



# Executive Update



## From the President

November 2023

A warm welcome to our Spring newsletter.

AGM....

As most of you would now know, Mel and Yvonne have decided not to seek re-election at the upcoming AGM. Both Yvonne and Mel have shown strong dedication to our organisation and the German Shepherd Dog. I would like to thank them and wish them well for the future.

Looking at the future, we need to encourage your members to get involved at the club level, and hopefully, this will lead them to more significant roles within our breed organisation; it's up to you. Getting good people involved is very difficult so I beg all clubs to put it on your radar.

WUSV....

It certainly seems the pressure is somewhat off us at the moment with the new President looking at each country's individual needs and requirements within the ability of the clubs and country laws. We will learn more as time progresses.

I hope you all enjoy the information in this newsletter, until next time, enjoy life.

Cheers  
Sean Lynch



## From the NBC Chair

I have completed most of the actions from the NBC meeting minutes and have circulated to Member Clubs a couple of amended regulations that Executive were authorised by the meeting to re-word, regarding title verification of dogs whose semen has been imported, and an amendment to the maximum height for Excellent grading at State Breed Exhibitions.

I have also placed 5 motions resulting from the NBC meeting onto the agenda for the next AGM.

Clubs have also been notified of the appointment of a new reader for the HD/ED scheme, Dr Ana Hayes, and a new adjudicator, Dr Mariano Makara. The HD/ED Working Party is progressing with the development of a digital platform for purchasing application forms, submission of x-rays to the readers for assessment, and return of results to owners by email. Thanks to the IT skills of our Webmaster Jacinta Poole, who is donating her time to build the system, and after Executive approved the purchase of some necessary software elements, we plan to have a prototype system available to view at the AGM, and if Clubs agree, the system will be finalised and hopefully may be implemented sometime next year. It is anticipated that the turn-around time for submission of x-rays and receipt of results and certificates will be substantially reduced, and the need for posting of CDs and USBs will become redundant.

*Ian Urie*

## From the Obedience Chair

Following the NBC/Judges meeting it was agreed on the criteria required to apply to become a Zap Assessor. We have received applications from clubs to train assessors that have no resident assessors and have found holding an assessment day difficult.

I think congratulations is in order to the members who competed with their dogs in the WUSV Championships in Hungary, overcoming many hurdles just to get there.

It is time to get your obedience award entries together and send to [obedience@gsdcouncilaustralia.org](mailto:obedience@gsdcouncilaustralia.org). A motion has been put up to the AGM from the Obedience meeting held in April to change the criteria for those awards.

*Alastair Henderson*



# From the Judges Chair

## Judges Training

Congratulations to aspiring judges, Matthew Morris, Chelsea Bird, and Caryl Morris who have now joined the ranks as Dogs Australia Licensed judges. They completed their final practicals this month and have all notified by DogsNSW of their proficiency. Matthew Morris is now a recognised GSD Single Breed Judge and is currently enrolled in the GSDCA Extension Course. Matthew has completed Stage 1 Mentoring and qualifies to award GSDCA gradings. Chelsea and Caryl have gained their Working Group (5) Dogs Australia Licenses and are eligible to accept Championship Show appointments. They are not yet eligible to award GSDCA gradings as they have not yet entered the GSDCA Extension Course. Caryl has informed me she will prioritise gaining another group license and Chelsea is currently working towards meeting the GSDCA requirements for entry into the Extension Course. It is important that our regulations do not deter people's aspirations. Therefore, I encourage member clubs to consider motions put forward for the AGM in 2024 to support progression and inclusion. At present the regulation 6.1.1.1 states - All resident Australian judges must have completed or be participating in the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course, in order to award GSDCA gradings.

## Gun Test inclusion in the GSDCA Gradings

Over the past month I have collaborated with a diverse range of judges regarding adjustments to the GSDCA Gradings document. After a rigorous feedback process the Gradings document is almost finalised, before being distributed to judges and member clubs. It has been updated in line with the Gun Test Regulation 2.14.2 providing clarity in line with GSDCA gradings as agreed at the NBC/Judges meeting in August. Andrew O'Loughlin suggested the inclusion of guidelines for height and chest proportions. A great idea, Andrew! I also took the liberty of incorporating Canine Dentition on the reverse side with information to support decisions in grading. The section includes images and explanatory notes from "The Definitive German Shepherd". Louis and Gail Donald generously agreed for the use of their material. Thank you to Gail who solved formatting and proofing issues. The Grading guidelines will be sent shortly to GSDCA judges. It acts as a ready reckoner guide as supporting judging at GSDCA events. Member Clubs should provide a copy of the document when contracting international judges so that they are familiar with GSDCA expectations when judging in Australia.

## Actions from the Judges Meeting

I have completed 90% of the Actions arising from the Judges meeting in August with correspondence to DogsAustralia and the Combined Northern Canine Committee, put a proposal and subsequent motion for the AGM regard to the judging of the Breeders Group at Nationals, updated the National Judges List. Agreed adjustments to the National Show Manual have been sent to the secretary for inclusion. The NSLO has been gathering information regarding proposals for National Scheduling with his working group and will soon have a report ready.

## Updating the Show calendar

Thanks so much to Jane for the task of keeping abreast of the specialist show appointments. If member clubs have a change of date or judge, then this needs to be sent to the Judges Chair and Jane Pike. Jane performs an update every month. The regulation reads that Specialist Judges should

inform the Judges Committee Chair of an appointment as soon as the contract has been signed. That way the Judges Chair can inform Jane to update the Show list. Currently we are relying on Member Clubs to inform Jane.

### Judges Appointments as at 26/10/2023



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Date	Judges Name	Club Judging for	Suburb	Comment	Show Type
14/12/24	Bird, Chelsea (NSW)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Open Show	GSD Specialty
3/11/24	Labbe, Gabrielle (Guatemala)	GSDCV	Skye, Vic	WDC of Victoria Championship Show	GSD Specialty
2/11/24	di Festa, Mauro (Italy)	GSDCV	Skye, Vic	Championship Show	GSD Specialty
13/10/24	Hedberg, Karen (NSW)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Members Competition	GSD Specialty
12/10/24	TBA	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Championship Show & Trial	GSD Specialty
15/09/24	TBA	GSDCTas	New Norfolk, Tas	Championship Show	GSD Specialty
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8/06/24	Ballantyne-Gordon, Sharon (QLD)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Members Competition	GSD Specialty
19/05/24	Stokes, Fay (NSW)	GSDCTas	New Norfolk, Tas	SBE Tasmania	GSD Specialty
3/05/24	Hassgall, Wolfgang (Germany)	GSDCSA	West Beach, SA	National (3, 4 & 5 May)	GSD Specialty
3/05/24	Mast, Rainer (Germany)	GSDCSA	West Beach, SA	National (3, 4 & 5 May)	GSD Specialty
20/04/24	Groth, Melanie (NSW)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	NSW SBE (20 & 21 July)	GSD Specialty
13/04/24	Yuen, Jenny (VIC)	GSDCV	Skye, Vic	VIC SBE (13 & 14 April)	GSD Specialty
31/03/24	Green, Greg (VIC)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Members Competition	GSD Specialty
30/03/24	Sykes, Carol (UK)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Championship Show	GSD Specialty
9/03/24	Send, Patrick (Germany)	GSDCV	Skye, Vic	Championship Show (9 & 10 March)	GSD Specialty
25/02/24	Kada, Jessica (NSW)	GSDC Sth Isl	Dunedin, NZ	Otago GSDC	GSD Specialty
24/02/24	Groth, Melanie (NSW)	GSDC Sth Isl	Dunedin, NZ	Otago GSDC	GSD Specialty
18/02/24	Hedberg, Karen (NSW)	GSDCTas	New Norfolk, Tas	Championship Show	GSD Specialty
17/02/24	Morton, Kurt (NSW)	GSDCTas	New Norfolk, Tas	Championship Show	GSD Specialty
17/02/24	Morris, Matthew (NSW)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Open Show	GSD Specialty
28/01/24	De Lucia, Jenny (SA)	GSDCV	Bulla, Vic	Ballarat Championship Show	GSD Specialty
16/12/23	Adamson, Melissa (SA)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	GSDL Members Competition	GSD Specialty

### Reminder to Clubs re regulations for critiques and show reports.

Clubs should ensure that the finalized critiques and gradings for each specialist show are forwarded to the Judges Committee Chair. It has become accepted practice for the critiques to be available of the GSDCA Website. It is desirable for Judges to write a brief overview show report to be sent with the critiques. This is particularly important when judging a State Breed Exhibition.

*Mel Groth*

## From the Secretary

It's that time of year again when we begin preparation for the Council's AGM. Nominations for executive positions and council positions have been received from member clubs, along with motions to be put at the February meeting. The agenda for this meeting will be distributed by 1 December 2023, giving time for clubs to consult their membership for voting direction. Please see the table following for the nominations received from clubs.

*Jan Haase*

## Nominations 2024

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NOMINEE</b>	<b>TERM</b>
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Sean Lynch – GSDAWA, GSDL, NHRGSDC Jenny Yuen – GSDCV	<b>2 Year</b>
<b>JUDGES COMMITTEE CHAIR</b>	Jenny De Lucia – GSDAWA, GSDCSA, NHRGSDC Robyn Knuckey – GSDCV	<b>2 Year</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	Peter Flynn – GSDAWA, GSDCSA, GSDCV, GSDCT, GSDCQ Paul York – ACTGSDA, NHRGSDC	<b>2 Year</b>
<b>EDITOR QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW</b>	Gail Donald – GSDCV, GSDCT, GSDCQ	<b>2 Year</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NOMINEE</b>	<b>TERM</b>
<b>PUBLIC OFFICER</b>	No nomination	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>HD/ED REGISTRAR</b>	Doug West – ACTGSDA, GSDL Jacinta Poole – GSDCV	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>NBC REGISTRAR</b> <i>(as nominated by NBC Chair for ratification at AGM)</i>	Melanie Groth	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>BREED HEALTH &amp; WELFARE COMMITTEE REGISTRAR</b>	Candy Baker – GSDAWA, GSDL, GSDCT	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>NATIONAL SHOW LIAISON OFFICER</b>	Vince Tantaro – GSDAWA, GSDCQ Jess Lynch – GSDCV	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER</b>	Gabrielle Peacock – GSDCV	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>WEBSITE OFFICER</b>	Jacinta Poole – GSDL, GSDCV, GSDCT, GSDCQ	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>TROPHY OFFICER</b>	Terry Jarvis – GSDL, GSDCT, NHRGSDC	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>HISTORIAN</b>	No nomination	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>BREED RESEARCH and LEGISLATION OFFICER</b>	John Fenner - GSDAWA	<b>1 Year</b>