



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

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

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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 2020 Annual Report of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (GSDCA).

This Annual Report includes the activities and involvement of the Council, including the audited financial statements of the Council covering the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 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 that this year has been a difficult one and the reports reflect this, but we sincerely appreciate 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. where best they could this year in an effort to help 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 apologise for any errors that may have been overlooked.

I thank my fellow Executive, Member Club President's and position holders for their prompt and efficient response, thereby enabling this report to be completed in readiness for the 60<sup>th</sup> GSDCA Annual General Meeting being held via Zoom meeting. Of particular note, I wish to thank our past Secretary Val Moody for her invaluable assistance in putting this report together with me.

***Lyn Phillis***  
***Honorary Secretary***

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## Tribute to Anita Pettenhofer

### GSDCA Breed Surveyor & Specialist Judge

A Tribute

#### **Anita Pettenhofer**

18<sup>th</sup> January 1937 - 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020



Anita Pettenhofer was born on the 18 January, 1937 in Germany. Anita emigrated to Australia in 1955 at the age of 18 and settled in Victoria and had two children, Ann and Harry.

Anita's love affair with the German Shepherd Dog spanned many decades. Her first German Shepherd, Brendenberg Bettina, was obtained in the 1960's commencing training in the obedience sector.

Anita established her breeding kennel, Hagenstolz, in 1963 together with her daughter, Ann Taylor. A very successful breeding kennel producing many excellent graded animals, with one of the most notable being Ex Select Hagenstolz Draw Card who was Siegerin in 1996, Reserve Siegerin in 1994, Victorian State Siegerin in 1993, Gold Medal National Winner in 1993 and again in 1995 and Bronze Medal Winner in 1994. Draw Card was the daughter of one of the best producing bitches of the time, Excellent Select Landrina Majic Melody 'A' who herself was the first Australian Siegerin and dual Siegerin in 1987 and 1988 and National Gold Medallist in 1987.

Anita was very proud of her dogs and had fond memories of all of them.



Hagenstolz Drawcard

Anita imported three animals into Australia with the most notable being, Kay Filsperle SchHIII, V1 Main Breed Show 1989, V2 GSDCV 1990 and V5 18<sup>th</sup> National 1990.

Anita's passion for the breed was immeasurable. She was involved during the time of the Importation Ban of the 1960's and was the CEO of the Kamarn Breeders Foundation. This foundation was created and founded by Anita's very good friend, the late Tom Luxton, in the early 1970's. The mission was to breed German Shepherd puppies under the Kamarn prefix for the specific purpose of going to work in a variety of community services which included the Police, Customs, Armed Forces and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Anita obtained her ANKC Judges Licence in 1972 and became a Breed Surveyor in 1977, then gained her GSDCA Specialist Judges Licence in 1989. Something perhaps not many people would know is that Anita was the driving force behind getting Breed Survey started in Victoria and before Breed Survey became a National Scheme. Also, in 1989, Anita was awarded the GSDCA Service Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the National Council and Breed in Australia. A well-deserved accolade for having left an indelible mark on the direction of the National Council, its schemes and ideals. She was the GSDCA Executive NBC Chair from 1987 – 1988 and held the position of Breed Affairs Administrator and Chief Surveyor in Victoria for about 15 years.

Anita judged the Intermediate Bitch Class at Australia's first Main Breed Show in 1987. She became a Life Member of the GSDCV in 1983.



Anita was the first female SV Foreign List German Shepherd Dog Judge in Australia which was something she was immensely proud of.

Now I know many of you will have fond and vivid memories of, Anita. She, had a quick wit, a wicked sense of humour, was very intelligent and had a very good memory! I too have many fond memories of my time spent with Anita. I can vividly recall when Anita stayed at my home during one of her many trips to Adelaide and decided she would check out the wine in our wine rack. Now, neither myself or my husband drank much alcohol and in truth, most of the bottles were gifted to us. Anita promptly looked through the 'selection' and I could hear many an, 'OH!' and 'Holy cuckoo!' – and then loudly stated, "these wines are off!" With that, they promptly were poured down the kitchen sink. Both Anita and I vowed never to tell my father who would have been horrified at this 'waste of good wine' which there was, 'nothing wrong with'. Sorry, dad, the secret is now no more.

Anita would love to sing and I remember her singing old Austrian folk songs with my father, and I would say under my breath, 'oh God, here we go'.

What I would give now to hear her sing just one more time.

Anita loved to teach people her craft and was a friend and mentor to many. Giving advice on handling, breeding, structure of the German shepherd dog - her love and enthusiasm for the breed was as endearing as it was infectious. She certainly was a visionary. Anita was very influential in Victoria in the advancement of training puppies in the 1970's and 1980's where she attended several of the Victorian Branches to give lectures on conformation and rearing of puppies which I am told, was very well received by those who attended.

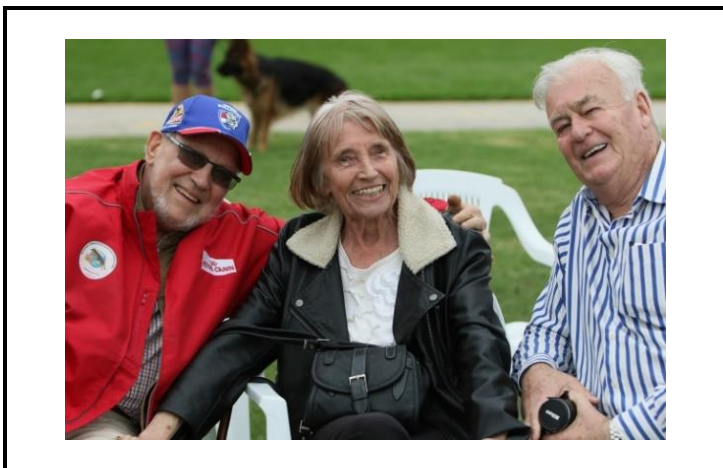
In the words of her daughter, Ann, *"everything Anita did was for the betterment of the breed"*.

Anita was an inspiration. A stalwart, who dedicated her life to the breed who will always be remembered for her passion and idealisms – for this, we thank you.

She was a larger than life figure and someone who will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

So darlings, charge your glasses and raise them high in one final toast – "to Anita".

*Written by Jenny De Lucia and provided for presentation in this Annual Report by the Editor Quarterly National Review, Jacinta Poole.*



Anita with fellow GSDCV stalwarts James Rodger (L) and Tom Luxton, March 2016



Anita Pettenhofer, esteemed GSDCV Life Member, SV judge and breed surveyor, with seven dogs she bred which were all Champions (taken in the early 1970's as a promotion by the Kennel Control Council of Victoria for Championship dogs for all breeds).

All of the dogs were sired by the first national winner - Almark Black Prince with the dam being Brandenburg Bettina (Hilltop breeding) and were Hagenstolz 'C' and 'D' litters.

The dogs sitting with Anita are Cleo and Rommell and the dogs in front from left to right are: Diplomat, Cicero, Demoiselle, Dearne, Desirea.





### ***Peter Burrett***



Peter and Annie Burrett arrived in Canberra from the UK in 1971 and shortly after visited Louis Donald at his kennels in Pialligo. Louis and Peter developed a very strong friendship and, following Louis becoming President of the GSDCA in 1976 Peter was his right hand man having been elected as Secretary/Treasurer and then GSDCA Secretary from 1981 to 1984. As Secretary of the GSDCA he was an invaluable member of the Council team and responsible for ensuring procedures and processes were followed to the letter.

Peter also served as a long time Committee member and then President of the ACTGSDA from 1980 till 1981.

He was very involved in putting together the 1972 2nd National Show and Obedience Trial which was held in Canberra and set the standard for future Nationals.

As part of the development and introduction of the GSDCA Breed Survey scheme, Peter was a major contributor to the scheme in many areas. In particular Peters administrative skills in regard to the compilation and layout of the original Breed Survey Procedure Manual in 1977. The manual was in fact typed by Peter on a manual typewriter well in advance of word processors.

Peter and Annie bred under the Kennel Prefix of Malory and they had a number of very successful dogs in the show and trial ring. With the introduction of the Breed Survey Scheme, Peter became one of the early Breed Surveyors.

Peter developed many friends in the dog sport, both within Canberra and Australia Nationally. He was respected for his intelligence, his commitment to the breed and his administrative skill. The GSDCA was very fortunate to receive Peter's contributions at a time of such enormous activity and growth of the breed in Australia. In many ways those processes and procedures established by Peter all those years ago remain to this day.

The breed is grateful to Peter for his contribution. Peter Burrett as a true friend of the German Shepherd Dog and he will always be remembered with great affection.

Rest in Peace Peter.

*Provided for presentation in this Annual Report by the Editor Quarterly National Review, Jacinta Poole.*



## The GSDCA Executive 2020

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### **OFFICE BEARERS**

President  
National Breed Commission  
Judges Committee  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Obedience Committee  
Editor Quarterly National Review

Mr. Sean Lynch  
Mrs. Jenny Yuen  
Mr. Louis Donald  
Mrs. Lyn Phillis  
Mr. Peter Flynn  
Mrs. Julie Urie  
Ms. Jacinta Poole

### **POSITION HOLDERS**

Public Officer  
Breed Health & Wellbeing Committee Chair  
HD/ED Registrar  
NBC Registrar  
National Show Liaison Officer  
Trophy Officer  
Database Coordinator  
Breed Specific Legislation Officer  
Website Officer  
Public Relations Officer  
Title Verification Officer  
Historian

Mr. Brenton Lowes  
Dr. Candy Baker  
Mr. Doug West  
Ms. Melanie Groth  
Mr. Ian Urie  
Mr. Terry Jarvis  
Mr. Frank Moody  
N/A  
Ms. Jacinta Poole  
Mr. Paul York  
Mrs. Jenny DeLucia  
N/A

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## MEMBER CLUB COMMITTEE'S FOR 2020

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

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Training Coordinator  
Breed Affairs Administrator

Wolf Meffert  
Sasha Beljanski  
Veronica Fairbairn  
Mona Wood  
Jenny Kenworthy  
Veronica Fairbairn

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE**

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Training Coordinator  
Breed Affairs Administrator

Terry Jarvis  
Melanie Groth  
Fay Stokes  
Diane Coping  
N/A  
Jo Cathie

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

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Breed Affairs Administrator  
Obedience Coordinator

Sean Lynch  
Bradley Foley  
Paul York  
Kay York  
Gavin Bean  
Graham Robinson



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

President	Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon/Louis Donald
Vice President	Raimond Wharton
Secretary	Michelle Hammond
Treasurer	Shelley McCammon
Breed Affairs Administrator	Gail Donald
Obedience Coordinator	Laura Shimdkte

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

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

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

President	David Griffin/Jeanie Priest (acting)
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	Vince Ebejer
Vice President	Tony Mercieca
Secretary	Dearne Jackson
Treasurer	Fiona Henderson
Breed Affairs Administrator	Nicky McDermott
Training Administrator	Les Rudling

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

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





## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Sean Lynch**



I would like to welcome you all to the 2021 AGM of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia, I hope you enjoy the new format via Zoom and we all hope we don't have any technical issues.  
2020 is a year we will never forget.

Who would have ever dreamed on a National being cancelled?? Well the unthinkable happened, I do respect the job our Government has done keeping most of us safe from this virus yet at the same time we all feel very disappointed our beloved National had to be cancelled. I would like to acknowledge the professionalism shown by the GSDL committee with the GSDCA Executive in making such a hard decision but in the end, it was the only decision that could be made. Not only did we have the heart break of our National being cancelled but also most countries around the world made the same decision including Germany with the BSZS.

On the positive side most of our clubs were able to have a Breed Survey during the year, it was very pleasing to see the safe practice that was in place at these surveys, I would like to thank the clubs for the effort they all went to and ensure the safety of all in attendance.

One negative that came out this year was the false comments made against our surveyors and other volunteers – these comments made either on social media or directly to the clubs have all been investigated and found not to be true, at this time I would like to remind everyone that Breed Surveyors, Judges and committee members give up their time freely to help us all. No one gets paid or receives anything from the many hours put in so I would ask everyone to respect each other.

I would now like to speak more about the future of the GSDCA. Its current position and my immediate goals for the next year.

This year has given me the opportunity to have a good long look at the workings of the GSDCA. What I have found is that we do most things extremely well. The one thing I found troubling though was the financial position of the GSDCA.

In 2012 we had a little over \$160,000 in the GSDCA bank account, eight years later Peter Flynn our Treasurer submits the finances to the Executive with a balance of just over \$80,000. So, in the last eight years the GSDCA has lost more than 50% of its savings, at this rate the GSDCA will be broke in a few short years this is a massive problem and requires a complete review of all cost /expenses relating to the GSDCA.

I intend to spend the next year reviewing all levels of expenditure. My focus will be on reducing unnecessary cost to the organisation. This may lead to possible restructure and or realignment of different segments of our organisation. As President I am determined to secure the financial position of the GSDCA moving forward.

Another item I would like to implement would be a monthly Zoom meeting with the Executive as nearly all issues are currently dealt with via emails and I find this to be very difficult as often what you write is not necessarily what someone reads or understands, plus this will give everyone on Executive an opportunity to discuss items more freely.

At this time, I would like to thank the outgoing Executive members on the wonderful job they have all done over the years, I wish Jenny, Jacinta and Julie all the best for the future. Thank you from all the Executive and member clubs on a job well done. I am sure you will all enjoy the well-deserved break.



## **TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Peter Flynn**

### **Treasurer's Report – 2019/2020 Financial Year**



This is my first report as Treasurer. Firstly, I would like to thank the retiring Treasurer Jane Pike who provided a very professional handover, and was always available to answer my questions. Secondly, thanks to the Member Club office holders for your assistance and prompt payment of invoices. Also, thanks to my fellow executive holders for their support.

I can report that the GSDCA made an Operating Surplus for the year of \$5735 compared to an Operating Deficit of \$(11,172) last year. This is a pleasing result given that the council has run Operating Deficits for the last 5 years.

Ironically, the improved result is mainly due to the COVID pandemic with the lockdowns and state border closures. With the cancellation of the NBC meeting travel and accommodation costs were saved. Also, with the cancellation of the National

Show and Trial, the Quarterly Review publishing costs were reduced as the National edition requires significantly more pages and photos.

The council financials were also improved by the increases in fees that were voted on by the clubs at this year's AGM that came into effect on July 1, 2020.

As at September 30, 2020 the council's cash balances totalled \$80,306 which is a sound position, but back at September 30, 2013 the balance was \$148,754 which means the council has churned through \$68,448 in the last 7 years. Obviously, this is not sustainable and the GSDCA Executive and the Member Clubs need to work together to turn this position around.

If you have any questions please contact me before the meeting by phone (0468 814 438) or email ([treasurer@gsdcouncilaustralia.org](mailto:treasurer@gsdcouncilaustralia.org)) so I can prepare the required information.



## **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 2020 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 2020, 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. W. Martinella*

**G.W. Martinella**  
Partner

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021





**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:

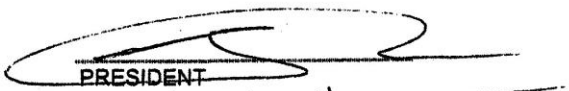
1. Presents fairly the financial position of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc as at 30 September 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements 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 2020:

- (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  
SEAN LYNCH

  
TREASURER  
PETER FLYNN

Dated: 18 day of January 2021



## SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mrs. Lyn Phillis



Welcome to the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council via Zoom with this being my first report as GSDCA Secretary.

In February this year we were saddened by the loss of Anita Pettenhofer. Anita's dedication to the German Shepherd Dog was well known and became a mentor to many as being the first female SV Foreign List German Shepherd Dog Judge in Australia. My sincere condolences to Anita's family. A tribute written by Jenny Delucia is contained within this Annual report.

2020 although an even number has certainly been an odd year with many challenges. From March COVID-19 dictated our every step through most of the year, seeing the rolling effect of all states going into lockdown and many events cancelled, including the postponement of our 48<sup>th</sup> National Show and Trial this year and next especially with the uncertainty of when overseas travel can start once again.

It also sees for the first time the GSDCA AGM being carried out by electronic means. I believe this is the way of the future and I welcome many more meetings to be carried out this way as we can find ourselves in a lockdown at short notice. Additionally, it will ultimately save National Council a lot of unnecessary travel/accommodation expenses.

Having said that, I am however silently thankful for the slower pace experienced this year as I sit in this position. It was a difficult start with the previous key position holders having stepped down and in I went boots and all. Our past Secretary Val Moody has the patience of a saint putting up with my never ending questions and queries and I am so appreciative for all your ongoing assistance Val. I am also incredibly grateful to receive Jenny Yuen and Jacinta Poole's valuable input and help.

I feel there should be more 'behind the scenes' assistance as we do have other life commitments whether it be work, family, businesses and time is not always our friend. Some portfolios within National Council seem to be weighed heavily and others extremely light. I have noted that many clubs have behind the scenes assistance to their committee and I do not see why this could not be applied to some positions within the GSDCA, the NBC position is a prime example of working incredibly well with the assistance of many position holders.

I would like to thank the outgoing Executive members for their support throughout the year and wish them well. I would also like to thank the clubs for their support and patience as I continue in this role.

Hopefully, we will meet up again in 2021 enjoying the hobby in which we all have in common.

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**The following Awards that would have normally been presented at the 2020 National Show & Trial were presented to the recipients by each Member Club at one of their major club events.**

**Congratulations are extended to the following:**

### **GSDCA SERVICE AWARDS:**

- ❖ Mr. Ian Marr (WA)

### **GSDCA SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD:**

- |                      |                    |                     |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| ❖ Mr. Vince Tantaró  | Service to Council | GSDCA President     |
| ❖ Mrs. Val Moody     | Service to Council | GSDCA Secretary     |
| ❖ Ms. Jane Pike      | Service to Council | GSDCA Treasurer     |
| ❖ Mrs. Robyn Knuckey | Service to Council | GSDCA Judge's Chair |

**GSDCA RETIRING BREED SURVEYORS AND SPECIALIST JUDGES:** Mrs. Christine Collins

**GSDCA SPECIALIST JUDGE BADGE:** Nil





## GSDCA JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS FOR 2019

<b>MEMBER CLUB</b>	<i>(7 years to under 10 years)</i> <b>NAME</b>	<i>(10 years to under 13 years)</i> <b>NAME</b>	<i>(13 years to under 18 years)</i> <b>NAME</b>
GSDC Victoria	Ryan Kelly	Joel Clark	Stephanie Jones
GSD League of NSW	Brodie Morris	Paris Turoczy	Zachary Bland
GSDC of South Australia	Cienna Acciarres	Baylie Mercer	Bree Hansen
ACT GSD Association	---	---	---
GSDC of Queensland	---	---	---
GSDC of Tasmania	---	---	---
GSD Association of WA	---	---	---
N&HR GSDC	---	---	---

## GSDCA OBEDIENCE AWARDS 2019:

<b>GSDCA BEST COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG</b> Vondarcor All Blacks Thorn CCD RN, Handler: Laura Schimke, Average Score: 97	<b>GSDCA BEST NOVICE DOG</b> RO Ch. Vindel Dancing With Mr D CD, RM, Handler: Alex Cogdell, Average Score: 196	<b>GSDCA BEST NOVICE DOG</b> Castastar Elmo HIT CD, Handler: Annie Tamblyn, Average Score: 185
<b>GSDCA BEST RALLY NOVICE DOG</b> Vondarcor All Blacks Thorn CCD RN, Handler: Laura Schimke, Average Score: 98.3	<b>GSDCA BEST RALLY ADVANCED DOG</b> *CH Hillmagic Platinum Nokozi ‘AZ’ CCD RA, Handler: Karen Hore, Average Score: 97.1	<b>GSDCA BEST RALLY MASTER DOG</b> RO. Ch. Vindel Dancing With Mr D CD RM, Handler: Alex Cogdell, Average Score: 98.3
<b>GSDCA BEST RALLY EXCELLENT DOG</b> Dual Ch (T) Supr. Ch Rimerini Dare To Dream ‘AZ’ CCD RE, Handler: Lauren Brownhill, Average Score: 88		
<b>BEST UTILITY DOG</b> N/A	<b>EXCELLENT DOG</b> N/A	<b>EXCELLENT HANDLER</b> N/A

**GSDCA OUTSTANDING CANINE SERVICE AWARD:** Nil.

**GSDCA 2019 RETIRING DOGS:** Nil.

## HONOUR ROLL

The following awards, due to postponement of the 2020 National has no winners to record.

<b>Medal Winners - Stock Coat - DOGS</b>
<b>Medal Winners - Stock Coat - BITCHES</b>
<b>Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - DOGS</b>
<b>Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - BITCHES</b>
<b>Medal Winners – Obedience</b>
<b>Breeders Group Trophy</b>



<b>MEMORIAL PLAQUES</b> No winners due to postponement of the 2020 National.	
<b>Walter Reimann Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Open Dog Winner (SC)</i>	
<b>Max Stokes Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Junior Bitch Winner (SC)</i>	
<b>Roy Brabham Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Open Bitch Winner (SC)</i>	
<b>David O'Rourke Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Dual Performance Winner</i>	
<b>Rick Richardson Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Winner of Winners</i>	
<b>Sam Bonifacio Stock Coat Breeders Trophy</b> <i>Most Successful Stock Coat Breeder</i>	
<b>GSDCA Long Stock Coat Breeders Trophy</b> <i>Most Successful Long Stock Coat Breeder</i>	
<b>Hans-Juergen Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Open Dog Winner (LSC)</i>	
<b>Thomas Roger Luxton Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Open Bitch Winner (LSC)</i>	
<b>James William Henry Rodger Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Intermediate Bitch Winner (SC)</i>	
<b>Joylene Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque</b> <b>Intermediate Dog (SC)</b>	

## MEMBER CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

As expected, the association's activities were severely restrained by the arrival of the pandemic. As we operate from the Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC), an ACT Government owned and operated facility our activities were subject to government controls.

Our obedience school commenced the year as per normal on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 but came to a halt when the ACT Government closed EPIC to all activities on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. A drive through Covid testing facility was established at EPIC and, subject to approved Covid plans, restricted access was allowed initially to the Saturday Farmers Market and to our Association on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July.

Attendance at Wednesday night training has been excellent, generally with about 60+ dogs taking part. Provision had to be made to restrict class sizes and to attempt to maintain social distancing within a class. The policy is 'Train and Go' to ensure that numbers around the club house are kept to a minimum.

We had to cancel our October 2020 Conformation Shows as the required ACT Government Covid management plans would have been excessively cumbersome, and of course our overseas judges would not have been available.

Club members have been able to participate in local obedience trial with successful outcomes.

A Breed Survey for 5 animals was conducted on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October with Faye Stokes and Terry Jarvis officiating. We appreciate the assistance provided by the GSD League.

Our current membership stands at 187 members.



We are planning to conduct our Conformation Shows on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2021, hopeful that our overseas judges are able to travel to Australia without the need for the 2 week hotel quarantine.

Of considerable concern is the current high demand for GSD puppies. We have noted that some members have, via the internet, ended up with very expensive GSD? Pups without ANKC Registered Pedigrees.

We look forward to regaining some level of normality in 2021, but are concerned that our politicians are enjoying the concept of controlling the population through fear and draconic measures.

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

Well, we sure live in interesting times the likes that nobody has seen before in our lifetimes, the COVID 19 Virus has hit our country with great ferocity and all of us are vulnerable to contracting the Virus so do not be complacent and think that it won't get you because you just never know. Obey all instructions that come out from the authorities and keep your heads down we all need to be here when it's all over.

As you would have read in the Dogs NSW Journal that all is locked down tight as far as they are concerned till the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (well that date is done and dusted) they will work on the information supplied by The Government as to how long this Virus is going to stop us from participating in the sport we love.

It is up to us one and all to follow the recommendations laid out for us by the powers that be at Government and Dogs NSW level. We have a responsibility to ourselves, our families and our friends to do the right thing and keep our distance. Do not forget to keep in contact by phone or email with people you have not heard from for a while as they may be suffering the isolation and just need someone to talk to. We have a glimmer of light but not right through to the end of the tunnel yet. Each State government is working hard to see that we have the minimum of disruption, but some States are suffering more than others and I wish all is well in ours and your own area of life and activities.

The League has had a very quiet year as have you all with all Showing and Obedience trials coming to a halt for most of the year. The League has been fortunate to be able to have some shows in the latter part of the year with Dr. Karen Hedberg doing the October show and Mrs. Jenny De Lucia Judging our Members Comp in December both with very good entries which was pleasing.

There were three Breed Surveys held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020, and the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 so at least we are getting some action on the dog front. We have had show and obedience training back training back on the grounds and the members are keeping a safe distance and enjoying the outings just in time for the Christmas shutdown.

The bequest made to the league has finally been settled and the cheque has been placed into our account, and as soon as we are able to get out, we will see that it's put into a safe place to carry the GSDL Inc. into the future. Fay and I have put a lot of hours and travelling into seeing this through to the end. It was not an easy road to hoe for us, Fay has got to be the best letter writer as she had to answer the solicitor's letters, which came in thick and fast and the people you have to deal with leave a lot to be desired, but none the less we got the job done and I would like to thank her for her support through this process.

The League is in a very comfortable position financially and we are looking forward to further upgrades to the grounds with new LED Light Towers, which will improve the lighting onto the grounds greatly with considerably less running costs and also a covered designated smoking area with seating for smokers only. The sound system will be upgraded and the wading pool at the far right hand side of the Dog ring will filled and levelled out.

As far as the League goes as you well know not a lot has been happening as we only got a few sessions of training in before the grounds were inundated with rain and we were flooded out and Dogs NSW closed the grounds for shows and training and then came COVID 19 no training, no meetings National cancelled till 2022 and Fay, Melanie, Dianne, Greg and myself had to go into overdrive as most of the National show was in place and we had to put on hold all the arrangements that we had made, stop production on Marketing items Etc. and find new dates for the National with Dogs NSW in 2021. We started off with the Easter weekend which was approved then moved to the next weekend and due to some interference of some sort from outside found ourselves back out to May?

There being not a lot of Committee meetings or General meetings the Executive carried on with the running of the League and kept the full committee and Members up to date with the latest as it came in. I do not believe that we will have any shows or training until the latter part of the year if at all, but we managed to squeeze a few surveys and shows in which was a bonus for our members.



The Committee is still tying the Bow on the tidying up of the 2020 National and putting it in a safe place to start again for 2022 at least we will have a head start.

Till next time.  
Keep safe and stay at home.

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### **President N & HR GSDC – Mr. Paul York**

2020/21 is my first year as President of N&HRGSDC. Firstly, I would like to thank Sean Lynch for his 20 years of superb leadership as Newcastle president. I certainly have big shoes to fill and hope that I can do Sean and the members proud.

Being a part of any Club has certainly been a challenge this year, going from planning shows, Trials and Breed Surveys to firstly postponing to cancelling events during the year. Covid 19 has changed all our lives and beloved dog activities in ways we could not have imagined. The first activity to resume was the Tuesday Night Training classes and our small team of instructors should be congratulated for conducting these in a Covid Safe manner.

With finances dwindling our Club has come up with a couple of ways to increase the bank balance one of which is of Club Sponsorship from Businesses.

A Club Raffle has also been launched through Showmanager for a fabulous prize of a one off handmade Quilt featuring of course a German Shepherd and second prize, bottles of Bubbles from a local winery Petersons house.

So, 2021 is looking brighter with 4 Shows so far organized. Our regular weekend in July has been extended to 3 shows and we have permission for another Show in March. 2 Trials are scheduled for September and Breed Survey dates are currently being discussed and organized.

During our break from Showing the ring we use on the grounds at Hillsborough has been invigorated and maintained by a small band of workers. The work so far has included ring painting and seat replacement. The most noticeable improvement however has been the returfing of most of the ring. The ring maintenance has been taken over by club members which has meant that the Shepherd ring at Hillsborough is given everything that is required to become and maintained in pristine condition.

We are now looking forward to our first show for 2021 which is scheduled for March.

 *Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC Financials have been provided to the GSDCA Executive.*

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### **President GSDC of Queensland – Mr. Louis Donald**

The 2020 year commenced with Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon in the position of Club President however, at the first 2020 meeting in February, Sharon resigned and subsequently I was asked by the Management committee to become Interim President until the next General Meeting.

With the declaration of the COVID19 pandemic the Management committee discussed how best to safeguard all members and position holders during this global crisis and the decision was made to suspend all Club activities until further notice, which included the May Breed Survey and the July Championship two-day show. At the time this decision was met with mixed reactions however, it since has proved to be the correct path given the circumstances.

Tonight, for the first time since February 2020, we conduct a General Meeting and the 2020 Annual General Meeting, with approval from Dogs Queensland's COVID19 regulators, which includes a limit of 30 pre-registered members observing social distancing.

**Treasurer** - Membership stands at 129 Memberships (single & dual) which equals 202 individual members – attaining this number of members provides the Club with four (4) GSDCA votes. The Club funds increased by just under \$5000 without the usual liabilities of the shows and activities. Full financials and auditors report will be tabled by the Treasurer.

**Show Secretary** – The Members Competition held in March judged by Kurt Moreton, our only show for the year, was very well received with a very good entry. The 2021 two-day championship show is still scheduled for the first



weekend in July subject to any COVID restrictions. Our original Judge contracted for 2020, Mr Hollenstein unfortunately was forced to cancel his contract in early March of this year due to extreme ill health. Fortunately, we were able to contract, at short notice, the very well qualified WUSV International Judge, Mr Sanjit Mohanty who has agreed to transfer his judging contact to next year. Mr Mohanty and I look forward to judging the Championship Shows in 2021.

**Breed Affairs** - We were very fortunate to be able to hold three Breed Surveys during the year – the first prior to the March competition, and with much negotiation and determination to meet government and DQ regulatory requirements, the next two COVID safe Surveys were held in July and November.

**HD/ED** - Contracts increased from 59 to 85.

**Obedience** – no events were able to be held by the GSDCQ this year. However, there is much enthusiasm of creating more and different events for 2021.

**Show training** - at both the DQ and Ipswich locations was suspended during the year, except for a couple of weeks mid-year which was subsequently cancelled once again due to the COVID requirements set down by Dogs Qld. Hopefully, the relaxation of COVID19 requirements in 2021 will provide the opportunity for one or both of these to recommence.

**Rescue** – A challenging role at any time, but particularly so this year with COVID impacting on the huge increase in demand for German Shepherd dogs, and canine companions in general. There are simply not enough to meet the demand and sadly the consequences within the near future once things “return to normal” may be quite significant.

I thank the outgoing management team for their support during this year. The club welcomes an entire new management team for 2021 and whilst the vote is yet to take place this evening, all positions nominated are uncontested.

With the relaxation of border restriction now opening travel to and from the other States, I wish all members and their families, and their wonderful GSD companions, an enjoyable festive season with family and friends from all across Australia.


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

2020 Has not been a good year for anyone due to Covid-19 and our club was certainly not spared. Our club was shut for three months and closed again early towards the end of the year due to the second wave of Covid-19. All of our trials were cancelled and several of our shows also which did have an impact on our finances, however, our membership was only down by 5 members.

The club held two members competitions which were well attended and held four breed surveys with 25 animals presented and one fail. Our First Vice President, Jenny De Lucia, produced a series of obedience training videos using our club training method, while the club was in lockdown which were uploaded to Facebook and proved to be very popular. We even managed to hold a working bee towards the end of the year with thanks to those who assisted.

I will take this opportunity to thank all of the helpers throughout the year, Club Instructors, Committee and Sub Committee members. A big thank you to our major sponsor, Royal Canin. The Royal Canin food has proven to be very popular with our members as we had record dog food sales this year. Thank you to our Obedience Head Trainer, Robert MacPherson and our team of highly skilled instructors who are a credit to our club and training school. Thank you also to those members who took show class on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. All of you are valued members of the club.

 *GSDC South Australia Financials have been provided to the GSDCA Executive.*

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## **President GSDC of Tasmania – Mr. Ken Millhouse**

Ladies and Gentleman, Executive and Club Presidents and delegates.

The 2020 year can only be described as a challenging one. The COVID -19 virus threw the whole world into chaos, stopping the annual trips for those who attend the Sieger shows yearly, halting the importation of animals, no National, no shows, no training or socialising. However here in Tasmania we remained relatively unscathed compared to other states. All club activities ceased for us in March and we weren't able to resume until September.






The Club held 2 Breed Surveys, September saw Terry Jarvis (NSW) survey the 1 animal presented and in February Ian Urie (Vic) surveyed the 2 animals presented with the added benefit for members being the GSDCA providing us with the services of a second Surveyor as an alternative. Although the numbers were low at these events, it is still good to see that exhibitors are utilising the Breed Improvement Scheme.

Post Covid, we have since held a stand alone Breed Survey in early December with 5 animals being presented. Many thanks to Ian Urie and Alastair Henderson for officiating. Show numbers at our events have risen slightly, SBE saw 30 dogs entered in September and our February Am/Pm shows saw an entry of 37 at each.

Unfortunately, the club has seen a significant decrease in memberships, as at the AGM (Sept) they sat at 41 members. However, the signs are positive with numbers at weekly training sessions turning around from 4-5 attending previously to 18 – 20 on a weekly basis. With the reintroduction of basic obedience classes adding to our numbers and the very welcome return of some members who haven't attended for a while and being able to utilise their skills into formatting some new training schedules, we look forward to a very bright 2021.

Although we don't hold a significant number of memberships, we have still been able to hold financially steady throughout the Covid period with the current bank account balance sitting at approx. \$14,200.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those Committee both past and present, members and friends of the club, who have helped in their own way to keep the club moving forward.

 *GSDC of Tasmania Financials have been provided to the GSDCA Executive.*

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

As President of the GSDCV I am pleased to present this report to the GSDCA AGM.

I would like to start by thanking our major sponsor, Royal Canin for their support through 2020 and I am pleased to report they have agreed to continue our long-term relationship into 2021. Our thanks also to our long-time friend Monash Veterinary Clinic.

The 2020 year was undoubtedly one of the hardest years that the GSDCV have faced. The year started off with Victoria offering to host another National Show and Trial on behalf of the GSDCA in 2021. So soon after our last one, while there was not unexpected resistance, as we always do, we pulled together, accepted the challenge, hunkered down and planning began. Planning was short lived though, with the GSDCA National being postponed and moved not once but twice, regardless of when it is, we will be ready.

Events were significantly curtailed in Victoria, due both to the restrictions placed upon us by the Victorian Government affecting our Branches and Dogs Victoria progressively cancelling events as the year moved on. In addition, Dogs Victoria closed KCC Park, reopening in early December which significantly affected our Skye and Specialist Show Branches.

We were able to conduct an SGM in January, the Champ Show and RTB Trial in March as well as 3 Breed Surveys and 1 Zap Test assessment once restrictions lifted after Lockdowns 1 & 2. Fortunately, we were able to conduct our Club AGM in March, though with a limited attendance which enabled a change in Committees across Victoria.

While physical training numbers were understandably down for the year, memberships were surprisingly up with 2672 members spread over 1402 units, up from 2451 members over 1387 units in 2019. There is no doubt this is due to the relationship our Branch Committees and Instructors have with our members and the public, contact that was maintained throughout the year including the two lock down periods. While this presented its own unique challenges, we adapted, utilized what we had available and through the dedication and hard work of our Branch Committees and Instructors we kept in touch with the membership base. Providing instruction sets, tips and homework as well as responding to members questions and feedback, members were able to continue training on their own, making sure they were ready to return to training when possible as well as having the best ambassador our breed can have, a well-behaved GSD. This occurred not only through both lockdown periods, it was also utilised between the two lockdowns and initial opening stages while restrictions on numbers able to gather were and still are in place. Covid-19 safe /return to play plans were developed, considering government guidelines and each unique requirement that the relevant local council requested. This enabled Branches to reopen for members to return to training as soon as practical each time restrictions were eased. Due to our unique structure and the dispersion of our Branches across Victoria, there were periods when our





metropolitan Branches were closed and our regional/country Branches were able to open, though even that caused its own problems with border closures and arbitrary lines on a map affecting our Wodonga and Geelong Branches.

Continuing from our Membership database upgrade, at the beginning of the 2020 training year the GSDCV rolled out a Branch Training activity hub. This comprised several key elements linked together; a unique barcode printed on membership badges, contactless scanning from multiple sources (which unbeknownst at the time came in handy later in the year), training /vaccination and other details entered into an adjunct to the membership database as well as financial status. This activity hub enables a number of reports which better enables us to run our Club and Branches as well as serve the members and the Breed.

As always, the GSDCV could not function without the multitudes of volunteers that make the GSDCV what it is, from the committees to instructors to the general helper on the ground, it takes an enormous amount of effort each week and every time we conduct an event, and their efforts cannot go unrecognised.

As in previous years, the GSDCV financial statements will be detailed in the GSDCV 2020 Annual report which will be mailed to the GSDCA Secretary as well as each of our affiliate Clubs.

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## **President GSDA of Western Australia – Mr. Brian Lubbock**

I welcome this opportunity to present my annual report to this AGM, 2020 has been a vastly different year to any that we have experienced before because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have only been able to hold a limited number of shows and trials because of this virus and the club was shut down for a number of weeks due to the restrictions put in place by the State Government, as an organisation we have followed the restrictions to the letter, including advice received from Dogs west regarding the closing of the grounds and it has been very difficult for our newer members with very young puppies as they have missed out on some very important socialisation and training during the shutdown.

Since the restrictions were eased a little and we have been able to return to the club, with registration of every person attending the grounds, giving their name and phone number, to assist in tracing in the event that there is a spike in cases of COVID-19, our Instructors have made every effort to help the members catch up on the very important training that has been missed during the shutdown and as we approach the move to Phase five in WA we are hopeful of running a few shows before the end of the year although, because of the hard border closure in WA, this will most likely be using local Judges only.

Overall the members of the club are very supportive of the work done by our many volunteers but every now and again an issue arises and that is when people forget that the club is run by volunteers who give an inordinate amount of time to the club, the club has two separate sub-committees that look after the interests of the two sections (Shows & Trials), and all it needs is for the general membership to show respect to each other regardless of whether your interest is shows or obedience and the perceived issues will quickly disappear.

I offer my thanks to Margaret Adams for again taking on the task of producing this Report Booklet for the GSDA of WA AGM. This booklet contains reports from the various Office Bearers of the club and all the sub-committee chairs and is an unbelievably valuable part of maintaining the history of the club, many thanks Margaret for a job well done. I thank all the outgoing Management Committee Members for their hard work throughout the past year. A number of these committee members have decided not to re-stand for their position and, on behalf of the members I offer my grateful thanks for the work they have done on the committee.

To Honey, Natalie, Joan and Margaret, on behalf of the members I offer my grateful thanks for the work they have done on the committee.

The motto that was introduced a number of years ago is: -

We CAN make a difference if we put aside our personal likes and dislikes and ALL work together for the sake of the Breed.

I would now like to recognise all our many volunteers, club officers and sub-committee members: -

Vicki Beaton for part of the year and Robyn Knuckey for the latter part of the year - Club Registrar, Hereditary Disease Registrar and HD/ED Registrar, Steve Adams Webmaster, Andy Crace - GSDA Shop, Stephan Gumpert - Point Score Officer, Faye Ramsden and now Chris Smith - Membership Officer, John Glenn - Head Trainer at Gosnells & Returning Officer for the AGM Voting and Honey Gross-Richardson – Head Trainer at Otago Park.



I also offer my grateful thanks to all members of the Show & Trial sub-committees, all the people involved in the Grounds Working Party with special thanks to Ian Heard and Kerrie Pearce for their fantastic work on the grounds, these guys are the reason that the grounds look as good as they do. Thanks to John Fenner for his contribution in supplying the front and back covers for the catalogues, and Dorothy Marr for being there to hand out the bibs and catalogues at all of our shows. Finally, my thanks to our dedicated Instructors who give up their time every Sunday to take classes to help our members get the very best out of their furry friends, as you can see by this list, we have many volunteer workers in the club and I thank them all for the great work that they do on behalf of the Breed and Members.

I hope I haven't missed anyone. If I have, then I offer my sincere apologise. This is always a danger when you try to thank everyone by name, but it is nice to recognise the great work that is done by our many volunteers, the members mentioned above are the heart and soul of our organisation and there is no doubt that without the hard work done by all of our volunteers this club would be unable to function. Well done to you all and thank you so much.

As always, we have been well supported by our Sponsors and I am delighted to recognise the continued support once again to the GSDA of WA.

#### Pro-Plan

Pro Plan are sponsor of our club for the second year, and we thank them sincerely.

#### Animal Health (Bio John/Triangle Agencies)

Once again, I thank Troy Lyon and his team for their continued support of the German Shepherd Dog Association of WA (Inc) through the biscuit sales and shop supplies.

It is thanks to Troy that we can purchase the biscuits at a great price which in turn allows us to sell them to our members at the price that we do.

We also purchase most of the shop supplies from Animal Health and we are always offered the goods at a very reasonable price.

Your company's support is always appreciated by me and the club membership Troy.

#### Scarboro Toyota

Scarboro Toyota has once again been great supporters of our club and once again I thank them for the ongoing support of our shows and trials, plus money for ground improvements.

On a personal level I also offer my thanks to Rob van Helvoort for his continued support and friendship.

#### Armada Mower World

Craig and Armada Mower World have continued to support our club and I thank them for that support. They service and repair our ground equipment on a regular basis and are always willing to advise us if required. We also run an annual fundraiser in support of Craig's favourite charity, the Ted Whitten Foundation.

I encourage all our members to support the sponsors who continue to support us, for without this support from the above-named sponsors, we would find it very difficult to offer the financial help to our sub-committees to run the shows and trials.

At this point in the report, I unfortunately need to bring to light a few of the never-ending issues that continually arise:-

- The use of the smoking areas is utilised by the smoking fraternity in the club with an occasional reminder needed to be given to any member that may from time to time break the smoking rules. These incidents are few and I thank the smokers for their support in this matter.
- The fact that, for some reason, the plastic chains around the smoking area posts have been either broken or removed by someone doesn't change the ruling that smoking is only allowed within the four posts of the smoking zones.
- There is a ten kilometre per hour speed limit everywhere on the grounds at HQ and this speed limit MUST be obeyed by all members.

Our Membership numbers are still quite good, I'm not sure what the numbers were when the financial year ended but I'm sure that the report from the membership officer will show around 400 plus members.

We have a really good turnout on Sunday training each week and I ask that the breeders continue to hand out the 4 free lesson certificates as these freebies are very popular with the new puppy people.

I encourage our newer members to consider getting involved in the running of the club. There are many ways to be involved and if you are interested but are unsure of how to get involved speak to any member of the various committees



and I'm sure that they will offer you the relevant advice. We have a very active group of volunteers who have been active for many years. Clubs such as ours don't run themselves guys so please consider this question 'What can I do to help keep MY club going.'

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

I am looking forward to the year ahead in the hope that we can all work together for the benefit of our members and our Breed.

### **Secretary Report/Treasurer – Lucy Lubbock**

Not much has changed from my last report, things have been quiet on emails in and out, same for news from other member clubs due to Covid19 keeping everyone at home, our Treasurer Joan has now retired from the position, and at this stage, I am having to take over the role of Treasurer, until hopefully we find a new person to take this on, in the meantime.... I will be kept on my toes for a while.

### **GSDA of WA Breed Affairs Report – John Fenner**

In 2020, just like other Australian GSD Clubs, the GSDA of WA Breed Activities have been challenged by restrictions due to the COVID-19 situation. Fortunately for us, since the 14th April 2020, no local WA residents have succumbed to the Pandemic, primarily due to Border Restrictions. That in turn has led us to resuming step by step Dog Sports, Training and Breed Surveys as appropriate during the past 230 days.

Breed Surveys recommenced on the 28th June 2020.

Shows recommenced with the 3rd Members Competition on the 13th September 2020. It was scheduled to be judged by Kurt Morton, with John Fenner as reserve. Unfortunately, interstate travel precluded Kurt from his appointment. Similarly, no International Judge precluded conducting the October 2020 West Coast Challenge.

At the GSDA of WA Quarterly General Meeting on Sunday 8th November 2020, the following principles and schedules were established for 2021 by members acceptance of the following proposed Breed Survey. Show Judges and Breed Affairs dates for 2021:

#### **Breed Survey Dates 2021.**

1st Breed Survey	Sunday 14 February 2021	commencing 6:00 pm
2nd Breed Survey	Sunday 11 April 2021	commencing 1:00 pm
3rd Breed Survey	Sunday 20 June 2021	commencing 1:00 pm
4th Breed Survey	Sunday 8 August 2021	commencing 1:00 pm
5th Breed Survey	Sunday 10 October 2021	commencing 1:00 pm
6th Breed Survey	Sunday 28 November 2021	commencing 10:00 am

Show Dates and Judges 2021. Uncompleted appointments in 2020 by visiting judges, International or Interstate, will have their contracts honoured by repeating the same appointment in 2021.

1st Members Competition	27th March 2021 (Night Show)	Judge: Robyn Knuckey.
State Breed Exhibition	17 & 18 April 2021	Judge: Peter Flynn, appointment carried over from 2020. (Local judges are to officiate if State Borders are not open.)
2nd Members Competition	27 June 2021	Judge: Natalie Humphries.
1st Open Show	27 June 2021	To be confirmed once we know who the 2021 Group 5 trainees are.
Rick Richardson Memorial Show	21 August 2021	Judge: Jo Cathie, appointment carried over from 2020. R Knuckey or N Humphries are reserves.
Walter Martin Memorial Show	22 August 2021	Judge: Imran Hussein, appointment carried over from 2020. J Fenner nominated as reserve judge.
3rd Members Competition	12th September 2021.	Verified! Judge: Kurt Morton, appointment carried over from 2020.
4th Members Competition	3 October 2021	Judge: John Fenner or N Humphries (depending if either have judged, or select someone from another State ?)
2nd Open Show	3 October 2021	To be confirmed once we know who the 2021 Group 5 trainees are.
West Coast Challenge	24 October 2021	Judge: Mauro Di Festa (Italy) as currently co-contracted with GSDCV. Other option is someone from another State.

Breed Affairs Meetings and Lecture Dates for remainder of 2020 and 2021



- Sunday December 13th 2020 at 10:00 am. Lecture, Veterinary Dermatologist with Dr Siak -Arrival 9:45 am.
- Sunday January 10th or 17th 2021 – Meeting/lecture. Alternate is to reschedule prior to January SGM.
- Sunday March 21st 2021 – Meeting/lecture/ZAP. Topic TBC
- Sunday May 23rd 2021 – Meeting/lecture/ZAP. Topic TBC
- Sunday 11th July 2021 – Meeting/lecture/ZAP. Topic TBC
- Sunday 12th or 19th September 2021 - Meeting/Lecture/ZAP. Topic TBC.
- Sunday 14th or 21st November 2021 - Meeting/Lecture/ZAP. Topic & Date TBC via Management Committee.
- Further Meetings/Lectures will/may be conducted as required and/or opportune.

#### **Puppy Listing Officer – Margaret Adams**

“2020 and the effects of COVI19”. This saw an unprecedented interest in our breed more than 8 times the enquiries in any week from March to October. This has required me to spend a great amount of time speaking with people to ensure they do all the research they can. My fear is that people have bought puppies of all breeds thinking they will have lots of time to spend and raise a puppy, but reality may set in when they go back to work full time.

Christmas has seen a huge amount of dogs of all breeds looking for homes. Our breeders were fantastic and thanks to those who had litters “cooking” when this situation hit our community. They organised themselves and made sure strict protocols were observed in restricting visits for new families.

The practise I instigated in sending out detailed email introductory packs has continued. I continue to furnish them with the 3 emails with information not only to join the association but many booklets such as Dogs & Children, ‘B4 I get my puppy’ and ‘After I get my puppy’. These are received with gratitude from new people and they often write back to thank me.

I am fortunate to be able to tap into health expertise from our Honorary Veterinarian Dr Candy Baker when people call in with issues. Thank you to Candy for your dedication to our breed even while you were having another little Wedge baby this year. Thanks also to Natalie Humphries and Vicki Beaton for their input on such matters. Thank you ladies – we all do it for the breed.

I love catching up with people who have contacted me and they show their appreciation for what we do.

#### **Identification Officer – Margaret Adams**

As always stray dogs at pounds and rescue centres are the bulk of this portfolios work. Often people send me the microchip number and whilst they bought it via a third party they were assured it was a registered pedigreed dog. Thankfully, they love their dog no matter the parentage.

We have been fortunate to “team up” with S.A.F.E. Perth for our rescue and re-homing of German Shepherds here in Western Australia. Suzanne just contacts me with microchip numbers and we try to see if dogs are bred by our breeders and we can give a bit of family history when it is available. I cannot thank Suzanne and her team enough for the effort they put into taking care of animals - All Creatures Great and Small.

Note – last night I was awakened at 11.20 by a member who had heard on the radio that a dog had been picked up on the freeway and could she give my number to the finder. Amazingly I was controlled and half asleep and said not tonight!!!! The things we do eh?

#### **Stud Dog Registrar’s Report – Margaret Adams**

Thank you to those Stud dog owners who responded to the request for information to be posted onto our website- we have some handsome and beautifully bred boys for the girls to choose from.

Thank you so much to everyone who has been supportive my work of this role. I wish you success in your breeding programmes.

#### **Minute Secretary – Margaret Adams**

I retired from this role in August after being in this role for 15 years – the job suddenly did not just involve minutes it transformed into creating and distributing agendas, correspondence lists and reports from the committee members that was at times wearing and caused other portfolios to have to wait for my attention, so I decided it was time to move on. I have been extremely proud that I have maintained an excellent record of our association’s business and history, whilst juggling my other portfolios.



## **Memberships for 1 October 2019 – 30 September 2020**

Our memberships have remained stable throughout the year and finalized at 30 September 2020 as below:

	Single	Double/Family
Financial Members:	139	80
Life Members	15	11
Total Members	154	91

## **Obedience Chair Report – Ian Marr**

This is my first report to the members since the transition of this position from Honey to me after the AGM and I would like to take this opportunity to offer my grateful thanks to Honey for the many years that she spent in this role. We speak regularly about this great club of ours being totally run by volunteers and many of the volunteers are long term members, such as Honey, who have worked tirelessly for the members for many years.

Considering the situation regarding the COVID-19, we in the West have been very fortunate to have been able to hold training sessions at our grounds for some considerable time, always following the advice given regarding any restrictions brought about by the State Government and the Health Department. It is essential that we continue along this path until such times as the restrictions are lifted.

Our hearts go out to our Eastern States friends in Victoria, who have been unable to train almost since the virus struck apart from a few branches that could train just prior to the second wave hitting.

As I said to the trainers at a recent instructors meeting we need to encourage instructors to bring any new training ideas to the meetings for discussion. We should always be ready to look at ways to improve our training. A very good example of this is the move that we made to start a beginner's class which is run by Kym Glenny and Karen Westmacott every Sunday morning and is a huge success. My thanks, and congratulations to both these ladies for the success of this new initiative. It has been such a success that the photos that Kym takes are now being used by the German Shepherd Club of Victoria as an example for their members that are still unable to train due to the COVIC 19 pandemic. The photos also get a viewing in New Zealand due to a Victorian owner sending them over to NZ. Mention must also be made regarding the help offered to Kym and Karen by Laurel Cowell and Iain McIntosh for being a part of this initiative. I believe that we have a very good training method at the club but that doesn't mean we shouldn't always be looking at ways to improve.

I offer my heartfelt thanks to the group of hard working Instructors that attend every Sunday for 8 months of the year followed by every Wednesday evening during the 4 warmer months taking obedience classes throughout the year. When you consider that we offer training for 50 weeks of the year, with only a short break over Christmas and the New Year, at a cost of \$100 membership, this works out at \$2.00 a week for the ability to train every week.

My thanks also go to the members of the Trials Sub-Committee for the work done by them. The running of the trials organised by this sub-committee are always a credit to them and they have done a great job again this year which has been the most difficult year in memory because of the pandemic.

My thanks go to Diane Webb and her team and look forward to them all being together again in 2021.

The follow part of this report is from the Chair of the Trials Sub-committee for 2020, Di Webb.

The Trials Committee started 2020 planning to conduct five (5) Obedience & Rally-O Trials and one Endurance Test (ET). A 2nd ET would be run in September contingent on firstly, there being entries for the VIMS and/or Montemelia, and secondly adequate ET entries to cover judge and veterinary fees.

We ran a night Obedience & Rally-O Trial on 22 February 2020 for the first time after Dogs West approved our application to take on the date surrendered by the Southern River Agility & Obedience Dog Club. This trial was a success being strongly supported by a good entry from the obedience community. The committee thanks Lucy Lubbock and her helpers who ran the canteen during the trial.

Our next planned events were the SBE Breed Restricted Obedience & Rally-O Trial followed a week later by our April all-breeds Obedience & Rally-O Trial. Unfortunately, COVID-19 struck and with the shutdown these two trials were cancelled along with our July ET, and July Obedience & Rally-O Trial. Furthermore, with no interest being shown in the VIMS, the September event did not go ahead.

Recently we conducted a COVID safe West Coast Challenge Obedience & Rally-O Trial. This night trial was again well supported by the obedience community with a large number of entries. The event will be remembered for Henryk





Zakrzewski's lovely boy Vonalfstytne FreundRohan gaining his Obedience Grand Champion title, the first GSD in this state to do so. Rohan is also a worthy winner of the 2020 Kalgoorlie Cup awarded at the WCC for highest scoring GSD. The Trials Committee wish to thank the Show Committee for operating the canteen at the WCC Trial with some lovely offerings.


As Chair of the committee, I also wish to thank Karen Westmacott for her tireless work behind the scenes in what has been a difficult year for Trial Secretaries. Heartfelt thanks are also due the members of the committee, Joan McMulkin (treasurer to October 2020), Kerrie Pearce (minutes secretary), John Glenny (ring set up & Chief Steward), Jean McCowan (office & trophies), Andy Crace, Sue Peters, Kym Glenny, Trish McGregor (treasurer from October 2020) and Tamara Touzel, for their continued support and we all look forward to 2021 returning to some form of normalcy Diane Webb. Trials Committee Chair 2020.

Thank you Di for the above report. It gives great feedback on the year 2020 and the problems that we as an organization have had to overcome.

### **HD/ED Registrar and Breed Survey Report – Vicki Beaton**

For HD/ED 2020 – I issued 47 forms.

For Breed Survey 2020 – total of 25 animals presented. 5 males classified – 19 females classified (one was a re-present) and 1 female failed.

 *GSDA of Werstern Australia financials have been provided to the GSDCA Executive.*





## NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION REPORT – Mrs. Jenny Yuen



This will be my last report. I congratulate the person elected to the position of NBC Chair and wish them well for their future in the role. If I can be of assistance I will.

This year has been difficult with the Covid virus but it has been heartening to see all clubs manage to hold surveys. All states managed, in spite of the state government restrictions to organise surveys. Fingers crossed we can get to some shows in 2021. Some states have managed to have a couple this year. Unfortunately, we couldn't run the NBC meeting, but did send out a midyear report to keep all updated.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my team who have all been amazing to work with- NBC registrar Melanie Groth, Title Verification Officer Jenny DeLucia, Breed Health and Wellbeing Candy Wedge, Database Frank Moody and HD/ED Doug West. I will miss working with them all. They have all made my work so much easier. Thank you to my fellow GSDCA Executive especially our Secretary Lyn Phyllis who kept me organised and Jacinta Poole who always steps up to assist me,

well outside the requirements of her portfolios. I wish them all good luck for the future.

I think the organisation needs to look very seriously at succession planning. Many of us are getting older and it is imperative that we recognise this and bring on assistants with a view to them stepping up into the jobs in the future. This would make the transition of portfolios much smoother all round.

It is easy to forget sometimes just how much we, the German Shepherd enthusiasts, through our State Clubs and the GSDCA, have achieved since the import ban was lifted. The GSDCA has come a long way over many years and has been the envy of many other breed clubs. I implore all position holders, Surveyors, Judges, Breeders, Exhibitors and all members not to take what has been achieved for granted. Our HD/ED and Breed Survey schemes are second to none and I urge all to respect them. It is always disappointing and distressing for all to see one of our beautiful breed fail Breed Survey or the HD/ED scheme. I know how painful it can be when it is your dog that fails, but if we truly care for the breed we must accept the decision so we don't risk perpetuating a fault that may damage the breed into the future. Remember always that this beautiful dog is primarily a working dog and as such must be of sound temperament, medium size, balanced, unexaggerated and dry and firm. This is the dog that also makes a sound, reliable family pet. This is the dog for which we should all be aiming as breeders, Surveyors, Judges and in fact all GSD enthusiasts. Coming into this breed so many years ago this is what was always drilled into us by the leaders of that time.

As I've said before, let us all work together going forward and enjoy this lovely breed and the company of fellow Shepherd lovers.

### Tooth certificates issued 2020

28/06/2020	10129	Mrs Jannette MacDonald	Castastar Jazmyne Lower right lateral (403) and middle (402) Incisors removed due to injury.
24/09/2020	10130	S Pittelli & P Flynn	*Alwin Vom Haus Nesgen Upper left incisor (202 & 203) removed due to accident.
14/10/2020	10131	Mr. K and Mrs S Maresh	*Rhosyn Twysted Secret Upper right canine (104) removed due to accident.

## **National Breed Survey Registrar – Ms. Melanie Groth**

### Breed Surveys

2020 has been an extraordinary year as the COVID pandemic swept Australia, forcing states into lockdown with social distancing measures placing a dampener on our sport. The pandemic has restricted Clubs' ability to hold their scheduled surveys as per the calendar, particularly in the first 6 months of the year. Clubs tended to rally in the latter half of the year as we became accustomed to COVID practices and adjusted how surveys could be conducted to meet local and state demands for public gatherings. A total of 25 surveys took place across Australia during 2020 with 142 dogs presented to survey, 18 less than 2019 with 126 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 animals with reason for inability to be classified. Table 4 shows the comparison of number and reason for why animals were not classified after being presented.

*Table 1 No. of surveys per state 2017 - 2020*

State Club	Year	ACT	N&HR	GSDL	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA	TOTAL
Surveys held per year	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
	2020	2	1	3	3	4	2	4	6	25

*Table 2 Breakdown of animals presented to survey in each state 2017-2020*

State Club	Total BS	Classified	Fail	Total BS	Classified	Fail	Total BS	Classified	Fail	Total BS	Classified	Fail
	2020			2019			2018			2017		
ACT GSDA	8	8	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	6	6	0
N&HRGSDC	11	10	1	6	6	0	12	10	2	11	9	2
GSDL	26	23	3	37	34	3	25	23	2	45	44	1
GSDCQ	20	15	5	30	26	4	25	22	3	17	16	1
GSDCSA	24	22	2	24	24	0	39	38	1	33	31	2
GSDCT	7	6	1	5	5	0	14	12	2	9	8	1
GSDCV	21	18	3	40	37	3	29	37	2	42	41	1
GSDAWA	25	24	1	18	18	0	23	19	4	29	29	0
Totals	142	126	16	160	150	10	182	166	16	192	184	8

Western Australia was the only state club able to hold all of its scheduled surveys throughout 2020. South Australia managed to dodge restrictions by rescheduling dates and enabling them to hold four surveys as they did in 2019. Victoria and Qld were the clubs impacted the most, mainly due to restrictive COVID regulations particularly the far north Qld. The ACT club held two surveys this year, the second survey of which was not advertised beyond the club. It may well have been larger as the GSDL number of surveys was affected by outbreaks and COVID regulations and members were disappointed not to have known about the survey. Newcastle & Hunter Region did apply for a second survey, however it was cancelled due to a lack of numbers and being held in such close proximity to one with the League. The ACT, GSDL and Newcastle clubs rely on surveyors from the GSDL and they really do need to communicate with each other as to the timing of their surveys as this is a big ask for surveyors to be travelling long distances for clubs that are within 2-3 hours of the GSDL.

I reiterate again this year, 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 can place a strain on the peer group. Given our surveyors are not getting any younger and we have lost a number to retirement over the last few years it is timely for the Clubs and Council to consider the rules governing surveyorship and whether they are restricting people from making the jump to becoming surveyors. There has been dialogue about this throughout the year. Despite the restrictions in 2020 there has still been a good spread of surveys across the year. If the normal number of surveys had been held the numbers would have been on par with 2019. In fact, on average 2020 had six dogs per survey as opposed to 5 in 2019.

Table 2 indicates higher numbers of animals being brought to survey has continued to decline since 2017. At the 2019 NBC meeting a workshop was held to consider the number of registrations and how it compared over the past twenty years. The correlation was in-line with registration numbers, in fact survey numbers had increased in comparison to the number of German Shepherd Dogs registered. The number of failures increased on 2019 numbers. An increase in animals failing due to height could be attributed to the height restriction becoming active as of July 1, 2020. People can draw their own conclusions to the numbers failing character and gun. Acceptance of the decisions of the surveyors can be met with upset, however it is important to protect the standard as hard as it is when you own the dog.



*Table 3. GSDCA Club Breed Surveys January 1 – December 31 2020*

Club	No. of surveys	Classified	Fail	Reason
ACTGSDA	2	8	nil	
GSDL	3	23	3	2 - failed gun, 1 - oversize
NHRGSDC	1	10	1	aggression
GSDCQ	3	15	5	4 - failed gun 1 - failed character
GSDCSA	4	22	2	1 - oversize, 1 - failed character
GSDCT	2	6	1	oversize
GSDCV	4	18	3	2 - oversize, 1 - failed gun
GSDAWA	6	24	1	1 - failed gun
<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>16</b>	

The number of classified animals presented to Breed Survey fell by 24. The number of animals failing survey has increased to 16 from 10 in the previous year.

### Reasons for Fail

16 animals across Australia were unable to be classified.

*Table 4 Categories of Failure for Classification 2019 - 2020*

	Bite	Gun Test	Anatomy/ Oversize	Character/ Temperament	Total
2019	1	3	3	3	10
2020	nil	8	5	3	16

### Long Stock Coats

Table 5 provides a comparison of numbers of Long Stock Coats breed surveyed in each state over four survey years. In 2020, 23 animals were presented for Breed Survey with 20 gaining a classification. The number of long stock coats being presented to survey was down markedly this year, our lowest number since 2016. South Australia still dominates the numbers.

*Table 5 Number of Long stock coat breed surveyed 2016-2020*

State Club	Year				
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
ACT GSDA	0	0	0	1	2
N&HRGSDC	3	0	3	2	2
GSDL	2	9	9	9	2
GSDCQ	2	8	2	3	3
GSDCSA	6	4	12	5	4
GSDCT	1	1	0	1	0
GSDCV	5	14	10	7	6
GSDAWA	4	5	4	6	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>

### State Registrars

I would like to acknowledge the work of the Registrars in each state. At times it is an unenviable task dealing with members who are ill-prepared with the proper paperwork and fail to meet the deadlines of having everything in a week prior to the survey. This can at times cause unnecessary conflict for those in the role and I would ask the general members to be mindful in the lead up to having their dog surveyed of what is required (including a digital photo) so that the process runs smoothly for all involved. It is the responsibility of the Registrars supported by the coordinator to be fully conversant of the updates to the Breed Survey manual so that there is no ambiguity in what is asked for by each club. In providing clarity to the members this will reduce the angst for all involved.

There have been some difficulties with obtaining paperwork post survey, within the expected time frame of two weeks and this prolongs frustration for owners waiting on their 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 the survey into the database, as soon as possible after the survey. Delays in doing this cause 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.

Registrars have also been proactive in providing details of results of surveys for members on their Club Facebook pages. Queensland have been exemplary in ensuring a photo of every dog is sent to the registrar with the survey paperwork. Therefore, they have been the **only** club in Australia who does not have outstanding photos for the database. Congratulations to Gail Donald (outgoing Registrar), for this initiative. Clubs could consider appointing an official photographer at surveys and this may assist in ensuring photos are provided for the database. Photo submission rates 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 members; however, the onus is still on the owner of the dog to ensure an acceptable photograph is forwarded for the database.

I'd like to acknowledge the work of our outgoing Registrars and thank them for their diligence in ensuring the process has run as smoothly as possible. Vicki Beaton has this year retired after some 20 years in the role as Registrar for the WAGSDA. She will be replaced by Leanne Irvine who takes over the reins for 2021. Gail Donald has reinvented the role of Breed Survey Registrar in her time for Queensland and like Vicki will be very much missed. Gail's perseverance with organising surveys this year under rather trying conditions with DOGSQld and Qld government rules regarding COVID is nothing short of heroic. As a result, the GSDCQ were able to hold surveys for their members and those interstate, in spite of COVID restrictions. Fred Flower will take over from Gail in 2021 in the role of Registrar. Gail Cullen in Tasmania takes over the role from Carol Millhouse after a break from doing the role during Joylene Neddermeyer's time as NBC Chair. Thank you to Carol for your work in the role in 2020.

*Table 5 – GSDCA Surveyors and club personnel by state*  
**Breed Survey State Registrars 2020 and incoming for 2020-2021**

Club	Active Breed Surveyors	State Registrar	State Registrar email
<b>ACTGSDA</b>	Melanie Groth/Fay Stokes	Veronica Fairbairn	<a href="mailto:wmeffert62@gmail.com">wmeffert62@gmail.com</a>
<b>GSDL</b>	Fay Stokes (Coordinator), Melanie Groth, Karen Hedberg, Terry Jarvis Graham Stevenson	Pam Jarvis	<a href="mailto:tepe@bigpond.net">tepe@bigpond.net</a>
<b>N&amp;HRGSDC</b>	NBC Chair appoints	Gavin Bean	<a href="mailto:Gavin.bean@honeywell.com">Gavin.bean@honeywell.com</a>
<b>GSDCQ</b>	Carol O'Rourke (Coordinator) Sharon Ballantyne, Louis Donald	Gail Donald (Fred Flower 2021)	<a href="mailto:gsdcqbreedaffairs@gmail.com">gsdcqbreedaffairs@gmail.com</a>
<b>GSDCSA</b>	Peter Flynn (Coordinator) Jean Butterfield, Steve Collins, Jane Pike, Doug West	Jenny Delucia	<a href="mailto:jjdelucia@bigpond.com">jjdelucia@bigpond.com</a>
<b>GSDCT</b>	Alastair Henderson	Carol Millhouse (Gail Cullen 2021)	<a href="mailto:amarada1@iprimus.com.au">amarada1@iprimus.com.au</a>
<b>GSDCV</b>	Alastair Henderson (Coordinator) Greg Green, Vince Tantaró Ian Urie, Jenny Yuen	Gill Cafari	<a href="mailto:cafari@bigpond.com">cafari@bigpond.com</a>
<b>GSDAWA</b>	Robyn Knuckey (Coordinator) John Fenner, Natalie Humphries	Vicki Beaton (Leanne Irvine 2021)	<a href="mailto:vkn81176@bigpond.net.au">vkn81176@bigpond.net.au</a> <a href="mailto:hotnote1@bigpond.net.au">hotnote1@bigpond.net.au</a>



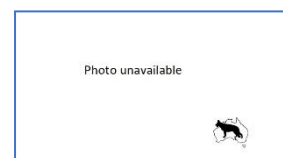
## The Database and Breed Survey

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.

It's been an unusual year with state surveys often being rescheduled on the same day as each other, which has meant that there is an influx of work and then nothing for an extended period. There have been a number of imported dogs going through survey this year which has meant that sometimes there is a lag between the dog being surveyed or verified and a certificate issued, as we await the quarterly upload of registrations from the ANKC for the database. At the time of writing this report I still have the Victorian and Tasmanian surveys to process as they were held in December and the paperwork has not yet reached this end. These surveys will be processed in January and we will be completely up to date once that is done.

## 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 survey certificates much more quickly. The onus is on the owner to ensure that an acceptable photograph of their dog is sent to the registrar for upload. 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. 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 [regnbc@gsdcouncilaustralia.org](mailto:regnbc@gsdcouncilaustralia.org) 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 with the name of the dog and the year of survey. 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 its 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 all the registrars and members of the executive for their work throughout the year and welcome to the incoming registrars, Fred Flower, Gail Cullen and Leanne Irvine. A huge thank you to Vicki Beaton and Gail Donald for their amazing efforts for Qld and WA. Thanks to Frank for his amazing work with the database and keeping me in check, trouble-shooting issues that occur from time to time. Frank does amazing work in the background and the database is in great shape for our Breed Survey and Health systems. As always, thank you to Jenny for her support and assistance throughout the year. She works very hard at ensuring a harmonious environment for us all to work within. I wish you all the best in your retirement from the position Jenny and wish the incoming NBC Chair in 2021 every success in the role.

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

2020 what a year, thanks COVID!

This year has been a tricky one for me in this position, given the changes in my personal life, it has put additional strain on my free time to keep an up-to-date list on the research goings on that affect our breed.

I have continued to be a primary contact for the general GSD owner for advice and ongoing breed health support. Within this contact I have encouraged completion of health forms. Of which, I have only received a hand full. I implore you as breeders and associates of the breed to encourage people to fill these in. There are plenty of health issues we could be tracing with better statistical significance if people would complete and send them to me.

I have continued to aid education this year with articles for the GSDCA quarterly magazine and will continue to do so. Stay safe! Candy"

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

Once again, I am pleased to present my report to the GSDCA AGM, this report primarily covers the 12 Month period 1st Jan 2020 to 7th Dec 2020, however the whole database has been included to cover the whole picture.

As at 7<sup>th</sup> Dec there was 11,821 Hip & Elbow records in Councils database, 3,436 Males (29%) and 8,385 (71%) Females. The 'A' stamp has been gained by 10,236 submitted resulting in a **pass rate 86.6% on Hips** slightly up on last year's (86.49%). There was 11,425 successful in gaining the 'Z' giving a **pass rate of (96.65%)** slightly down on last year's (96.67%), 8,927 were "Normal" (75.05%), UAP 136 (1.15%).

For the period 1st January 2020 to 7th December 2020, 307 animals were presented to the scheme as depicted in the chart table 1 below. The **pass rate on Hips is 89.58%** with 275 gaining the 'A', This is up on last year's 86.6% and the **pass rate on Elbows is 96.09%** with 295 receiving the 'Z', this is down on last year.

Table: 1 - Data Base 12 Month Period from 1/01/2020 to 7/12/2020:								
Club	Submitted		'A'		'Z'		UAP	
ACT:	14	4.56%	12	3.91%	14	4.56%	0	0.00%
N/C:	5	1.63%	3	0.98%	5	1.63%	0	0.00%
NSW:	76	24.76%	68	22.15%	72	23.45%	3	0.98%
NT:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NZ:	12	3.91%	9	2.93%	12	3.91%	0	0.00%
QLD:	66	21.50%	61	19.87%	64	20.85%	1	0.33%
SA:	45	14.66%	42	13.68%	43	14.01%	1	0.33%
TAS:	16	5.21%	16	5.21%	16	5.21%	0	0.00%
VIC:	40	13.03%	36	11.73%	39	12.70%	0	0.00%
WA:	33	10.75%	28	9.12%	30	9.77%	1	0.33%
<b>Year 2019:</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>89.58%</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>96.09%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1.95%</b>

All percentages in table 1 above is based on 307 animals.

As detailed by the figures above, NSW has once again submitted the most over the 12 Month period with a total of 76 (24.76%) 16 down on last year's total of 92.

The National pass rate from our Scheme for the 12 Month period on Hips is 89.58%, and Elbows 96.09%. The UAP doubled this year from 3 to 6 animals 1.95%.

**Table 2** below is the whole database to 07/12/2020, giving a total of 11,821 animals this is up slightly on last year's total of 11,428 up by 393 animals +3.45%, comprising of 3,435 Males (29.06%) and 8,386 females (70.94%). The 'A' stamp was gained by 10,237 giving a **86.60% pass rate on Hips**, 11,425 gained the 'Z' stamp resulting in a **pass rate of 96.65%**, there has been 136 animals with UAP resulting in a pass rate of 98.85%.

Table: 2 - Full Data Base to 7/12/2020:								
Club	Submitted		'A'		'Z'		UAP	
ACT:	215	1.82%	184	1.56%	209	1.77%	1	0.01%
BH	36	0.30%	28	0.24%	34	0.29%	0	0.00%
N/C:	479	4.05%	433	3.66%	471	3.98%	0	0.00%
NSW:	2879	24.35%	2546	21.54%	2817	23.83%	18	0.15%
NT:	87	0.74%	63	0.53%	83	0.70%	1	0.01%
NZ:	685	5.79%	542	4.59%	635	5.37%	15	0.13%
QLD:	1860	15.73%	1558	13.18%	1794	15.18%	27	0.23%
SA:	1399	11.83%	1233	10.43%	1349	11.41%	22	0.19%
TAS:	406	3.43%	351	2.97%	386	3.27%	6	0.05%





VIC:	2285	19.33%	1993	16.86%	2201	18.62%	35	0.30%
WA:	1490	12.60%	1306	11.05%	1446	12.23%	11	0.09%
<b>Year 2020:</b>	<b>11,821</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>10,237</b>	<b>86.60%</b>	<b>11425</b>	<b>96.65%</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>1.15%</b>

*All percentages in table 2 above is based on 11,821 animals.*

The pass rates vary between the whole database and the data used for the 12 Month period which I'm reporting on to the AGM. The whole data base comprises of 11,821 animals compared to the 307 for the 12 Month period so the pass rates will inevitably be a bit different.

From the 307 animals presented between 1st Jan 2020 to 7th Dec 2020, Dr R. Lavelle processed 254 (82.97%) and Dr J. Richardson 53 (17.26%). With regard to the whole database (11,821) Dr Lavelle has processed 6,503 (54.01%), Dr Wyburn 4,636 (39.23 %) and Dr Richardson 618 (5.77 %).

Just a reminder that if your X-Ray result has been returned and has a notation 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 152 Kennels had 307 progeny pass through the scheme during the 12 Month period. A total of 10 Kennels presented 5 or more. The top Kennel in that group is OAKWAY (NZ) with a total of 10, 4 Males & 6 Females, 6 gained the 'A' and 10 out of 10 passed Elbows. The top Australian Kennel was AIMSWAY with a total of 8 progeny, 4 Males & 4 Females; all 8 gained the 'A' & 'Z', that's a 100% in my book.

Currently the Database has a total of 26 animals that has had the comment “TRANSITIONAL VERTERBRAE LUMBO-SACRAL JUNCTION” made. Involving 23 Sires and 26 Dams. One Sire has had it recorded on 3 occasions to 3 different Dams and another Sire has had it recorded twice with 2 different Dams.

**Below is table 3**, with the 10 Kennels that presented 5 or more Progeny during 1st Jan to 7th Dec 2020.

Last Year 13 Kennels had a total of 88 progeny in total go through the scheme which is 23.78% of the 370 presented for that 12 Month period. So, the total number of progeny this year is down from 88 to 60 -31.82%. Both NSW & WA had 3 Kennels represented, QLD, SA, NZ & Vic had 1 Kennel each.

<b>Table 3</b> Kennel	Prog	State	M	%	F	%	'A'	'A' %	'Z'	'Z' %
AIMSWAY	8	NSW	4	13.33%	4	50.00%	8	100.00%	8	100.00%
BLUEMAX	5	QLD	2	40.00%	3	60.00%	4	80.00%	5	100.00%
BRONBOREO	5	WA	2	40.00%	2	40.00%	5	100.00%	3	60.00%
GRANDWEST	5	WA	1	20.00%	4	80.00%	3	60.00%	5	100.00%
GRUNDELHARDT	6	SA	1	16.67%	5	83.33%	6	100.00%	5	83.33%
KOORONYA	5	VIC	0	0.00%	5	100.00%	3	60.00%	5	100.00%
OAKWAY	10	NZ	4	40.00%	6	60.00%	7	70.00%	10	100.00%
SCHUTZSHEP	5	NSW	3	60.00%	2	40.00%	5	100.00%	5	100.00%
SUNDANEKA	6	NSW	5	83.33%	1	16.67%	6	100.00%	5	83.33%
VOLSCARO	5	WA	0	0.00%	5	100.00%	5	100.00%	5	100.00%
<b>10</b>	<b>60</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>31.33%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>63.00%</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>87.00%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>92.67%</b>
			<u>Average</u>		<u>Average</u>		<u>Average</u>		<u>Average</u>	



**Table 4: - Kennels that have presented progeny in the 12 Month Period 1/01/2020 to 07/12/2020**

Kennel	Progeny	Kennel	Progeny	Kennel	Progeny	Kennel	Progeny
AIMSWAY	8	GARSOVA	1	LEPPSDORF	1	UHLMSDORF	2
ALBATA	2	GERMULF	2	LETTLAND	1	VANHARLEY	1
ALDERHAUS	1	GEWALT	3	LEWISLAND	1	VENCEDOR	1
ALEZAN	1	GILARISHA	3	LORDAVO	1	VLADIMIR	1
ALGRID	1	GLENBALA	3	LOZANI	3	VOLSCARO	5
ALHELWA	2	GRANDWEST	5	LUCSAM	1	VOMAMBACH	1
ALIMANDA	1	GRUNDELHARDT	6	MALACHI	1	VONDARCOR	3
ALLENDELL	1	HASENWAY	1	MASTERTON	2	VONEHRLICH	1
AMDAK	1	HAUBERK	1	MAXDAWN	1	VONPETA	4
ANDACHT	4	HAUSILLEVON	4	MOREKOS	3	VONRAUTEN	1
ARKAHLA	3	HAVELOC	4	MOSIOTUNIA	1	WANDARRAK	1
ASKUWHETEAU	1	HERRZIG	1	NIGHTHAVEN	3	WESTFIELD	3
ASTASIA	1	HILLMAGIC	2	NIKOBISHUNDE	1	WILDHERTZ	1
AWATEA	2	ICCARA	3	OAKWAY	10	WILLMAURS	1
BABANGA	4	IMAGICK	1	PANTATHEAN	1	WOHLSTAND	1
BABENBERG	1	INEFFABLE	2	PURPLEMAX	1	ZABRINI	1
BELLUNA	1	INIFF	2	REGALHAUS	1	ZANDRAC	1
BEYCHIEF	1	IZONME	1	REICHKAISER	2	ZUMBROZAC	2
BLAKNGOLD	1	JAKLEM	1	RHOSYN	3		
BLUEMAX	5	JAKNELL	1	RIECHSTAG	1		
BOLDSTEPS	2	JAKYNA	1	ROXAMBURG	1		
BOSSFACE	1	JAYSHELL	3	SACLEBEN	2		
BRIGENTI	1	JEZLAHN	1	SADRIA	2		
BRONACRE	4	KADAMA	1	SANNJESA	1		
BRONBOREO	5	KANTENNA	3	SASHILLIE	1		
BRUANGIE	1	KARABACH	3	SATYR	1		
BURSHUNE	2	KARHAM	3	SCHAEFERHUND	1		
CASTASTAR	4	KARRAINE	2	SCHFAX	3		
CERRAH	2	KASSAAR	1	SEASIDESHEP	5		
CHEVYVALE	1	KAYGARR	3	SENADAR	1		
CINDERHOF	2	KAYROSSI	1	SHEBELLE	1		
CROZIER	1	KELINPARK	1	SHEPROSE	1		
CRYTARA	1	KINGLAND	3	SIEGERHEIMS	1		
DAMONTE	1	KINGVALE	4	SIOBAHN	1		
DEBBAR	1	KOMATZU	3	STELLIKO	1		
DELLAHUND	1	KOORONYA	5	STOBAR	1		
DERHARV	1	KOVACS	1	STORMNAK	1		
DI CASA NOBILI	1	KPTLONGLOCKS	1	SUNDANEKA	6		
DIENAMIC	3	KTIQUE	1	TANNALANE	2		
DROMVIEW	2	KUIRAU	3	TATABEN	1		
DURNSTEIN	3	KYNDOM	1	TAURORN	1		
ELSASS	3	LAGO	1	THORNIKA	2		
EROICA	2	LAGUARDIA	2	TONAKER	1		
ETERNBUR	1	LASHADAS	2	TRENBO	1		
						<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>



FREEVALE	4	LAWINE	2	TYRILEBEE	1		
FRIEDENTAL	1	LEISHJACLYN	4	UBLONG	1		
46	93	46	103	46	80	156	307

**Table 4** Above, lists the **156 Kennels** that have had 307 progeny go through the GSDCA H&E Scheme during the 12 Month Period 1/01/2020 to 07/12/2020. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Breeders and Owners with progeny from the 156 Kennels reflected in the chart above who have supported the scheme with the 307 animals submitted over the last 12 Month period.

**Table 5**

Kennels that have produced 10 or more progeny over last 7 years	No. Prog	No. Sires	No. Dams
ABELARA	15	7	15
AIMSWAY	34	8	16
ALBATA	15	6	7
ALDERHAUS	16	6	5
ALIMANDA	22	9	10
AMBALA	15	7	6
AMBERG	18	10	11
ANDACHT	38	13	12
ASTASIA	22	11	14
AWATEA	20	5	12
BABANGA	18	8	7
BABENBERG	10	8	4
BHUACHAILLE	16	9	10
BIGURRA	17	7	12
BLUEMAX	17	18	10
BODECKA	13	4	5
BOSSFACE	21	12	11
BRONACRE	20	9	9
BRONBOREO	29	12	15
CASTASTAR	16	7	5
CINDERHOF	12	4	6
CONKASHA	19	9	6
DEBBAR	15	8	5
DELKIT	10	7	4
DENARGUN	10	7	5
DIENAMIC	10	5	4
EROICA	18	6	5
FREEVALE	27	8	17
FRIEDENTAL	12	6	7
GARSOVA	11	6	6
GEWALT	18	9	12
GILARISHA	21	9	7
GLENBALA	20	7	8



GRANDWEST	27	11	9
GRUNDELHARDT	19	9	9
HAUSILLEVON	24	9	10
HAVELOC	17	9	7
HILLMAGIC	23	9	11
ICCARA	47	11	24
INIFF	10	6	3
IZONME	24	13	12
JAKNELL	16	5	7
JAYSHELL	31	11	5
JENTOL	42	22	18
KANTENNA	26	14	14
KAPERVILLE	16	6	7
KARDINBACH	10	5	3
KARHAM	17	7	10
KARRAINE	30	14	13
KASSAAR	14	6	6
KAYGARR	10	2	1
KAYROSSI	11	9	8
KELINPARK	14	8	4
KHAYEM	12	5	4
KIESERHUND	12	5	6
KILLARA	11	4	2
KINGLAND	12	7	9
KINGVALE	24	11	12
KOORONYA	14	7	5
KUIRAU	26	10	7
LAGO	11	4	5
LASHADAS	16	9	7
LAWINE	11	6	7
LEISHJACLYN	18	9	8
LEPPSDORF	10	4	7
MONSIMBEE	10	5	4
OAKWAY	26	12	11
PAMAKAY	10	4	2
REICHKAISER	14	5	4
RHOSYN	25	10	16
SABARANBURG	13	5	5
SCHAEFERHUND	21	8	8
SEIGEN	40	13	21
SHEPROSE	11	10	8
STOBAR	16	7	5
SUNDANEKA	53	11	23
SUNHAZE	10	6	8
TAKIMBRE	10	6	5



TONAKER	12	7	8
TRANGOLD	12	3	7
TYRILEBEE	10	7	3
UHLMSDORF	19	8	6
VANHARLEY	21	8	12
VLADIMIR	11	5	4
VOLSCARO	23	8	7
VONPETA	27	10	10
VONRAUTEN	24	8	24
WESTFIELD	20	9	8
<b>88</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>757</b>
<b>Prog Sires Dams</b>			

**Table 5** above shows there has been 88 Kennels that have produced 10 or more progeny over last 7 years, resulting in 1,638 progeny. Comprising of 709 Sires and 757 dams. The above chart list's those Kennels. SUNDANEKA from NSW has produced the most with 53 progeny from 11 sires and 23 dams. ICCARA Kennels from Western Australia was next with 47 progeny from 11 sires and 24 dams.

<b>Table 6</b>	<b>Prog</b>	<b>Sire's State</b>	<b>'A'</b>	<b>'A' %</b>	<b>'Z'</b>	<b>'Z' %</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>UAP %</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Sires: 10 or more prog over L 7 Yrs</b>								<b>%</b>				
ALIMANDA FIRE WALKER	17	SA	17	100.00%	17	100.00%	0	0.00%	3	17.65%	14	82.35%
ANDACHT FEEL THE FIRE	17	NSW	12	70.59%	16	94.12%	0	0.00%	4	23.53%	13	76.47%
ARKON VOM ALTENBERGER LAND	32	(IMP DEU)	27	84.38%	32	100.00%	0	0.00%	7	21.88%	25	78.13%
ASTASIA PACA	14	QLD	10	71.43%	13	92.86%	0	0.00%	4	28.57%	10	71.43%
ASTERIX VOM HANNESS	13	(IMP DEU)	11	84.62%	13	100.00%	0	0.00%	3	23.08%	10	76.92%
AYKO VON NORD WIND	27	(IMP HUN)	22	81.48%	26	96.30%	0	0.00%	4	14.81%	23	85.19%
BLUEMAX SALT	33	QLD	26	78.79%	33	100.00%	0	0.00%	10	30.30%	23	69.70%
BLUEMAX SHREK	13	QLD	11	84.62%	1	7.69%	0	0.00%	1	7.69%	12	92.31%
BLUEMAX TIGER TOWN	27	QLD	24	88.89%	21	77.78%	3	11.11%	5	18.52%	22	81.48%
BLUEMAX ZOOMBA	21	QLD	19	90.48%	14	66.67%	0	0.00%	6	28.57%	15	71.43%
CALLE VOM WESTERVENN	32	(IMP DEU)	32	100.00%	32	100.00%	0	0.00%	11	34.38%	21	65.63%
CONBHAIREAN FREDDIE	57	(IMP UK)	52	91.23%	53	92.98%	3	5.26%	14	24.56%	43	75.44%
CONBHAIREAN KARLOS	23	(IMP UK)	21	91.30%	23	100.00%	0	0.00%	7	30.43%	16	69.57%
DJAMBO VOM FICHTENSCHLAG	54	(IMP DEU)	46	85.19%	50	92.59%	1	1.85%	12	22.22%	42	77.78%
EROICA CATCH ME IF YOU CAN	28	SA	23	82.14%	28	100.00%	0	0.00%	11	39.29%	17	60.71%
ESKO AUS DEM HAUS ZYGADTO	28	(IMP DEU)	24	85.71%	26	92.86%	0	0.00%	7	25.00%	21	75.00%
ESKO VON DEN ZWEI STEINEN	15	(IMP DEU)	14	93.33%	15	100.00%	0	0.00%	1	6.67%	14	93.33%
FAKIR VOM HEINRICHPLATZ	13	(IMP DEU)	11	84.62%	12	92.31%	0	0.00%	2	15.38%	11	84.62%
FREMONT HELLS BELLS	14	NSW	14	100.00%	13	92.86%	0	0.00%	6	42.86%	8	57.14%
GAVIN VOM HASENBORN	11	(IMP DEU)	8	72.73%	10	90.91%	0	0.00%	2	18.18%	9	81.82%
GERRY VOM SCHACHER	49	(IMP DEU)	47	95.92%	49	100.00%	0	0.00%	12	24.49%	37	75.51%





GIOTTO DI FOSSOMBRONE	18	(IMP ITL)	14	77.78%	17	94.44%	1	5.56%	2	11.11%	16	88.89%
HASENWAY MAJOR TOM	11	TAS	9	81.82%	11	100.00%	0	0.00%	2	18.18%	9	81.82%
HATTO VOM HUHNEGRAB	31	(IMP DEU)	28	90.32%	28	90.32%	0	0.00%	8	25.81%	23	74.19%
HAUSILLEVON GARMIN	15	NSW	15	100.00%	15	100.00%	0	0.00%	5	33.33%	10	66.67%
HAYO AUS AGRIGENTO	16	(IMP DEU)	16	100.00%	15	93.75%	0	0.00%	3	18.75%	13	81.25%
HOMER VON AMASIS	22	(IMP ITA)	15	68.18%	22	100.00%	0	0.00%	7	31.82%	15	68.18%
HORNEMARKS RICCO	10	(IMP SWE)	10	100.00%	10	100.00%	0	0.00%	2	20.00%	8	80.00%
ILIANO VON JUVENISTY	16	(IMP NLD)	15	93.75%	15	93.75%	1	6.25%	2	12.50%	14	87.50%
INDIO DI CASA NOBILI	30	(IMP ITA)	28	93.33%	30	100.00%	0	0.00%	7	23.33%	23	76.67%
JUWIKA DESTROYER	65	(IMP DEN)	58	89.23%	63	96.92%	0	0.00%	14	21.54%	51	78.46%
KWINT VOM JUEKSTALL	19	(IMP NDL)	16	84.21%	19	100.00%	0	0.00%	4	21.05%	15	78.95%
LABO VOM SCHOLLWEIHER	75	(IMP DEU)	70	93.33%	69	92.00%	3	4.00%	17	22.67%	58	77.33%
MACHO VOM LAMORAK	14	(IMP DEU)	14	100.00%	12	85.71%	1	7.14%	3	21.43%	11	78.57%
NINO VON TRONJE	11	(IMP DEU)	11	100.00%	11	100.00%	0	0.00%	3	27.27%	8	72.73%
ODIN DELLE TERRE MATILDICHE	57	(IMP ITA)	52	91.23%	55	96.49%	1	1.75%	17	29.82%	40	70.18%
ORRINSHIR ELTON JOHN	47	VIC	39	82.98%	43	91.49%	2	4.26%	12	25.53%	35	74.47%
PEPE VON DER ZENTEICHE	94	(IMP DEU)	90	95.74%	89	94.68%	4	4.26%	21	22.34%	73	77.66%
RUDY VON HAUS EDMOND	13	(IMP SWE)	12	92.31%	13	100.00%	0	0.00%	1	7.69%	12	92.31%
SCHAEFERHUND RAFAEL	40	VIC	39	97.50%	37	92.50%	1	2.50%	8	20.00%	32	80.00%
SCHAEFERHUND XASKO	55	VIC	54	98.18%	54	98.18%	1	1.82%	15	27.27%	40	72.73%
SCHNEEBERG FIRE STORM	10	NSW	8	80.00%	8	80.00%	1	10.00%	2	20.00%	8	80.00%
SENSEN MANN YOKON	31	(IMP DEU)	24	77.42%	30	96.77%	0	0.00%	13	41.94%	18	58.06%
SHERNAA PAKROS	10	(IMP UK)	8	80.00%	10	100.00%	0	0.00%	2	20.00%	8	80.00%
SIRIO VOM RAUHTAL	12	(IMP DEU)	10	83.33%	12	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	12	100.00%
SUNDANEKA YOUNG GUN	10	NSW	6	60.00%	10	100.00%	0	0.00%	3	30.00%	7	70.00%
TAIS VOM HAUS ALFABO	11	(IMP SRB)	10	90.91%	11	100.00%	0	0.00%	5	45.45%	6	54.55%
TOBY VON DER PLASSENBURG	82	(IMP DEU)	75	91.46%	80	97.56%	0	0.00%	16	19.51%	66	80.49%
TURBO VOM CASSELSWALD	11	(IMP GER)	8	72.73%	11	100.00%	0	0.00%	2	18.18%	9	81.82%
URY VOM ZISAWINKEL	40	(IMP DEU)	38	95.00%	39	97.50%	0	0.00%	8	20.00%	32	80.00%
USTINOV VOM ROMERLAND	45	(IMP DEU)	39	86.67%	42	93.33%	1	2.22%	18	40.00%	27	60.00%
VABLO VOM OSTERBERGER-LAND	29	(IMP DEU)	28	96.55%	27	93.10%	0	0.00%	8	27.59%	21	72.41%
VEGAS VON DONGMIRAN	26	(IMP NLD)	25	96.15%	26	100.00%	0	0.00%	5	19.23%	21	80.77%
VENEZE LUTZ	31	(IMP UK)	30	96.77%	31	100.00%	0	0.00%	11	35.48%	20	64.52%
VERSACE VOM ERSTEN PLATZ	10	(IMP GER)	9	90.00%	10	100.00%	0	0.00%	2	20.00%	8	80.00%
XARO VON DER PLASSENBURG	69	(IMP DEU)	65	94.20%	66	95.65%	0	0.00%	18	26.09%	51	73.91%
XENO VON ARJAKJO	34	(IMP DEU)	30	88.24%	30	88.24%	3	8.82%	9	26.47%	25	73.53%



YESTER VOM FEUERMELDER	57	(IMP DEU)	40	70.18%	54	94.74%	1	1.75%	16	28.07%	41	71.93%
ZAMB VOM SCHWARZAUGEN	17	(IMP DEU)	14	82.35%	16	94.12%	0	0.00%	4	23.53%	13	76.47%
ZANDRAC THE HARD WAY	12	VIC	8	66.67%	11	91.67%	1	8.33%	1	8.33%	11	91.67%
<b>60</b>	<b>1,744</b>		<b>1,551</b>	<b>88.93%</b>	<b>1,649</b>	<b>94.55%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>98.34%</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>24.54%</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>75.46%</b>

**Table 6** above lists 60 Sires that have produced 10 or more Progeny over the past 7 years.

The 60 Sires produced 1,744 progeny, 1,551 gained the 'A' stamp giving **88.93% pass rate**, and 1,649 gained the 'Z' stamp resulting in **94.55% pass rate**. There were 428 males 24.54% and 1,316 females 75.46%. A total of 29 progeny had UAP giving a **98.43% pass rate**. There were 8 with 100% pass on Hips, 25 with 100% on Elbows. Only 2 Australian Kennels gained a 100% pass in both Hips and elbows out of the 60, and they were: ALIMANDA, and HAUSILLEVON.

Table 7							
GSDCA Breed Average - Hip Scores (as at 15/12/2020)							
Australian bred dogs only							
GSDCA Yearly Average				GSDCA Rolling 5 Year Average			
Year of Birth	Number of Dogs (per year)	Sum of Total Scores (per year)	Average Total Score	Year of Birth	Number of Dogs (Over 5 years)	Sum of Total Scores (Over 5 years)	Average Total Score
1995	242	2978	12.31	1995	342	4501	13.16
1996	661	7425	11.23	1996	999	11899	11.91
1997	619	6888	11.13	1997	1603	18596	11.6
1998	638	7367	11.55	1998	2215	25647	11.58
1999	492	4708	9.57	1999	2652	29366	11.07
2000	498	4397	8.83	2000	2908	30785	10.59
2001	473	4729	10	2001	2720	28089	10.33
2002	468	3588	7.67	2002	2569	24789	9.65
2003	410	2845	6.94	2003	2341	20267	8.66
2004	486	3381	6.96	2004	2335	18940	8.11
2005	428	2629	6.14	2005	2265	17172	7.58
2006	448	2733	6.1	2006	2240	15176	6.78
2007	445	2763	6.21	2007	2217	14351	6.47
2008	438	2594	5.92	2008	2245	14100	6.28
2009	376	2541	6.76	2009	2135	13260	6.21
2010	413	3571	8.65	2010	2120	14202	6.7
2011	392	3063	7.81	2011	2064	14532	7.04
2012	465	3565	7.67	2012	2084	15334	7.36
2013	461	4221	9.16	2013	2107	16961	8.05
2014	407	3737	9.18	2014	2138	18157	8.49
2015	406	3498	8.62	2015	2131	18084	8.49
2016	397	3496	8.81	2016	2136	18517	8.67
2017	358	3149	8.8	2017	2029	18101	8.92
2018	311	2475	7.96	2018	1879	16355	8.7
2019	175	1182	6.75	2019	1647	13800	8.38
	10,907				52,121		



**Table 7** Gives the Breed Average Hip Scores for Australian bred dogs to the 15/12/2020. The table on the left gives the Yearly average comprising of a total of 10,907 animals, the average total score is 6.75 for 2019 for 175 dogs. Compared to the table on the right which gives the 5 year rolling average of 8.38 based on 1,647 dogs. Both charts indicate a steady improvement over the past 3 years in the GSDCA Yearly Average chart and for the 5 year Rolling Ave.

I would like to thank all the State Registrars around Australia and in New Zealand.

The ACT: Wolf Meffert, NCHR: Jess Lynch, NSW: Jessica Kada, QLD: Michelle Hammond, and a welcome to Karl Maresh who has recently been appointed as Qld State Registrar. 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 GSDCA Scheme.

Let's hope 2021 brings a brighter and positive year for you and your four legged companions.

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### **National Title Verification Officer - Mrs. Jenny DeLucia**

For the year 2020, fourteen animals have been verified, which is double the amount of verifications in the year 2019.

- Xander vom Grabfeldgau (Germany) Surveyed Male SC
- Zygo vom Radhaus (Serbia) Surveyed Male SC
- Dingo Di Casa Mary (Germany) Imported Semen, Surveyed Male SC
- Lucie Du Lamentin (France) Surveyed Female SC
- Dux Di Casa Nobili (Italy) Non Surveyed Male SC
- Umberto vom Bierstadter Hof (Germany) Surveyed Male SC
- Chili Della Valcuvia (Italy) Non Surveyed Male SC
- Django vom Team Panonansee (France) Surveyed Male SC
- Alwin vom Haus Nesgen (Germany) Surveyed Male SC
- Pirlo von Arminius (Germany) Surveyed Male SC
- Ondja du Val D'Anzin (France) Non Surveyed Female SC
- Lenin von der Grafenburg (Germany) Surveyed Male SC
- Wulkano-Uno von Schnitzerteam (Hungary) Surveyed Male SC
- Laiko von Huhnegrab (Germany) Non Surveyed Male SC

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.

Towards the end of this year, the NBC Executive decided to list the verified animals on the GSDCA Website. This will make researching animals much easier for those interested in the imports entering Australia. I now include, Jacinta Poole, in the verification distribution list and thank her for adding the information very quickly to the Website.

Finally, thank you to the NBC Chairperson, Jenny Yuen, who has assisted me in this role. I thank, Jenny, for her time and contribution and I will miss working with her in 2021.

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### **JUDGES COMMITTEE – Mr. Louis Donald**



The corona virus pandemic has of course limited the activities of the judge's activities throughout the year.

A small number of shows were held by clubs and the judges reports from those shows were sent to me for my perusal and in turn I passed my observations back to the respective judges for their consideration.

In that regard I have to say the critiques by all judges were in the context of world standards excellent. Indeed, one can say relative to SV critiques they are far more individualistic and detailed – as SV critiques once were and we emulated.

The primary activity of the Judges Subcommittee Chair historically is to preside over the



mid-year judges meeting and of course that could not happen. Therefore we have a void of activity for the year and little to report to the members in regard to the Judges portfolio.

Looking forward, one hopes that the new year will see more activity taking place and a judges meeting being held. If this was to occur, the primary topic would be articulating a clear outline of the core problems that exist in the breed, explaining why they are a problem and how they should be dealt with at a show level. Putting aside size, the now endemic downward bend to the lumbar spine and over angulation of the hindquarter with its consequent hindquarter instability being the two primary concerns. The objective – identification, education, management and judges working as a team with a common objective.

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## **OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE – Mrs. Julie Urie**



This year began in a relatively normal fashion, with the GSDCA AGM being held in Melbourne in February, which I attended. It wasn't too long after this that the year began its downward slide, with the running of events of all types being affected by the onset of the Corona Virus. This of course affected the trialling community immensely, with training and trials all over the country suspended/cancelled. Sadly, there is nothing to report from the trialling scene this year.

It is very pleasing to note the high level of support each year for the GSDCA performance awards, and I am pleased to announce the winners in various categories, who trialled successfully during the 2019 year. Congratulations to all and I wish you continued success with your dogs.

### **Best Community Companion Dog:**

Vondarcor All Blacks Thorn CCD RN, Handler: Laura Schimke, Average Score: 97

### **Best Novice Dog:**

RO. Ch. Vindel Dancing With Mr D CD RM, Handler: Alex Cogdell, Average Score: 196

Castastar Elmo HIT CD, Handler: Annie Tamblyn, Average Score: 185

### **Best Rally Novice Dog:**

Vondarcor All Blacks Thorn CCD RN, Handler: Laura Schimke, Average Score: 98.3

### **Best Rally Advanced Dog:**

\*CH Hillmagic Platinum Nokozi 'AZ' CCD RA, Handler: Karen Hore, Average Score: 97.1

### **Best Rally Excellent Dog:**

Dual Ch (T) Supr. Ch Rimerini Dare To Dream 'AZ' CCD RE, Handler: Lauren Brownhill, Average Score: 88

### **Best Rally Master Dog:**

RO. Ch. Vindel Dancing With Mr D CD RM, Handler: Alex Cogdell, Average Score: 98.3

Due to the cancellation of Trials, I do not anticipate that many members will be able to qualify for the Performance awards this year, which is a great shame. Hopefully, we will see the running of Trials get back into swing before too long.

**GSDCA ZAP TEST:** Frank Moody and Rob Filardo have been busy, setting up a database for recording of ZAP Character Test details. I would like to thank both for the large amount of time and effort put into this project, as it will prove to be another valuable GSDCA resource for breeders/enthusiasts.

The GSDCV (Gippsland Branch) ran a ZAP test in November, which was the first Test to be run by a GSDCA Member Club. This attracted an entry of six animals, and all gained a Pass. Congratulations to the GSDCV and the organisers of the day for a successful event, which was enjoyed by all.

All animals born after January 2021, are required to gain a Pass in the GSDCA ZAP Test to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey. With this in mind, I anticipate that all Member Clubs will be offering regular training days/advice in order to help familiarise members with the test and all its components.



It was very disappointing that the 2020 National had to be postponed, only then to be followed by the postponement of 2021 National as well. Hopefully, we will see this event resume in 2022. Goodness knows we all need to get back to some normality and a National Show/Trial would be a huge morale booster for us all. Fingers crossed!

As I am now stepping down from this position, I would like to thank the many members who have shown me support during my time as Obedience Chairperson. I've had some interesting conversations and some great ideas/feedback, and this was much appreciated.

I would also like to thank my fellow Executive for their support throughout the year and in particular Jacinta Poole, who was my 'go to' person, whenever I hit a technical snag (which seemed to be quite often). Jacinta's expertise was invaluable and made my job so much easier.

In closing, I wish you all a safe and happy 2021 and I hope to see everyone and their beautiful dogs around the traps very soon.

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



In a year when we've not been able to connect in person so easily or regularly with our fraternity the Quarterly National Review has been as important as ever to each and every member. The magazine was a tangible connection to all as a means of the GSDCA providing relevant and interesting articles for members far and wide.

We produced four 2020 editions, the obvious difference being no bumper National edition with the cancelation of the show and trial, however 'normal content' continued. Thank you to those who agreed to provide content when approached, your help was much appreciated. Some of the highlight stories we've covered have included a focus on therapy and assistance dogs, linebreeding, the ever-important skill of photographing dogs and the importance of good grooming for all dogs. We also took the opportunity to showcase some members and kennels in our fraternity, both 'new' and 'old'. Thanks to Jess Kada, Hannah Kelly, Kim Leonard and Wolf Meffert and Veronica Fairbairn for sharing their stories. In the Vet section articles on elbow disease and understanding the joint, using genetic panel screens in breeding, pyometra and

pregnancy ultrasonography were very educational. Dawn Howard provided a great update and reference article on the new obedience and rally rules for 2021. There were also many training and behaviour articles such that there was something for everyone's areas of interest.

Thank you to our regular contributors of articles and to the Clubs who submit their state news, keeping us connected and informed and members recognised. The Club summaries are a great way to get your message out there and create a historical recollection of a club's activities. Thank you also to Dr Candy Baker for our veterinary articles and Kurt Morton who provided articles for our younger fraternity members.

Maroondah Printing in Melbourne continue to provide a quality product, designed, printed and delivered on schedule. They understand our needs and are very accommodating. Thank you those who advertised this year, your support is always appreciated and valued. Thanks to our 'ads' Bodecka Casanova/Stobar Elouise, Vonpeta Qwackawoody, Freinhauf Hasta LaVista Baby and Wulkano-Uno von Schnitzerteam 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 of the magazine are available for photograph promotion too!

Thank you to the members of the Executive who provided their support throughout the year for the magazine and thank you to Secretary Lyn Phillis for her assistance with proof reading for sign off each edition.

At the AGM I will standing down from my role as QNR editor. My thanks to everyone who has assisted over my five years in the role, covering 19 editions. I hope I've raised the bar a little and leave the QNR in a solid position as a keenly anticipated magazine that is of value for all members.

Farewell!  
Jacinta





## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

2020 has been a year we would all like to forget. The impact of the Covid19 crisis from around March onwards led to the cancellation of not only the 2020 National Show and Trial, but also the 2021 event. The 2020 National, which was to have been held in Sydney on 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May, was cancelled in March, when it became clear that the German judges would not be able to travel to Australia. At that time the GSDL's hosting of the show was postponed until 2021, at a date to be confirmed, with the subsequent host clubs' events rolled back 12 months in the roster.

There was some discussion between myself, the League and the Executive about the proper procedures in the case that a show is cancelled in this unprecedented manner. It was resolved that the judges contracted for 2020 would be reallocated to the 2021 show, and those contracted by other clubs for subsequent events would be recontracted by those clubs at the future date when their event is held. (That is to say, the judges allocated to each State Club hosting the Nationals in the normal rotation would remain the judges for those clubs, notwithstanding the postponement of the event dates.) The method of allocation and appointment of judges for Nationals is clearly outlined in the Regulations Manual.

Later in the year, there arose further doubts about whether judges would be able to travel from Europe in May 2021, and the decision was made by the Executive in October that the 48<sup>th</sup> National will not proceed in 2021, and will now be rescheduled for 2022 in Sydney, with Melbourne to host the 49<sup>th</sup> in 2023, and SA to host the 50<sup>th</sup> in 2024. Whilst it is indeed disappointing to lose our major National Show and Trial for two successive years, the alternative of utilising Australian judges in lieu of SV judges for the event was not widely supported.

At the 2020 AGM two motions were passed that required updates to the National Show Manual. Clause 5.1.2 was added (refers to the wearing of clothing in the ring by handlers and helpers, which may identify an animal) and clause 13.3 was amended to include the new award of the "Barry O'Rourke Memorial Trophy", which will be presented to the Junior Dog (SC) winner at future Nationals.

Whilst I was not required to help co-ordinate, or report on National events this year as none were held, I was happy to be involved in discussions with the Judges Chair and Executive regarding the planning of events during these uncertain times.

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

I am pleased to submit this GSDCA Database progress report to the 60<sup>th</sup> GSDCA AGM.

As I reported at the last AGM, we have now included a section in the database to record the ZAP results. This was completed in Sept 2020 pending the first results which occurred in Nov 2020.

The Software underwent a major upgrade which was completed in August 2020.

This was again a significant task which was undertaken by Rob Filardo, and we are seriously indebted to Rob for the effort and time that he has put into this.

#### **HD/ED Sire Statistics**

The updated HD/ED Sire Statistics as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020 as prepared using the GSDCA Database, will be available approximately mid-January and placed on the GSDCA website.

#### **DATA UPDATE**

Dog Database - Registrations are currently up to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – being 309,383 dogs.

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

HD/ED - There are now over 11,800 results in the database.

Breed Survey - There are now over 2,000 results in the database.

ZAP – There has recently been one Assessment with 6 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
2020	656	1,267	16,732	34,161

### **Breed Survey – missing photos**

There are still a number of Owners not submitting photos for inclusion in the database.

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**

Thank you to Rob Filardo, Jenny Yuen, Melanie Groth, Doug West and the Breed Surveyors for their time, and assistance in ongoing data entry and maintenance of the Database - (and just recently Julie Urie for her work in the ZAP section).

A special thankyou to Jenny Yuen for her support over the last 2 years, and wish her well in her retirement from the NBC role.

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

A year gone that everyone could do without! My year started off with the ordering of stock parts for Trophies which are still sitting in my garage, Bronze Statues still sitting in my garage, and various other items for the 2020 National that did not happen.

This stock will hang over till the 2022 National in Sydney. This is where you pay the price for getting the stock in early. Where do I put it as the COVID 19 virus comes along and you can't fit all the Toilet rolls and Paper towel in the garage as well as all the National stock. As with most people garage space is critical and scarce so where do you park the car? Outside of course because the garage is choked up with Toilet rolls, Paper towel and National Trophies.

Enough of the fun stuff, apart from the 2020 National no show in Sydney other things on the National front had to go on so there it sits waiting for 2022.

Merit award plaques were down this year due to the lack of Trials and Shows or competitions. These are ordered through your club Secretary. These are a Council award and your club orders them through the Trophy Officer who can be contacted on email [tepe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tepe@bigpond.net.au) or you can contact me by my mobile 0407 271 418.

Here's looking to a brighter 2021 and keep well.



## Webmaster – Ms. Jacinta Poole

The GSDCA website provides all relevant information for members, including our main documentation. Current GSDCA documents can quickly be referenced to keep up to date and informed. There is also a useful databank of information for those looking for GSD breed information.

### What's available?

- GSDCA Regulations, together with all forms, fees and charges.
- Manuals – ZAP, Breed Survey, National Show & Trial.
- A summary of all title verifications completed for imported dogs, bitches and semen.
- Back editions of each Quarterly National Review.
- Recent HD & ED statistics, updated twice yearly.
- Show results and critiques – from every club show.
- Future Judge appointments for each member club.
- Veterinary and health articles.
- Recent news from the GSDCA and relevant reports ...and much more.



The **Breed Health Feedback form** is available on the home page of the website to collect data on our dogs and their health. Everyone can contribute by filling in the form, which is collated by Dr Candy Baker and can be used in the future to gauge trends of illnesses we find are over represented in the GSD. The information is confidential. We encourage everyone to take the time to submit your dog's medical information – it might save another dog's life one day.



The quickest way to access the **GSDCA Dog Database** is via the website homepage.



Facebook compliments our online presence and provides a platform for highlighting information added to the website. We remain diligent with our use of social media and all must respect the use of this medium and our policies surrounding its use. This applies to members of our fraternity and the general public.



Our stats for 2020 are in line with previous years, and the pages and articles visited clearly demonstrate a visitor mix of both experienced members keeping informed on the GSDCA and those looking for information about our breed.

	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
<b>Total 2020</b>	87,540	794,373	2,180,203

Costs and maintenance of the GSDCA website remains low. Our website hosting costs \$120/year. Hosting the GSDCA Dog Database costs \$155/year. Domain registration per year is \$21.95. All software updates and maintenance are undertaken internally at no charge. Our total expenditure relating to the Website and Dog Database is \$297 per year.

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

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

Any suggestions for improvements, contributions of content or other suggestions are always most welcome. Email [website@gsdcouncilaustralia.org](mailto:website@gsdcouncilaustralia.org)

## Breed Specific Legislation – N/A



## **Youth Coordinator – Mr. Kurt Morton**

2020 has been a difficult year for many and COVID-19 has created unique challenges in the dog world. These challenges are particularly prominent in the breed sports activities. Many of these breed sport activities are the foundation for the connection with the dog scene and of course the GSD breed.

Unfortunately, cancelling the GSDCA national and a number of important meetings was necessary due to the National and State Government restrictions. These restrictions are still ongoing and for many for us have paused many, if not all facets of our breed's activities. As such, the GSD scene has not been a priority for many this year and reasonably so. These limitations have also meant there has been limited opportunity to action projects.

Looking forward to the future, we have the next national on the horizon and hopefully a return to normality with easing of restrictions. With this comes the promise of opportunities in the Youth space and I look forward to ongoing work with and through the GSDCA and its member clubs.

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## **Public Relations – Mr. Paul York**

During this year were normal has become abnormal and we are all talking about Covid19. There has been an increase in requests for Family Companions.

In the role of Public Relations, I have had many calls regarding the process of obtaining a puppy for the family. I have found that the general public have absolutely no idea how to navigate the process of obtaining a quality puppy.

I spent hours explaining the roles of GSDCA, the Associated clubs and the correct questions to be asking breeders when approaching them for a puppy. Right now, I can hear the usual voices saying that all this info is on the website. Yes, you are correct it is on the website. But how do people know to go to the website and unfortunately, the message is not getting through to enough people.

To try to gain a consistent approach I believe that we need to provide the public with a GSDCA approved questionnaire so that they have something to enable them to start their search with.

To this end I will be sending a request to all clubs and the GSDCA for input as to what to include in this questionnaire. Hopefully, we can produce something useful that can be accepted by the GSDCA and member Clubs.

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## **Historian – N/A**

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## **NATIONAL SHOW REPORT 2020 – Host – GSD League**

Due to Covid 19 pandemic the 2020 GSDCA National Show & Trial was postponed until May 2022.

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## **GSDCA SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED DURING 2020**

Congratulations are extended to Mr. Ian Marr who received the 2020 GSDCA Service Award, with the presentation taking place at a GSDAWA event and presented by the past GSDCA Judges Chair, Mrs. Robyn Knuckey.

➤ Mr. Ian Marr (WA)

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## GSDCA CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME OF DOG</u>	<u>CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED</u>
2005	Police Dog "Titan"	June 2005
2005	Iljaberg Yokone Gold "Famous Amus" SES	June 2005
2006	Police Dog "Silky" (VIC)	March 2006
2006	Police Dog "Duke" (QLD)	September 2006
2007	Police Dog "Tyson" (QLD)	September 2007
2007	Police Dog "Hutch" (QLD)	September 2007
2007	Police Dog "Bear" (SA)	December 2007
2008	Police Dog "Carts" (NSW)	March 2008
2008	Police Dog "Koby" (SA)	March 2008
2009	Police Dog "Ike" (QLD)	June 2009
2010	Police Dog "Salem" (VIC)	May 2010
2010	Police Dog "Zac" (QLD)	July 2010
2011	No Awards Given	-----
2012	Police Dog "Bosun" (QLD)	May 2012
2013	Police Dog "Riggs" (	May 2013
2014	No Awards Given	-----
2015	Police Bitch "Angel" (	May 2015
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
2020	No Awards Given	-----

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

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





## GSDCA EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS HISTORY

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PATRON</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>FIRST VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECOND VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>THIRD VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>EDITOR QNR</u>
1960	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1961	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr V Huth	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1962	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr K Stubbs	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1963	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr D Carnegie	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	Mr R Brabham
1964	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Dr G Giles	Mrs B Ryan	N/A	Miss J Atkinson	Miss J Atkinson	Mr R Brabham
1965	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mrs B Ryan	N/A	Mrs J Brabham (nee J Atkinson)	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1966	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1967	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1968	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	No Review Published
1969	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	No Review Published
1970	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Wing	Mr R Brabham	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1971	Judge Mitchell	Mr B Cooper	Mr E Van Bael	Mr J Neddermeyer	N/A	Mrs F Stokes	Mrs F Stokes	No Review Published
1972	Judge Mitchell	Mr V Atkinson	Dr I Upton	Mr J Neddermeyer	N/A	Mrs F Stokes	Mrs F Stokes	No Review Published
1973	Judge Mitchell	Mr I Murrell	Mr G Hallinan	Mr S Beeton	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1974	Mr D Chipp	Mr I Murrell	Mr S Beeton	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1975	Mr D Chipp	Mr S Beeton	Mr G Moody	Mr G Hallinan	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1976	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr G Hallinan & Mrs G Donald	Mr G Hallinan & Mrs G Donald	Mr W Reimann
1977	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1978	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1979	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1980	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Reimann & Mr J Rodger
1981	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Moody	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Reimann & Mr J Rodger
1982	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Moody	Mr W Steinbacher	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1983	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mrs F Farley (nee Moody)	Mr M Stokes	Mr W Steinbacher	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger



*\* In 1983, the AGM approved an Executive recommendation that the Vice Presidential system be abolished and be replaced on a functional basis as described below.*

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PATRON</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>* CHAIRMAN NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION</u>	<u>* CHAIRMAN JUDGES COMMITTEE</u>	<u>* CHAIRMAN OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>EDITOR QNR</u>
1984	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mr P Burrett	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1985	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr U Schwab	Mrs M Barnes	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1986	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr U Schwab	Mrs M Barnes	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1987	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs A Pettenhofer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1988	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs A Pettenhofer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1989	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1990	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1991	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1992	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1993	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr R Stephens
1994	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs F Farley	Mr B O'Rourke	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr R Stephens
1995	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr V Tantaro	Mr D O'Rourke	Mr N Richardson	Ms F Gehring	Mr R Stephens
1996	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Mr B O'Rourke	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mr N Richardson	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1997	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Dr K Hedberg	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mr N Richardson	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1998	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Dr K Hedberg	Mr L Donald	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mr J Rodger	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1999	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs F Farley	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mrs M Barnes	Mr S Collins	Ms C Spalding
2000	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Dr K Hedberg	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mrs M Barnes	Mr S Collins	Ms C Spalding
2001	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Collins	Mr A Christie
2002	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Mr A Christie
2003	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Mr A Christie
2004	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Ms Y Yun
2005	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Ms Y Yun
2006	Mr D Chipp (Deceased)	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Ms Y Yun
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PATRON</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>* CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>* CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>* CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>EDITOR QNR</u>



			NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION	JUDGES COMMITTEE	OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE			
2007	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2008	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2009	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2010	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
2011	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
2012	Vacant	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms. J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2013	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie/ Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2014	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2015	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2016	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. J Poole
2017	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Ms M Groth	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. J Poole
2018	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Ms M Groth (Resigned 7/5/18)	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. J Poole
2019	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Yuen	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. J Poole
2020	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr S Lynch	Mrs J Yuen	Mr L Donald	Mrs J Urie	Mrs L. Phillis	Mr P Flynn	Ms. J Poole

