



EXECUTIVE AND OFFICE HOLDERS UPDATE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT - SEAN LYNCH

**Congratulations to
Roswitha Dannenberg on
becoming the new
President of the SV**



Hello Members,

Welcome to this edition of the monthly newsletter.

In the last month, the SV appointed a new board and for the first time in history a woman has been honored with the top position.

Congratulations to the new President Frau Roswitha Dannenberg, we look forward to her direction and we hope for a better understanding for Australia.

In this edition you will also read about the meeting held with the new Vice President Herr Daniele Strazzeri while he was in Australia.

The NBC meeting is coming up in August, please attend your club meeting so you can have input into our future.

Enjoy your dogs,

Best wishes

Sean Lynch

OBJECTIVE OF THE ZAP CHARACTER TEST

To promote and offer guidance for the uniform development of the German Shepherd Dog Breed and to consolidate and ensure the character and temperament as part of the breed's inherent working qualities is maintained. The ZAP Character Test is a very important part in evaluation of the German Shepherd Dog. It allows determination of behavioural characteristics and depending on the strengths/weaknesses displayed in each element, can be used in making future breeding decisions.

OBEDIENCE CHAIR - ALASTAIR HENDERSON

In the month of June, I attended the GSDCA Executive meeting.

Over the long weekend in June, I attended the WGSDA National Championships in Wagga Wagga. I wanted to see what the different disciplines involved because there have been changes to some of the exercises. It also allowed me to meet and talk to the judge Daniele Strazzeri about the changes. Daniele was very approachable and happy to share his knowledge.

After the National Championships, along with Melanie and Janet, he found time to have a chat about our issues in Australia and what is happening in Europe. He was very positive about the future and thanked us for finding the time to attend.

I have completed a draft document to outline the criteria and assessment process for becoming a GSDCA ZAP assessor which will be distributed shortly to member clubs.

BREED SURVEY REGISTRAR - MELANIE GROTH

I have been busy finalising the first half of the year's Breed Surveys to get out to people. It's been a productive start to the year with Breed Survey. Seventeen surveys have taken place across Australia from February to the end of June with 92 dogs presented and 84 classified.

I have processed a lot of surveys this weekend as June has been a very busy month - with every weekend taken up with dog events for me. They will be in the mail to those waiting this week as I commence school holidays and have a little more time on my hands to get them out to you.

A reminder to owners to please send a digital jpeg image of your dog to the registrar as soon as it has been surveyed. Some clubs are lucky to have photographers handy and get them done on the day, but unfortunately a lot just forget. Send the image with the pedigree name of the dog to regnbc@gsdcouncil.org

Survey numbers up until 30 June 2023		
State	Surveyed	Presented
GSDL	25	30
GSDCV	14	14
GSDCQ	15	17
GSDCSA	10	11
GSDCT	10	10
ACTGSDA	5	5
GSDAWA	5	5
NHRGSDC	0	0



Frank Moody is waiting on an overdue upload from Dogs Australia for the database to become current. Some miscommunication has meant we have not had an upload since December. We just need to be a little more patient, it is in hand.



JUDGES COMMITTEE CHAIR - MELANIE GROTH

Meeting Daniele Strazzeri Vice President SV

On 16 June 2023, Janet, Alastair, and I were able to meet with the newly elected Vice President of the SV. Daniele who was judging a working trial in Wagga Wagga. We took the opportunity of his presence here in Australia to connect with him. He comes from a working dog background and is one of only three judges in the SV that can judge at trials and breed events. The other two SV judges qualified are Jurgen Maibuchen and Harald Hohman.



Daniele was able to converse with us in English and was keen to hear about the Council and its development from the lifting of the ban to the 21st Century. We showed him the GSDCA 50-year anniversary book and he was most impressed at what we had achieved in such a short space of time. We promised to send him a green book for his library. He was keen to hear about our progress towards the development of a working assessment and pleased at the inroads we had made in implementing the Zap puppy character assessment. I took a completed Breed Survey Certificate for him to take home and he was impressed with the detail and quality of the certificate. He mentioned that they are reviewing their Breed Survey system in Germany, and it was great to see what other countries had on offer.

We found Daniele to be most approachable and willing to listen. He has many things to achieve over the next four years and he knows that will not be easy, but he is up to the challenge. If you get the opportunity to meet Daniele, you won't be sorry you made the effort. He is very much committed to preserving the working ability and anatomy of our beloved breed.

EDITOR QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW - YVONNE YUNN

June has been an intense month on so many levels.

Obviously, my first responsibility is getting the National Magazine into the hands of readers. Well, this has been so challenging - our printer lost his long-standing designer and has had to resort to outsourcing of design. The wheels started coming off when time pressure was applied, resulting in the printer recalling all files and passing them to a new designer on 28th June. I know that members are very keen to get their magazine as quickly as possible, but I will not be able to meet the distribution date I set earlier. Please understand that this is beyond Council's control and hopefully, we can have the magazine with members mid-month.

Regarding the legislative work in Queensland, I am pleased to advise that our new model is working well. We have partnered with the Rottweiler, Cattle Dog and obedience fraternities and now have representation from DOGS Queensland. One of our group members is also on the DOGS Queensland Working Party.

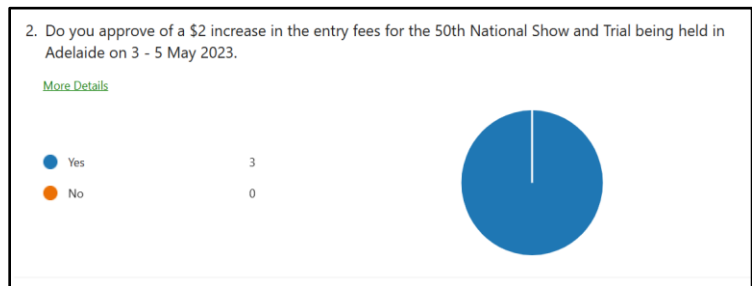
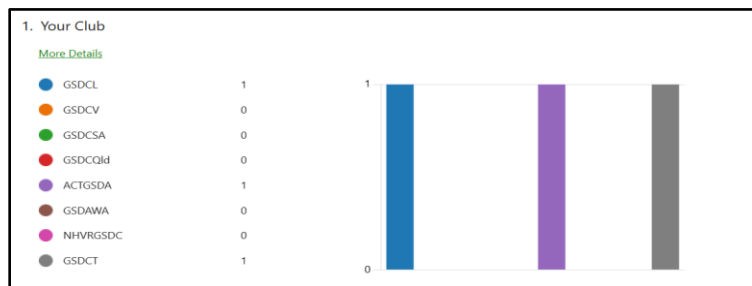
The Queensland Government have released their Discussion paper with a survey response due mid- August. From that point, it is anticipated that the amendments for the current Act will be drafted and there may or may not be further opportunity for input. There is a strong flavour of the proposed changes favouring a strengthening of local government, which is always a problem for us - local government, under the umbrella of the Act can regulate as it pleases, leading to unrestrained power grabs and a patchwork of different rules depending on where you live. This, we need to avoid.

On a more positive front, the Minister responsible will be attending the Queensland show in July, as will many other dignitaries and special guests. This has come about through some extremely demanding work on the part of Sharon Thorp and Annie Tamblyn and will be attended by Janet Haase and Jenny Kenworthy who will support the club to inform the Minister on some of the matters we considered in NSW.

This will offer a brilliant opportunity to show that we are not part of the problem; we are part of the solution.

SECRETARY - JANET HAASE

I've been Secretary of the Council for five months and they have flown by in a blur of emails, zoom meetings, agendas, and minutes. I enjoy the work and have the time to complete it without feeling too overwhelmed



with the workload.

I am streamlining some of the communication with member clubs and am trialing the use of *Microsoft Form* to gather feedback from the clubs.

I have included two screenshots that show how the program presents club responses.

A reminder: The club response to the Question - Does your club approve of a \$2 increase in the 2024 National Entry Fees? Is required by 7 July.

I am currently preparing for the NBC and Judges meetings being held on the 19th and 20th of August in Adelaide. What has struck me as I revisit the

minutes from previous meetings, is the amount of time we have spent rehashing a few controversial issues and I think this has affected our organization's ability to refresh and implement change. I am looking forward to the NBC weekend; to it being an opportunity for us to connect and collaborate on what we share, a lifelong passion for the German Shepherd Dog and a desire to protect and share the beauty of the breed.