Brauch	2019	40	33	33	20	20	17	39	31	45	31	71	51	48	248	183

Database for Long Stock Coat Classes GSDCA National Entries

Judge	Year	BD		MD		PD		JD		ID		OD		Excs	Totals	
		Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex		Ent	Ex
Schweimer	2018	10	10	4	3	3	3	6	6	13	12	10	10	10	46	44
Hohmann	2019	8	7	4	3	5	4	6	5	10	8	18	15	15	51	42

Judge	Year	BB		MB		PB		JB		IB		OB		Excs	Totals	
		Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex	Ent	Ex		Ent	Ex
Schweimer	2018	7	6	8	8	4	4	8	8	13	12	16	15	15	56	53
Hohmann	2019	9	9	8	5	5	5	12	11	14	14	21	16	15	69	60

Totals of entries and exhibit numbers

Year	SC males		LSC males		SC females		LSC females		Totals	
2018	100	82	46	44	243	189	56	53	445	368
2019	102	75	51	42	248	183	69	60	470	360



An interesting point of note is the higher entries in both stock coat and long coats from 2018, but animals exhibited was lower in both varieties and sexes.

GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course

Jess Kada has completed her phase 2 examination assessments with Karen Hedberg in December 2019. For Jess to complete her GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course, she needs to be assessed when she is judging a GSD Specialist Show. At this stage, Jess doesn't have an appointment that I am aware of. The critiques I have read from Jess, are well formulated and describe the animals individually.

Sue Bruno has been reinstated as GSDCA Specialist Judge, Sue completed her first GSD specialist appointment in June at the championship show for the GSDCSA, feedback on her first appointment was very positive. All clubs and judges have been informed of this and the judges contact list has been updated on the GSDCA website to reflect this. Sue is a valued addition to our specialist judging panel.

Nicky McDermott (Vic), Kurt Morton (NSW) and Andrew O'Loughlin (SA) have actively commenced in the GSDCA Judges Extension Course. These judges have had appointments, thank you to the clubs in providing these new judges the opportunity to ply their trade. I wish them the very best of luck as they continue this phase of involvement in the German Shepherd Dog.

I must congratulate both Andrew and Kurt on their proactive approach in working with me to set up mentoring sessions outside of their own state to broaden their knowledge and seek feedback from senior judges in our fraternity. Both gentlemen have set up dates for 2020 to further progress in the Extension Course.

Kurt has completed his phase 1 assessments and Andrew unfortunately was unable to complete his 3rd mentor assessment in Canberra, as he was unwell and unable to travel that weekend. I am working with Nicky, to set up mentor assessments in the 2020.

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. It often impacts on their ability to exhibit and/or handle animals in the show.

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. With this consideration, it is agreed that Mentor/Assessor Judges exhibit no more than 2 animals and the classes these animals are exhibited in are not a part of the assessment. If all other standing requirements for the relevant assessment/examination are met, as per the regulations, then Mentor/Assessors Judges can exhibit in the same show.

Shows for 2019

We currently have 37 GSDCA Specialist judges able to award GSDCA gradings, of these, three are trainee GSDCA specialist judges. Ingo Kahl has notified the NBC Executive that he will no longer be continuing with his ANKC Judge's licence, so will not be continuing with his GSDCA Specialist Judge's accreditation. We wish Ingo the very best in his continued travels with Caron-Lee and look forward to seeing them both at various shows on the east coast.

The GSDCA 2019 show calendar had 40 specialist shows for 2019, this is 1 less than 2018 and 2017. These consist of the GSDCA National, 3 SBEs by a various number of judges, from 1 to 2, 21 Championship Shows, 12 Members Competitions and 2 Open Shows. There are 2 additional shows where specialist judges have judged GSDs only, but no critiques are completed. There are several overseas shows where Australian GSDCA Judges have officiated at shows in New Zealand and Malaysia. This shows that 20 Australian Judges will have judged at least once this year.

With the trend of Members Competitions being taken up by most clubs to provide show opportunities for their members, we see at times a very congested show calendar across the states. We had 7 weekends where shows were held on the same weekend in different states. On 2 of these occasions this involved German judges that probably impacted on entries with people choosing a show to travel to against staying in their state or would have travelled if the dates didn't clash.

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 2017 to 2019, by each club. We have a number of Australian Judges that receive very few appointments, and others that receive multiple appointments throughout the year. Please remember to refer to the complete list on the website and give some of our judges that don't judge very often a chance.

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



The breakups of the 40 shows and comparison to the previous 2 years, are as follows

CLUB	INTER JUDGES 2017	INTER JUDGES 2018	INTER JUDGES 2019	AUST JUDGES 2017	AUST JUDGES 2018	AUST JUDGES 2019
ACT GSDA	2	2	1	0	0	1
GSDA WA	1	1	1	6	6	8
GSDCQ	National	1	1	4	4	6
GSDC SA	1	National + 1	1	4	4	3
GSDCT	0	0	0	4	5	
GSDL	2	1	1	5	6	5
GSDCV	2	2	1 + National	7	5	5
NHRGSDC	0	0	1	2	2	1
Totals	8 + National	8 + National	7 + National	32	32	32

WUSV Judging Accreditation – SV National Judge

The updated criteria for this Accreditation was passed at the 2018 AGM and is listed on the GSDCA website. On reviewing the SV website, there is no notification of planned seminars in 2019 or 2020 at this stage.

We have 4 current applicants, 3 were accepted a couple of years ago, they were Vince Tantaró, Louis Donald, Ian Urie and Robyn Knuckey. To date none of these judges have commenced in the programme with the SV.

Jo Cathie has completed her first show for her SV International Breed Judge's licence with Frau Margit van Dorssen in Belgium in May 2019 and was successful. This is an additional process on top of her already recognised SV National Breed Judge. Jo still has 2 more examinations to go.

Judges for Nationals

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. We now have several non-German judges approved to judge our National. These are Malcom Griffiths (UK/Colombia) Heather McDonald (UK) and Jens Becker-Olsen (Spain). A further SV judge, Herr Wolfgang Lauber was added to National list. The 4 judges for the 2023 GSDCA National, will be presented by the NBC Executive to the 2020 GSDCA Judges Meeting.

Confirmed list of judges for GSDCA Nationals:		
2014 Canberra	J Stiegler (males)	F Goldlust (females)
2015 Melbourne	L Quoll (LSCs & SC males)	H Scheerer (SC females)
2016 Sydney	H Buss (LSCs & SC males)	M van Dorssen (SC females)
2017 Queensland	J Stiegler (SC females)	F Goldlust (LSC & SC males)
2018 South Australia	H Schweimer (LSC & males)	R Mast (SC females)
2019 Melbourne	R Brauch (SC females)	H Hohmann (LSC & SC males)
2020 Sydney	J Stiegler (SC females)	H Buss (SC males & LSCs)
2021 Queensland	C Ludwig (SC males & LSCs)	M Griffiths (SC females) F Goldlust (Reserve)
2022 South Australia 50 th GSDCA National	4 judges to choose from	Wolfgang Hassgall, Harald Hohmann, Eric Bosl, Rainer Mast

In conclusion, it has been a busy year with Judges and NBC responsibilities, but progress has been made and with some younger judges coming through, we can look to the future with succession planning. Looking forward to a productive and interactive NBC weekend.



OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE – Mrs. Julie Urie



I Attended the GSDCA AGM, held in Adelaide on 9th and 10th February. As always, it was a very busy weekend.

March saw the ZAP Workshop in Melbourne. This workshop was hosted by the GSDCV on behalf of the GSDCA and the guest presenter was Herr Harald Hohmann (SV). Delegates from all Member Clubs attended what was a well run and very informative event. I'm sure all who attended subsequently have a much better understanding of the test and its aims and are grateful to Herr Hohmann for sharing his expertise and knowledge. I found it to be a very interesting and worthwhile day.

I attended the GSDCV State Breed Exhibition/Trial. There was a total of 18 Obedience entries, with 4 (22%) of those being Dual Performance exhibits.

I attended the GSDL Breed Information Seminar, which ran over two days. This was very well organised and also very well supported by enthusiastic members. This was the first of a series of similar workshops, which have been held by other Member Clubs throughout the year. Member feedback from this weekend was very positive.

In April the GSDCA National Show/Trial was hosted by the GSDCV. There was a total of 54 Obedience Entries, with 22 (40%) of those being Dual Performance exhibits. The number of Dual Performance competitors is generally on the rise at most Show/Trial combinations and is particularly evident at our National. I would urge all Member Clubs who hold Trials in conjunction with their Shows, to offer a Dual Performance trophy at all such events. We must not forget that the German Shepherd Dog is a working dog and Clubs must recognise and encourage those who strive to prove their dogs' working ability.

In June, the GSDCA held a ZAP Test demonstration/information day for its members. I did not attend, but after hearing some feedback, I believe it was a success.

In July I attended the NBC Meeting, which was held in NSW. A Draft of the ZAP Manual had been distributed to all Member Clubs prior to the meeting. Feedback on the manual was positive, with only a few minor alterations recommended. These alterations have since been made and I look forward to the manual being approved for use, at the GSDCA AGM next February. I am heartened by the positive way in which the ZAP Test has been embraced by most Member Clubs and look forward to seeing the test implemented next year.

In October I attended the ACTGSDA Champ Shows, unfortunately, there was no Obedience Trial held in conjunction. The GSDCQ held a Breed Information Seminar, at which I was very honoured to be invited as one of their guest speakers and gave a talk/practical demonstration on the ZAP Test. The seminar was well attended by members from all over the state, some even made the 1,200km round trip from Rockhampton. Now that's dedication for you!

Skye Branch of the GSDCV held a workshop on the sport of 'K9 Land Search'. This is a new and fast-growing discipline introduced in Europe and has been embraced by the SV, which now holds Trials. The presenter was Elke Effler, well known to us all by her many years experience in training dogs for the real-life application of Search and Rescue. Elke was ably assisted by her husband Peter and together they gave a great insight into this emerging discipline. Those who attended found the presentation and demonstrations very interesting. Elke and Peter are working toward obtaining ANKC recognition for this sport, which would be an exciting and completely different addition to other dog sports already on offer here.

November saw the GSDWA and GSDCV hold their Breed Information Seminars. I did not attend the one held in WA, but by all accounts, it was a great success and I did see many positive comments by their members on Facebook. Well done to the WA Club. I did attend the Victorian seminar, which was very well run and proved to be a big hit with members, with approximately 90 attending each day. What I did notice, was the broad range of members. No matter what their chosen discipline, show, obedience, tracking, rally, club instructors etc, they were all there with open minds willing to learn. The vibe was great and apart from the excellent presentations given by all speakers, it really was a great bonding weekend for members. I thoroughly enjoyed it.



Finally, I would like to congratulate the following people, who were successful in winning the various categories of the GSDCA Obedience competition. Well done to all and I wish you much trialling success for the future.

BEST COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG *Ch Bronacre Murumbidgee Murphy 'AZ' RN Handler: Tania Schumann	BEST NOVICE DOG *Ch Brigenti Ice Fire 'AZ' CD RA HT ET H-neg Handler: Irene Hayton
BEST UTILITY DOG Uhlmsdorf Black Label 'Z' UD Handler: Vic Grzeszkiewicz	BEST RALLY NOVICE DOG Druann Just For Fun 'AZ' RN Handler: Kathie Minton
BEST RALLY ADVANCED DOG *Ch Brigenti Ice Fire 'AZ' CD RA HT ET H-neg Handler: Irene Hayton	BEST RALLY EXCELLENT DOG T. Ch. TS Gr. Ch. Glenbala Bratsarefun CD RE Handler: Kerrie Pearce
EXCELLENT DOG T. Ch. TS Gr. Ch. Glenbala Bratsarefun CD RE Multiple Performance Disciplines – 10 Excellents	EXCELLENT HANDLER Bronze – 5 Excellents Handler: Judith Strachan
EXCELLENT HANDLER Gold – 15 Excellents Handler: Kerrie Pearce	

EDITOR QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW – Ms. Jacinta Poole



The 'QNR' is our connection to each and every member and we continue to make every effort to keep it relevant and interesting for members far and wide. We aim to provide articles that showcase our breed and our organisation and what we have and can achieve together.

The four 2019 editions were well received by members. Some of the highlight stories we've covered have included a focus on Story Dogs and Delta Pet Therapy, and in the Vet section articles on heat stroke, blood donors, new techniques to treat bloat and a summary of immune diseases. Kurt Morton provided articles of interest for our youth (and not so young!). There was coverage of the Sieger Show and definitely of interest was Gail Donald's review of the Chinese Sieger Show, along with Alastair Henderson's judging in Finland article. Dog database updates were useful and some interesting stats on breeding and Hip & Elbow scores will leave the QNR as a valuable reference source. Articles on

Puppy Socialisation and various training and behaviour articles meant there was something for everyone's areas of interest. The 'big' edition for the show and breed fraternity is our National edition containin 108 pages which showcased every aspect of the show and trial in full colour. This was a keepsake for many of the 47th National in Melbourne.

Thank you as always to our regular contributors, especially the Clubs who submit their regular news. It's great to see who is up to what and when in each state. We can all learn from each other. Not all Clubs provide a news column which is unfortunate, as it is great to read the news from each state. Don't forget, not everyone is on facebook or the web all the time, and even if you are, it's easy to miss news. The Club summaries in the QNR are a great way to get your message out there and of course a historical recollection of each club's activities. I am still aiming to get every member club to contribute for their own members benefit. Thanks to Dr Candy Baker for our veterinary articles and Kurt Morton who provided insight for our younger fraternity members. Frank Moody provided several updates on the Dog Database that were most useful.

Producing the Quarterly National Review in print challenges us to provide an economically viable magazine. My gratitude to Maroondah Printing in Melbourne who provide a quality product, designed, printed and delivered on schedule, they understand the dog world and our needs, and are ever accommodating. Our business model relies on advertising to underpin the costs of production. Printed magazines are becoming a rarity as the online world beckons. We have to work harder to be sustainable and need member support. Thank you those who advertised this year, your support is appreciated and valued. We hope you gained value from your advertising and here's a free plug! Thanks again to Sundaneka Young Gun, Eroica Kennels, Conbahairean Freddie, Cinderhof Kennels and Siobahn Kennels for your advertising support. Back editions of the magazine can be viewed online on the GSDCA website, and Stud Dog



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

A thank you to the Executive for their support throughout the year for the magazine and content, and with meeting deadlines. All have busy roles with ongoing administrative tasks and I appreciate their efforts to meet a busy production schedule. In particular I would like to thank Secretary Val Moody for her assistance with proof reading for sign off each edition. A big task and always to meet a deadline. Val's guidance and advice will be greatly missed, her input behind the scenes has been immeasurable. Thankyou Val.

2020 brings a fresh start and hopefully some exciting articles for the magazine. Remember, the Quarterly National Review is the members magazine. Your suggestions for stories and photos are always welcome and we'll try to accommodate. Of course, advertising is most welcome. My aim for the coming year is to tap into and find more interesting articles about you, our members, and what you and your dogs are involved with, be it promotion, health, charity, performance or conformation disciplines.

Finally, my thanks to everyone who has been involved this year. I hope each edition brings something of interest, that broadens what you know about the GSD and our members activities. There's lots of 'untapped' info out there, so feel free to contribute too!

Articles, photos and suggestions are always welcomed, please contact me anytime on revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

Enjoy your reading!



SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Show Liaison Officer – Mr. Ian Urie

I wish to thank Jenny Delucia for standing in for me at the Victorian National and agreeing to write the report to Council.

In my report to the 2019 AGM, I stated *“One problem for the National is the bigger numbers in the LSC classes and running out of time if no lighting is available. Classes have run out of time and needed to continue again next day. Ian suggested that we look at measuring during individuals to save time and let handlers go into the other rings.”* - This was done at the 2019 National, and proved to be successful, reducing the amount of time spent waiting for handlers to arrive from the opposite ring to commence classes.

Also, from the AGM, *“The Chair said it is the duty of the Chief Ring Steward to keep on top of timelines. Handlers who are involved in both rings should be fast tracked for measuring and critiquing. Someone needs to be in charge of time management/handler management.”*

- This was also taken on board by GSDCV, who appointed me to oversee this task. I believe the adoption of these recommendations proved to be a success, and I wish to stress that where a person is appointed by the host Club to do this, it obviates the need for stewards to go back and forth between the rings to co-ordinate timing and progress of judging. It is much more efficient to have one person in charge of this and avoids any confusion.

Re. concerns about the “early entry closing date” raised at the AGM, it should be noted that the Host Club did extend the published closing date by a couple of weeks to accommodate the inevitable late entries, whilst still allowing a reasonable time for completion of the catalogue.

It is also my strong recommendation that for future Nationals, where a Host Club does not have adequate lighting available on their grounds to continue judging under failing daylight, that consideration be given to scheduling the show date to fall before the end of Daylight Savings time. There will be other suggestions put forward by the Executive as time-saving measures, which include the scheduling of Junior Handler classes and the Opening Ceremony.

I join with Jenny in congratulating the GSDCV on running a very successful event this year and look forward to progress reports from the GSDL regarding the 2012 National in Sydney.

Above is the report I submitted to the 2019 Judges Committee Meeting, along with the 47th National show report written by Jenny Delucia as Acting NSLO for that event. Since that time, I am happy to add that I have had fruitful communication with the organising committee from GSDL about planning for the 48th National to be held in Sydney this year. Appropriate consultation was made regarding the schedule prior to its submission to Dogs NSW. I wish the Club the best of success for the Show and Trial, which will be conducted under the experienced guidance of Show Manager Greg Jones and 48th National Co-ordinator Melanie Groth, along with their Club and National Committees.

47th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show and Trial, Melbourne, Victoria, 5th, 6th & 7th April 2019. Acting National Show Liaison Officer – Mrs. Jenny DeLucia

I write this report as acting National Show Liaison Officer (NSLO), on behalf of Mr. Ian Urie due to his being on the Organising Committee of the host club thereby precluding him from acting as NSLO for this event.

The GSDC of Victoria Inc. were the host club for the GSDCA National this year. The Management Committee and National Show and Trial Committee are first and foremost to be congratulated for their efforts in organising an event of this magnitude in such a professional manner.

Vest collection was made very easy and every competitor received a 3kg bag of Royal Canin dry food thanks to the generosity of the major sponsor, Royal Canin. The competitor bags were also well thought out and contained several usable items. The catalogue was of very good quality and well set out.

The Chief, Ring and Assembly Stewards in both rings worked together well despite being challenged by some of the classes due to the large amount of exhibitors present. The process of assembling competitors and getting them into the ring could of perhaps been completed quicker if checking of numbers was not carried out three times – once outside the assembly area, again when entering the ring and then finally when all competitors were standing in the ring. Classes started at the scheduled time over the three days with announcements made well in advance of start times to enable competitors to get their dogs ready. Music was being played before commencement of classes which made for a relaxed atmosphere. Both Conformation Judges Herr Harald Hohmann and Herr Richard Brauch seemed popular with exhibitors and required no interpreters as they both critiqued their placed animals in English over the microphone.

Entries consisted of 471 Conformation (26% LSC), 55 Obedience, 44 Rally, making a total of 570. There were 20 Dual



Performance Exhibits. Announcements were made over the PA system during the day including thanking sponsors however, could not be clearly heard from some areas around both rings. Junior Showmanship Class was held on the Friday and judge by, Mr Andrew O'Loughlin from SA and was well attended and received. Once again, the GSDCA Patron, Dawn Fraser was in attendance.

Ring sizes fell short of the regulation as set due to limited space on the grounds. The Progeny Groups ran smoothly but some were not presented in catalogue order. The Breeders Groups also ran smoothly. There was one Retirement animal presented following the Breeders Group.

Hire tents were available for hire but unfortunately, all were sold out within hours of becoming available. The host club did make additional tents available but without a view of the rings. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather early on Saturday morning, several of the hire tents were destroyed. New hire tents were erected but not as many as were destroyed resulting in some competitors being asked to share tent space. There was still room around the rings for competitors to set up their own tents/gazebos.

The Obedience rings were set well away from the Conformation rings and were well set out on very green and maintained grass. The Official Opening Ceremony was well attended with GSDCA Executive and dignitaries in attendance. The Saturday Night dinner was very well attended, and the quality of the food was quite good. The band, "Fake News" was arranged however only a few people decided to stay after the meal. No President's Dinner was organised which the Host club made known well before.

Merchandise was available for purchase and several other marquees were erected selling a variety of items which all made for a good atmosphere. Catering was available with a good variety on offer from the food vans however some stock was running low by Sunday morning. Winner of Winners was conducted in the Dog ring and was well attended by observers. Sunday presentation commenced at approximately 6.15pm. The trophy table was very impressive and free nibbles were offered by the host club to those who attended.

Results were made available at the conclusion of classes via the "Team App" which was very well received by competitors and spectators alike.

In conclusion, a very well organised event which was blessed with three days of fine weather. Congratulations to all involved.

National Database – Mr. Frank Moody

I am pleased to submit this GSDCA Database progress report to the 59th GSDCA AGM.

Over the last 12 months changes have been made to the Breed Survey section which will greatly assist the surveyors. They can now review and make changes to their results prior to submitting them for approval by the NBC Breed Survey Registrar.

Also, there is now an alert prior to the system timing you out, this applies across all users and sections of the Database.

DATA UPDATE

Dog Database - Registrations are currently up to 2nd December 2019 – being in excess of 305,000 dogs.

Tattoo/Microchip – Microchips are uploaded when we receive the ANKC Registrations.

HD/ED - There are now over 11,400 results in the database.

Breed Survey - There are now over 1,800 results in the database.

USER ACTIVITY

We continue to see a steady growth in the number of Visitors and the number of Visits to our Database – this is a very encouraging trend, as Breeders/Members continue to use this facility.

The use of the Database continues steadily with a slight increase year over year, as can be seen by the table below.

Monthly average				
YEAR	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
2015	372	659	18,277	28,744
2016	398	722	16,870	28,795
2017	427	857	19,682	34,451
2018	477	992	18,629	35,840



2019	597	1,198	18,978	37,056
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Breed Survey – missing photos

At the 2019 AGM the requirement for a photo prior to releasing the Breed Survey Certificate was changed. This has enabled surveys to be completed much more quickly, and therefore available for the members to view.

Photos are still very important so that we have a pictorial record of the dogs surveyed, so please supply these to the NBC Registrar ASAP.

THE NEXT STEPS

With the introduction of the ZAP test we will need to develop a new section in the Database to record these results. This development work will commence in early 2020.

Thank you to Rob Filardo, Jenny Yuen, Melanie Groth, Doug West, Candy Baker and the Breed Surveyors for their time, and assistance in ongoing data entry and maintenance of the Database.

Trophy Officer – Mr. Terry Jarvis

Again, another busy year for me, thank you to the Clubs that supported Council in ordering the Excellent Merit Plaques.

The Melbourne National Trophy table went over well with Ian Urie being the person that run the Trophy Table at the presentation, congratulations to all that took home a piece of the table, it looked good on display.

A lot of the members do not realize the work that goes into the making of the National Trophy Table. The time and effort that it takes to order parts in, the manufacture, packing and delivering to the Clubs on time and of course any late orders that need to be done close to the show.

The Sydney National is coming up fast and just because it is in my home state it does not get any easier for me so I would like to ask those people in various clubs that collate the Handlers Trophies and Obedience Awards to get them in nice and early so I do not have to start chasing my tail when it gets close to show time.

To all Club Secretaries and members I am available on email tepe@bigpond.net.au or mobile number 0407 271 418 at any time to discuss any requirements for your Clubs.

Webmaster – Ms. Jacinta Poole

Visit the GSDCA website!

It's the place to find all you need to know.

The GSDCA website provides all relevant information for members, including the main documentation sent to member clubs. Current GSDCA documents and meeting agendas can quickly be referenced to keep up to date and informed. In unison with facebook, we can promote the relevant detail stored on the website.

What's available?

- GSDCA Regulations, along with all forms, fees and charges
- Manuals – ZAP, Breed Survey, National Show & Trial
- Show results and critiques – from every club show
- Judge appointments for the next 12 months
- Back editions of each Quarterly National Review
- Veterinary and health articles
- Recent HD & ED results
- All the recent news from the GSDCA and relevant reports and much more

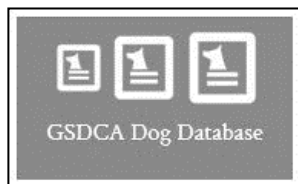
Dr Candy Baker continues to push the need for more data on our dogs and their health.

Everyone can contribute by filling in the **Breed Health Feedback form**. It is available on the home page of the website.

The data is collated by Dr Candy Baker and may be useful in the future to gauge trends or even assist with management of illnesses we find are over represented in the GSD. Your feedback on your dog's illness may be used to assist others, both directly or indirectly.

The information is confidential, and obviously you can discuss with Dr Baker anytime. Please take the time to submit your dog's medical information – it might save another's life one day.





The quickest way to access the **GSDCA Dog Database** is via the website, just go via the home page.

Facebook is our alternate online presence and provides direct information when used in conjunction with our website for access to documents and announcements. We all need to be diligent with our use of social media and respect the use of all social media and our policies surrounding its use. This applies to members of our fraternity and the general public.



Our current website design was released in 2015 and has served us well. A tweak and refresh is not overdue, but will be part of an update plan for 2020. Keeping up to date with current online trends and viewing options will hold us in good stead going forward as content management styles rapidly changes online these days.

Costs and maintenance of the GSDCA website remains low. Our website hosting costs \$120/year. Hosting the GSDCA Dog Database costs \$143/year. Domain registration per year is \$19.95. All software updates and maintenance are undertaken internally at no charge. Our total expenditure relating to the Website and Dog Database is \$283 per year.

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

Email website@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

Breed Specific Legislation – N/A

Youth Coordinator – Mr. Kurt Morton

2019 saw a good turnout for the GSDCA Junior showmanship classes, judged by Mr Andrew O'Loughlin (previous GSDCA youth representative). Numbers increased compared to the previous year for the 7 to under 10 years with 2 competitors, 3 competitors in the 10 to under 13 years and 4 competitors in the 13 to under 19 years (which is a decrease from the previous year). It is fantastic to see that a number of these handlers were supported by breeders and participated in the show classes and were able to hold their own.

We also saw clubs nominate recipients of the GSDCA National youth award, though unfortunately some member clubs did not or did not have youth candidates to nominate. I feel as though this is an area member clubs and the GSDCA can and should support into the future. I have also tried to co-ordinate a more consistent approach to ensure each state/territory has a youth representative or co-ordinator and I have recently reached out to each club secretary.

We are now working toward ensuring classes and age groups align to National body (ANKC) classes to provide consistency for competitors and all associated documentation/forms. These age groups are;

- 7 to under 10 years;
- 10 to under 13 years;
- 13 to under 19 years

Personally, I am very much looking forward to 2020, with Mr Peter Hersant (of Astasia kennels) judging the junior showmanship classes.

Interestingly, the involvement of youth as reported on Alistair Henderson (via Herr Christoph Ludwig) and raised some really interesting points/ideas. Namely, that the youth are supported by their local clubs and have camps and competitions/shows for youth handlers only. They use this time to allow the youth to gain valuable insight through handling in an actual show without the added pressures of competing against more senior peers. This ideology of involving the youth is also reflected in the opportunity many of the breeders provide by offering the ability for the youth to train and handle dogs for the ring throughout the show season.

One of the platforms available for us to communicate to our younger members is the GSDCA Review. I have tried to utilise this to inform youth and new exhibitors and encourage them for further participation by providing basic



information. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those that contributed, including Peter Hersant and Lyn Phillis.

Progressing to the future, key areas of the portfolio are to continue to identify and align opportunities in the youth sphere across all states and territories. Further, personally, I feel these would support other core business initiatives of the GSDCA including supporting new people into the hobby/sport. With dwindling numbers, it is important to support younger members to not only ensure the future of our great sport but also to make them feel included and supported. This includes showing, handling, judging and other dog sports currently available. I would hope the Youth officer is able to be included to lead but also to support the other GSDCA office bearers in their respective portfolios to ensure this.

If you have further initiative ideas or comments, feel free to contact me.

Public Relations – Mr. Paul York

2019 has been a totally disappointing year in this role.

After continued approaches to all three television networks it has become clear that they all are not interested at all in any coverage of our National event. If we dressed all of the dogs in fancy dress then they would all cover it but they are not interested as they do not see it as entertaining.

I have found it impossible to gain any traction in this position especially this year. I have continually offered my services to the GSDL to assist in any way to assist in the promotion of the National and have not had a response.

As such I see the position of Public Relations Officer as totally redundant and will not be accepting any nominations for this position in the future.

Historian – N/A



NATIONAL SHOW REPORT 2019 – Host – GSDC of Victoria

GSDCV Report – 47th GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial, KCC Park, Victoria 5th, 6th & 7th April 2019

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria is pleased to present this report on the 47th GSDCA National Show and Trial, held in April 2019.

The GSDCV National Show and Trial Committee (NSTC) started planning for this event during the early parts of 2018. In fact, preparations started around the same time as most exhibitors were preparing their dogs for the 2018 National Show and Trial. With tasks assigned and much work being done behind the scenes, the GSD fraternity started to receive information and updates online via web, social media, direct mail as well as in print via that Quarterly Review in the months and week prior to event.



Entries were exclusively online as too were the Corporate Marquee sales, which sold out within 4 hours of the published start time. While there was some criticism leveled at the time regarding the timing and number of tents available for sale, the NSTC provided sufficient notice for the sale date and were determined that members had ample ring side space to erect their own shelter should the not wish to purchase a marquee.

The NSTC worked closely with Dog Victoria (DV) for well over a year to ensure that the grounds were in as good condition as possible which included DV arranging to top dress and reseed / rebuild the ground surface.

Thankfully, the weekend finally arrived and the weather could not have been more kind.

At the close of entries, there were some 471 Conformation entries with approximately 26% of these being LSC, and 99 Performance (55 Obedience & 44 Rally) entries. It was especially pleasing to see that 20 animals were entered into both arenas vying for the Dual Purpose award.

It was a pleasure to have the GSDCA Patron Mrs Dawn Fraser AC MBE along with her daughter and grandson in attendance for nearly the entire weekend. Unfortunately, Dawn had another engagement for the later part of Sunday due to an existing commitment to her other love, Olympic Swimming. Also, in attendance for the official opening and a few hours preceding was the Dogs Victoria Patron, Mr. Peter Hitchener OAM who along with Dawn proved a huge hit with those in attendance.

We were pleased to have a distinguished judges list for the weekend, which comprised;

Conformation

- Herr. Richard Brauch (SV) Germany - All SC Bitches
- Herr. Harald Hohmann (SV) Germany - All LSC Dogs & Bitches and All SC Dogs

Obedience

- Mr. Barry Cotton (Vic) - UDX & CCD
- Mrs. Dawn Ayton (Vic) - Novice
- Mrs. Cheryl Bedggood (WA) - Open
- Mr. Clive Makepeace (Vic) - UD

Rally Obedience

- Mrs. Dawn Ayton (Vic) - Novice
- Mrs. Cheryl Bedggood (WA) - Master
- Ms. Tania Schumann (Vic) - Excellent A&B, Advanced A&B

Junior Showmanship Judge

- Mr. Andrew O'Loughlin (SA)

The Obedience component of the weekend was set only a short, but adequate distance from the Conformation area. Consideration and every effort was made to ensure that the main PA system would not unduly effect these competitors. This placement allowed observers and competitors to move or wander between the two areas to view or compete in both events as needed.



A major consideration in organising and running an event such as this is the capacity for it to be financially responsible. Here sponsorship plays a major role. For this event, we were able to attract a number of contributors, including businesses, GSDCV Branches, sister Clubs and individuals that sponsored trophies, classes and rings. An absolute special mention is required for the sponsorship by our long-term partners Royal Canin who provided considerable product as prizes. In addition to the usual, but substantial donation of sponsor product to winners and place getters (conformation to position 5 and obedience to position 3), Royal Canin provided 500 x 3kg GSD formula product as well as branded giveaway products for each and every exhibitor bag. This was an outstanding gesture of generosity.

Royal Canin also provided a sponsor marquee with two dedicated representatives, including Ben their resident nutritional Veterinarian available to answer questions over the weekend.

We also thank Monash Vet Clinic for their substantial financial contribution to the event.

With the apparent declining interest in planned social events around shows, the GSDCV sought permission to forego the usual Friday Night Presidents Dinner, which was granted. The weekend was kicked off with the traditional Meet & Greet as well as survey on Thursday, which afforded the opportunity for our Judges, officials and exhibitors to assess the grounds prior to the start of the event as well as renew old acquaintances in a relaxed atmosphere. Here the weather was extremely kind.

The weather was not so kind however overnight on Friday when strong winds demolished a number of tents and corporate marques, only some of which could be replaced.

The Saturday social night was held at the grounds in a Lyndhurst room and the adjoining function marquee immediately following the close of judging. While attendance numbers were very good, the planned fun talent show had to be cancelled due to nil interest being shown by any member club other than Victoria. It was also unfortunate that many people decided to leave not long after the meals, however those who remained had a great night dancing to the sounds of “Fake News” who played a good variety of music.

The Opening Ceremony and awards presentations were held under sunny Autumn skies on the competition grounds. It was pleasing to have the Australian and German National Anthems sung so beautifully live before the official opening and welcome, speeches and award presentations. I’m happy to say that a large number of exhibitors and spectators watched this portion of the event. A good number of invited guests including Dawn Fraser, Peter Hitchener as well as representatives from Victoria Police Dog Squad, Dogs Victoria as well as GSDCA executive were present for the opening, which was followed by the official luncheon.

It was unfortunate that the recipient of the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award, Police Dog Excellent (PDX) Ike and his handler Leading Senior Constable Heath Drew were unavailable to attend due to operational circumstances; however, a stand in member of the K9 unit as well as a senior staff member were able to attend to receive it on their behalf. PDX Ike was selected as a well deserving example of our Breed at work.

A very large crowd in addition to all the winners and Judges attended presentations on Sunday evening in a reasonably relaxed atmosphere. Those present appreciated the distinctive trophy table and sponsor product as well as a plentiful supper. Given the expected numbers, the presentations were held in the Boxhall Pavilion, which provided ample space however also possessed terrible acoustic properties. The presentations were unfortunately rather unintelligible to many.

The catering over the entire weekend was well received with the Club choosing to invite outside caterers for the majority of items with the Skye and Gippsland branches respectively operating the ‘egg & bacon’ breakfast and the Bar during the day and evenings.

The merchandise range at this year’s National exceeded all expectations in terms of style, range and quality. Tania Schumann put in many hard yards on several reiterations, with advice from the NSTC before the final range was selected. New styles, materials and embroidery certainly lifted the merchandise bar over that which has come before.

One absolute standout was the efficient use of Social Media, the GSDCV Web page, email lists as well as the Team Viewer App to keep everyone informed and updated. Jacinta Poole excelled here not only providing clear and concise information about the event, including links to judge profiles, merchandise sales, sponsor pages etc., but importantly provided speedy updates of results.

Being the single largest annual German Shepherd Event on our Australian calendar, the GSDCA National Show and Trial does not just happen, it is the culmination of many, many hours of perseverance and toil. Writes and rewrites of plans were discussed and sometimes debated with the result I feel being the best sum of all contributions. This planning goes hand in hand with the back-breaking toil of a number of members to set up and pull down the rings and club tents.



Here our show manager and assistant, David Organ and Ian Urie who along with several others worked from before the sun rose to well after it went down prior to and during the event. Our ringmaster extraordinaire show secretary, Cristine Begbie kept every task on track calling for actions and following up with external organizations and suppliers as needed.

The workload is enormous and required the input and dedication of many volunteers, all working together to achieve a truly memorable event. Every task, and every person was vital to the success of this event.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the Executive of National Council for the assistance they provided, and while it is impractical to list every person that assisted, I would like to highlight a few key players that made the 'National' the spectacle it was. Show Manager David Organ, Show Secretary Cristine Begbie, Show Treasurer Fiona Henderson. Trial Manager Dearne Jackson. Stenographers, Barbara Blythe, Amanda McAnuff, Rhonda Snidjers and Margaret Barnes. Stewards Dom Cafari, Jenny Kenworthy, Peter Tjerkstra, John Fenner, Leanne Irvine. Merchandise Manager, Tania Schumann. Our Skye branch BBQ Crew and the Bar Managers from Gippsland branch, and not forgetting Mr. Microphone Terry Taukus.

Thanks too, to some of the "Jacks and Jills" of all trades Jacinta Poole, Vince Ebejer, Frank Moody, John Schulz, Amanda Barr, Ian Urie and Les Rudling who continually rolled their sleeves up to get the job done.

On behalf of the Management Committee and members of the GSDCV, I would like to thank each and every person who assisted in the running of the 2019 National.



Preliminary financials from the 2019 National for your information.

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Job Profit & Loss Statement

01/01/2019 To 28/11/2019

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Account Name	Selected Period	Year To Date
36 National 2019		
Income		
Catering - Vendor Commission	\$590.16	\$590.16
Donations - National 2019	\$10,140.00	\$10,140.00
Bar Income-National	\$4,895.79	\$4,895.79
Marquee rental reimbursed	\$1,363.64	\$1,363.64
Raffles & special efforts	\$1,627.45	\$1,627.45
Show & Trial entries	\$17,857.29	\$17,857.29
Catalogue Sales with entries	\$1,821.81	\$1,821.81
Catalogue Sales at the event	\$1,813.63	\$1,813.63
Catalogue Advertising	\$2,181.81	\$2,181.81
Marquee Hire	\$13,204.55	\$13,204.55
Social functions	\$4,148.56	\$4,148.56
Merchandise Sales - National	\$27,154.61	\$27,154.61
Sponsorship	\$4,940.90	\$4,940.90
Total Income	\$91,740.20	\$91,740.20
Expense		
Advertising	\$904.34	\$904.34
Bar expenses-National	\$4,101.17	\$4,101.17
Flowers, Memorials & Gifts	\$40.00	\$40.00
Grounds Maintenance expenses	\$1,667.73	\$1,667.73
Marquee rental reimbursed	\$2,493.89	\$2,493.89
Meet & Greet BBQ	\$276.17	\$276.17
Trophies & Plaques	\$6,394.32	\$6,394.32
Medallions	\$1,693.18	\$1,693.18
Ribbons & Sashes	\$2,820.17	\$2,820.17
Mementos	\$1,805.00	\$1,805.00
Presentation expenses	\$490.91	\$490.91
Clearance Fees - VCA*/ANKC/SV	\$752.51	\$752.51
Judges' Airfares	\$6,648.15	\$6,648.15
Judges' Accommodation	\$2,995.09	\$2,995.09
Judges' Entertainment Expenses	\$1,099.92	\$1,099.92
Judges' & stewards' expenses	\$2,137.67	\$2,137.67
VCA Levy	\$2,036.14	\$2,036.14
GSDCA Levy	\$2,663.18	\$2,663.18
Misc show expenses	\$499.29	\$499.29
Catalogue Printing	\$4,398.00	\$4,398.00
Merchandise Purchases	\$24,769.57	\$24,769.57
Marquee Rental (for hire)	\$14,268.18	\$14,268.18
Schedule Publication	\$272.73	\$272.73
PA & other Equipt Hire	\$3,112.05	\$3,112.05
Gifts - Stewards, Stenos, Vets	\$903.17	\$903.17
Official Lunches	\$3,399.93	\$3,399.93
Print & Photocopying	\$300.00	\$300.00
Social functions	\$4,069.08	\$4,069.08
Total Expense	\$97,011.54	\$97,011.54
Net Profit/(Loss)	-\$5,271.34	-\$5,271.34

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.



GSDCA SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED DURING 2019

Congratulations are extended to the following people as the recipients of the 2019 GSDCA Service Award, which took place at the 47th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial and presented by the GSDCA President, Mr. Vince Tantaró.

- Mrs. Barbara Blythe (VIC)
- Mrs. Gillian Cafari (VIC)

GSDCA CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME OF DOG</u>	<u>CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED</u>
2005	Police Dog “Titan”	June 2005
2005	Iljaberg Yokone Gold “Famous Amus” SES	June 2005
2006	Police Dog “Silky” (VIC)	March 2006
2006	Police Dog “Duke” (QLD)	September 2006
2007	Police Dog “Tyson” (QLD)	September 2007
2007	Police Dog “Hutch” (QLD)	September 2007
2007	Police Dog “Bear” (SA)	December 2007
2008	Police Dog “Carts” (NSW)	March 2008
2008	Police Dog “Koby” (SA)	March 2008
2009	Police Dog “Ike” (QLD)	June 2009
2010	Police Dog “Salem” (VIC)	May 2010
2010	Police Dog “Zac” (QLD)	July 2010
2011	No Awards Given	-----
2012	Police Dog “Bosun” (QLD)	May 2012
2013	Police Dog “Riggs” (May 2013
2014	No Awards Given	-----
2015	Police Bitch “Angel” (May 2015
2016	Police Dog “Rumble” (WA)	March 2016
2017	Police Dog “Quinn” (May 2017
2017	Seigen Quintessential “Cade” (WA)	May 2017
2018	Police Dog “Ruger” (SA)	April 2018
2019	Police Dog “Ike” (VIC)	April 2019



GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award



Police Dog
"Ike"
with handler
**Leading
Senior
Constable
Heath Drew**



LSC Drew has been a member of the Victoria Police Dog Squad (VPDS) since 2014 and a police officer for 17 years. During that time he has shown exceptional skill in the training and working of police dogs but also a desire to learn in the areas of dog development, training and breeding.

In 2012, Heath purchased Ike, a German Shepherd Dog as his own personal pet dog. Heath wasn't a member of the VPDS at the time but started obedience training and tacking training with him as a young pup.

In 2014, when Heath joined the VPDS he offered Ike up as a prospective police dog. Ike was assessed and performed exceptionally well in testing and qualified soon after as a police dog with Heath as his handler.

In 2016, Heath and Ike represented Victoria at the Australian and New Zealand Police Dog Trials held in Melbourne with VPDS as host.

In 2018, Heath and Ike won the VPDS trials in which each handler and dog team competes and is formally assessed. Ike obtained a Police Dog Excellent grading with an overall trial result of 89.79%. The attainment of an excellent grading in police dog work is extremely rare and held in very high regard owing to the overall difficulty in maintaining high standards across all disciplines of police dog work.

Heath undertakes regular work outside of normal hours devoted to the development of German Shepherd Police Dog IKE and his Dutch Shepherd Duke. Heath also assists other dog handlers in the development of their dogs and is well known for the selfless manner in which he contributes to the development of others.

As previously stated, Heath represented VPDS with P.D.X Ike in the 2016 Australian & New Zealand Police Dog trials held in Melbourne and showing his continued level of high standard and that Ike remains in the upper percentile of high level performing police dogs, they are to attend New Zealand, October 14th - October to 19th 2018, to again represent VPDS at the Australian and New Zealand Police Dog Trials.

Since becoming an operational police dog 4 years ago, Ike has successfully tracked, searched and apprehended numerous offenders.

Ike's first arrest was a memorable one. A naked male had loitered in a ladies backyard for hours until the owner returned home to find the male. The male jumped the fence and disappeared. Ike attended the job and located the offender hiding in water reeds in swamp land. The offender was actually hiding under water, but Ike's nose still located him.

In another arrest Ike located an offender who fled from a burglary and was involved in a pursuit and ramming of a police vehicle in his attempt to get away. Unbeknown to Heath & Ike the offender was hiding in a garage of a house. After searching



for more than an hour, Ike indicated the offender from the footpath through the fence and garage wall to where the offender was hiding.

In July of this year Police Dog Ike and Heath responded to a call of an armed robbery in Thornbury. The offender fled on foot armed with a large hunting knife. Heath & Ike located the male in a nearby street, who was still armed with the knife. Ike successfully and safely apprehended the male who was wanted for a number of other armed robberies and aggravated burglaries.

There are numerous accounts of the high level of work both Heath and Ike perform as a team. Ike is utilised on a regular basis for work in conjunction with the Special Operations Group and Critical Incident Response Team with Heaths background in tactical response and Ike being deemed and having undertaken and completed, further training in the tactical deployment role.

PLEASE NOTE:

The following information can be found on the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) website 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



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2007	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2008	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2009	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2010	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
2011	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
2012	Vacant	Mr V Tantaró	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms. J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2013	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaró	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie/ Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2014	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaró	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2015	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaró	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2016	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaró	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. Jacinta Poole
2017	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaró	Ms M Groth	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. Jacinta Poole
2018	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr V Tantaró	Ms M Groth (Resigned 7/5/18)	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. Jacinta Poole
2019	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr V Tantaró	Mrs J Yuen	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. Jacinta Poole

