



German Shepherd Dog  
Council of Australia Inc.

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2024

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## Introduction

# 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 2024 Annual Report of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (GSDCA).

The 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 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 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 an overview of their activities throughout the year.

On behalf of the Executive, we thank Member Clubs for their commitment and dedication to the German Shepherd Dog, supporting the many disciplines our dogs undertake i.e. show, trial, breeding, breed survey, assistance dogs, public pet expos etc. in an effort to help showcase our breed across the country.

I trust you will enjoy reading the information contained in this report.

Janet Haase  
Honorary Secretary

**PATRON** Mrs Dawn Fraser AC MBE

**BANKERS** Westpac Bank  
Glenelg South Australia

**AUDITORS** William Buck Pty Ltd  
Level 6  
211 Victoria Square  
Adelaide South Australia 5000

## **The GSDCA Executive 2024**

President	Mr Sean Lynch
National Breed Commission	Mr Ian Urie
Judges Committee	Mrs Jenny De Lucia
Secretary	Mrs Janet Haase
Treasurer	Mr Peter Flynn
Obedience Committee	Mr Alastair Henderson
Editor Quarterly National Review	Mrs Gail Donald

## **Position Holders**

Breed Health & Wellbeing Committee Chair	Dr Candy Baker
HD/ED Registrar	Ms Jacinta Poole
NBC Registrar	Ms Melanie Groth
Dog Database Coordinator	Mr Frank Moody
Title Verification Officer	Mr Kurt Moton
National Show Liaison Officer	Ms Jessica Lynch
Trophy Officer	Mr Terry Jarvis
Webmaster	Ms Jacinta Poole
Youth Coordinator	Ms Chelsea Bird
Breed Research and Legislation Officer	Mr John Fenner
Public Relations Officer	Mrs Gabrielle Peacock
Public Officer	Ms Debbie Smith
Historian	Vacant

## **Member Club Committees For 2024**

### **ACT German Shepherd Dog Association**

President	Sasha Beljanski
Vice President	Sean Hodson
Secretary	Wolf Meffert
Treasurer	Mona Wood

### **German Shepherd Dog League**

President	Matthew Morris
Vice President	Tony D'Arcy
Secretary	Deborah Borg
Treasurer	Maurice Jara
Training Coordinator	Wayne Wagstaff
Breed Affairs Administrator	Glenn Gregory

### **Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC**

President	Paul York
Vice President	Jessica Lynch
Secretary	Kay York
Treasurer	Rose Vitullo

**German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland**

President	Sharon Thorp
Vice President	Kylie Zimmerle
Secretary	Tracey Rehberg
Treasurer	Fred Flower
Breed Affairs Administrator	Peter Hersant
Obedience Coordinator	Laura Schimke

**German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia**

President	John De Lucia
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Obedience	Jenny De Lucia
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Breed Affairs	Christine Collins
Secretary	Stephen Collins
Treasurer	Peter Flynn
Breed Affairs Administrator	Andrew O'Loughlin
Obedience Coordinator	Jenny De Lucia

**German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania**

President	Janet Haase
Vice President	Tass Massis
Secretary	Gabrielle Peacock
Treasurer	Sandra Parker
Breed Affairs Administrator	Lorraine Massis
HD/ED Administrator	Carol Mason
Public Officer/Show Secretary	Russell Lowery

**German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria**

President	Vince Ebejer
Vice President	Tony Mercieca
Secretary	Dearne Jackson
Treasurer	Fiona Henderson
Breed Affairs Administrator	Vince Tantaro
Training Administrator	Sharon Hargreaves

**German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia**

President	Robyn Knuckey
Vice President	Iain McIntosh
Secretary	Anastasia Hope
Treasurer	Lucy Lubbock
Breed Affairs Chair	Natalie Humphries
Show Chair	LeeAnne Shea
Obedience Chair	Kym Glenny

## President's Report – Sean Lynch

### Welcome to the 64th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA).

I would like to extend a warm welcome to my fellow Executive members, club delegates, and observers. A special thanks is due to the South Australian club for hosting us this weekend. I am confident that, with everyone's contributions, this will be a productive and beneficial meeting.

#### 1. Introduction

This year has been both a challenging and rewarding year for the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA). As President, I am proud to reflect on our collective achievements, the growth of our breed, and the continued support of our community. Despite the challenges presented by external factors, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to the welfare of the German Shepherd Dog and their responsible breeding, training, and care.

#### 2. Key Milestones for 2024

This year included some particularly important milestones for the GSDCA:

- **Introduction of Digital Hip and Elbow Reporting:**

We successfully implemented a digital reporting system for hip and elbow dysplasia, providing breeders and owners with a more efficient and accessible way to track and report health information. This step is part of our ongoing efforts to prioritise the health and welfare of the German Shepherd Dog. I would like to acknowledge and thank Jacinta Poole for the outstanding work she has done in this field.

- **50th National Show and Trial:**

The GSDCA proudly celebrated the 50th National Show and Trial. This milestone event brought together our community and showcased the exceptional quality of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia. We look forward to many more successful events in the future.

- **Meeting with the New WUSV President:**

We were privileged to meet with the new WUSV President, both in person and through online meetings. This strengthens our relationship with the international German Shepherd Dog community and allows us to collaborate on important breed issues globally. I would like to thank both Janet Haase and Mel Groth for taking time out of their holidays for this meeting.

- **50th National Review Magazine:**

As part of our ongoing commitment to the breed, we released the 50th National Review magazine. This special edition highlighted the progress of the breed in Australia, as well as the important contributions of breeders, clubs, and members over the years. This outstanding issue was made possible by our editor Gail Donald.

These are just a few highlights from 2024. You will find more details in the annual reports presented at this meeting.

#### 3. Governance and Leadership

Over the past year, the leadership team and I have worked diligently to ensure that the GSDCA upholds its high standards. Our executive board meetings have been frequent and productive, discussing topics ranging from breed improvements to the implementation of new programs aimed at improving breed health and public engagement. I would like to extend my gratitude to all committee members and volunteers for their dedication.

- **Key Actions:**
  - Successfully conducted meetings of the executive team.
  - Fostered a strong working relationship with affiliate clubs and breeders.

#### **4. Change in Executive Leadership**

This year will see a change in the Executive, as Ian Urie will not be standing for re-election after four years in the chair. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Ian for his dedication and tireless work throughout his tenure. Ian has always been active in his role, bringing leadership, enthusiasm, and commitment to the Council. On behalf of the entire GSDCA community, I extend my best wishes for his future endeavours.

#### **5. Key Achievements**

Throughout the year, the GSDCA has made significant strides in several areas that align with our mission to promote the health, welfare, and quality of life of the German Shepherd Dog across Australia.

- **Breed Standard Initiatives:**
  - Continued development of breed improvement that reflects the latest scientific research and ensure the health and integrity of the German Shepherd.
  - Conducted educational seminars via the NBC and the National Review for breeders to keep them updated on responsible breeding practices.
- **Health and Welfare Programs:**
  - The GSDCA's ongoing partnership with veterinary professionals and animal health experts has been pivotal in ensuring the health of our dogs.
  - We have focused on expanding our genetic testing protocols via investigating DNA testing and raising awareness about hereditary conditions within the breed.
- **Events and Competitions:**
  - The National German Shepherd Championship was a resounding success, with representatives from all states within Australia.
  - The annual NBC meeting was held with great turnout, featuring educational presentations.
- **Public Awareness Campaigns:**
  - All our clubs have social media campaign to educate the public on the characteristics of a well-bred German Shepherd.
  - We saw increased outreach efforts to schools and community groups to promote the breed and educate on responsible dog ownership, I thank all the clubs that were involved during 2024.
  - Overall, I would like to thank the clubs in promoting the GSD in the local areas.

#### **6. Financial Overview**

The financial health of the GSDCA remains steady. Despite some challenges brought on by economic conditions, we have maintained a reasonable budget and successfully funded several key initiatives aimed at improving the welfare of our dogs and supporting our member clubs. But this cannot continue, and we need to look at the finances and charges over the next few months.

- **Key Figures:**
  - Income:           \$128,463
  - Expenditure:   \$154,032
  - Net Deficit:     \$ 25,569

We continue to strive for financial sustainability through membership fees, event revenues, and our breed improvement schemes. Peter Flynn will present a detailed financial report.

## **7. Challenges and Areas for Improvement**

While we have achieved much, there are always areas in need of improvement. This year, we have faced challenges, including:

- The ongoing impact of external factors such as the economic downturn that we are experiencing at the moment.
- The need for enhanced member engagement and increased participation in events.
- Addressing concerns within some regions about the availability of qualified judges and trainers for events and club activities.

We are committed to working with our member clubs to overcome these challenges and continue enhancing the reputation and welfare of the German Shepherd breed in Australia.

## **8. Looking Ahead**

Looking forward, the GSDCA remains focused on ensuring the long-term health and success of the German Shepherd in Australia. Key objectives for the coming year include:

- Expanding breed health research and partnerships with veterinary and genetic experts, with a focus on the future of DNA testing.
- Organising more local and regional events to engage with our members across the country. This may include zoom meetings with clubs.
- Strengthening the collaboration between breeders, clubs, and the Council to foster a united approach to breed development.

## **9. Conclusion**

I am proud of all that we have accomplished this year, and I look forward to the continued growth of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia. Together, we are ensuring that the legacy of the German Shepherd breed remains strong for future generations.

I extend my deepest thanks to all our members, volunteers, breeders, and supporters who make this work possible. I am confident that, with your ongoing dedication, we will continue to make great strides in the year to come.

## **10. Acknowledgments**

- I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive members, volunteers, and breeders for their commitment and hard work.
- Special thanks and appreciation to our Secretary, Janet who has really excelled in the position this year, I would also like to congratulate her on her re-election.
- Special thanks to our event organisers and those who contributed to the successful execution of our major events including the NBC and AGM meetings.
- To our members, your continued support ensures the success of the GSDCA.

**Sean Lynch**

**GSDCA President**

## Treasurer's Report – Peter Flynn

This is my fifth report as Treasurer. I would like to thank 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 loss for 2023/24 of \$(25,569), which compares to 2022/23 loss of \$(7,184), which is a deterioration of \$(18,385). The main reasons for the deterioration are:

• Quarterly National Review	\$(6,090)
• Website/Database maintenance	\$(1,569)
• Breed Surveys	\$(2,380)
• HD & ED Scheme	\$(3,413)
• Meetings (AGM & NBC)	\$(3,130)
• Airfare contribution to National	\$(3,000)
• Contribution to 50 <sup>th</sup> National Memento	\$(1,500)

Offset by

• Interest received	\$ 2,008
• Other	\$ 689

While advertising increased in the QNR by \$5,414 increased printing costs and the extra number of pages in the 50<sup>th</sup> National edition resulted in the QNR making a loss for the year \$(2,857) versus the profit last year of \$3,233. There are two motions on the AGM agenda to try address the increasing costs of publishing the QNR, which I would ask that the member clubs to consider.

The increase in the Website costs was mainly the software required for the Online HD/ED submissions.

The drop in Breed Survey income is mainly due to the lower participation rates in all State clubs.

The decrease in HD/ED income is mainly due to lower numbers presented in most States and purchase of cases for HD/ED breeder awards and HD/ED scheme forms in 2023/24.

The increased cost of holding meetings was mainly due to both the AGM and NBC/Judges Meetings being held on a “face to face” basis in 2023/24, whereas in 2022/23 only the NBC/Judges meeting was held on a “face to face” basis.

The contribution to the National judges' airfare was made to assist the host club (German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc.) as they had to pay premium economy airfares. Also, the GSDCA agreed to contribute 50% (\$1,500) of the costs of the special memento medals for the 50<sup>th</sup> National Show and Trial.

The increase in interest received was due to the Term Deposit maturing and the interest being paid in 2023/24.

The Cash position of the GSDCA at September 30, 2024 was \$100,735 which is \$52,033 less than last year. The main reasons for this are:

• Operating loss	\$(25,569)
• Increase in Trade Receivables	\$(13,805)
• Increase in Inventories	\$( 2,973)
• Decrease in Trade Payables	\$( 9,686)

The increase in Trade Receivables is mainly due to the Spring Edition of the QNR being invoiced in September and the clubs paying in October 2024. The increase in Inventory is the purchase of

new medals in August for \$8,440 offset by sales during the year. The decrease in Trade Payables is a lower amount owing to Maroodah Printing for the QNR.

Overall, while 2023/2024 was an expensive year for the GSDCA, it is still in a sound financial position. However, the GSDCA cannot continue to have losses of this size.

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.



Peter Flynn  
Treasurer  
German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia



**German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.**  
**Report of the Independent Auditor on the Financial Report**

**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 2024, the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements including a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 September 2024, 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 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting responsibilities under 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 Committee for the Financial Report**

The member of the Committee are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and for such internal control as the Committee 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.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee 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 the Committee either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

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/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf)

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

*Taylor & Co Accountants*

ABN 92 674 268 565



**A.J. Taylor-Spry**

Director

Adelaide, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**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 6:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc as at 30 September 2024 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.

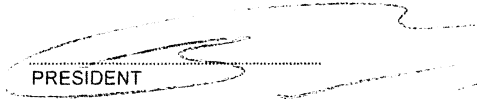
In accordance with the ACT Associations Incorporations Act, 1991, the Committee of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 September 2024:

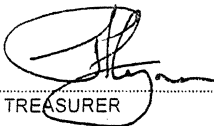
- (a) (i) no officer of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc;  
(ii) no firm of which an officer is a member; and  
(iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest;

has or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

- (b) no officer of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc has received directly or indirectly from German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value other than those who are employees and remunerated under normal commercial terms.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

  
PRESIDENT

  
TREASURER

Dated: December 16 day of 2024

## Secretary's Report – Janet Haase

Firstly, I'd like to express my gratitude to my fellow executives for the invaluable assistance and support they provided during 2024.

### **Acknowledgements**

I would like to express my thanks to Gabrielle Peacock for her ongoing assistance, support, and advice. Gabrielle has taken on the role of unofficial Assistant Secretary, helping me with countless tasks throughout the year. I work best in an environment of collaboration and teamwork, and it has been a pleasure working alongside Gabrielle, benefiting from her extensive corporate and governance expertise.

### **Correspondence**

The record of incoming and outgoing correspondence has been consistently shared with member clubs. Relevant emails are promptly forwarded upon receipt, along with any associated requests for action or responses. Unfortunately, delays in receiving responses from member clubs or position holders can occasionally impact the timeliness of my work.

### **Meetings**

A regular meeting schedule has been established, including monthly Executive meetings, General meetings, NBC meetings, and the AGM. This structured approach has enhanced communication and provided greater transparency for members regarding the activities of the Council and the Executive.

### **Tribute to Jenny Kenworthy**

This year brought the sad loss of Jenny Kenworthy, a dedicated advocate and unwavering supporter of the German Shepherd Dog. Jenny's passion and commitment to the breed were unparalleled. She devoted countless hours to the ACTGSDA and the GSDCA, serving as GSDCA Treasurer for four years and National Show Liaison Officer for several years.

Jenny was an exceptional steward, renowned for her ability to maintain order in the show ring. She was a warm, generous friend, known for her tight hugs and smoochy kisses. Jenny, your absence is deeply felt, and you will always be missed.

### **Retirements**

This year, we bid farewell to two of our longest-serving Breed Surveyors and Council officers, John Fenner and Doug West, as they retired from their roles. Their dedication and years of service have been invaluable, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to both of them for their significant contributions.

### **WUSV**

I had the honour of representing the Council at the World Union of German Shepherd Clubs (WUSV) meeting, alongside Melanie Groth. This year's meeting marked a notable shift in approach from the WUSV leadership team, characterised by greater collaboration and mutual respect.

Comprehensive reports from these meetings have been prepared and shared with Council members. Maintaining this exchange of information is crucial to ensuring that our Council remains aligned with global best practices and continues to make informed decisions for the benefit of the German Shepherd breed in Australia.

Special thanks must go to Ian for his outstanding contribution to the Council in his capacity as National Breed Commission Chairperson. His leadership and guidance have been instrumental not only in his portfolio but also as a valued member of the Executive.

As we move forward, I am confident that through continued collaboration, we can further promote and protect the German Shepherd breed in Australia.

Thank you once again for your trust and support.

### **AWARDS 2024**

Congratulations are extended to those who received the following Awards at the 50<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2024 held in South Australia.

### **GSDCA SERVICE AWARDS**

Congratulations are extended to the following people who received the “GSDCA Service Award” at the 50<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2024 for their dedication to the German Shepherd Dog and continued support and commitment at Club and Council level.

- Melanie Groth
- Mrs Kerry Kennedy
- Doug West – Retiring Position Holder
- Melanie Groth – Retiring Executive Officer

### **GSDCA OUTSTANDING CANINE SERVICE AWARD**

South Australia

- Police Dog “Bandit” (Vomkogelberg Xenon) and his handler Brevet Sergeant Matthew Williams.

Western Australia

- Police Dog Raptor and Senior Constable David Biondo
- Police Dog Sidious and Senior Constable Tegan McNamara

### **GSDCA JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following junior members who received the GSDCA Junior Showmanship Award at the 50<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2024.

<b>7 Years to Under 10</b>
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Alexis Fowler
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Judd Wedge
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Ava Fowler
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<b>10 to Under 13 Years</b>
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Avery Kelly
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Harleen Kaur
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<b>13 Years to Under 19 years</b>
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Ella Campbell
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Paris Turoczy
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Issy Fisher
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Eliane Waker
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Stella Watson
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Christia Rayner
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## GSDCA OBEDIENCE AWARDS 2024

<b>GSDCA BEST COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG</b> *Ica von der Zenteiche A ED (Imp Deu) CCD, TD Alastair Henderson	<b>GSDCA – RALLY NOVICE</b>  Ch Morekos Kraken SWN TK.SRN ET JC.CA Rachel Tulloch
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## HONOUR ROLL

<b>Medal Winners - Stock Coat - DOGS</b>		
GOLD	*Wulkano-Uno von Schnitzerteam A ED (imp Hun)	Owner: J Petreski & B Pereira
SILVER	*Salvatore vom Grafenwald A ED (Imp Deu)	Owner: P Alder
BRONZE	*Ch Kaster van Contra A ED (imp Deu)	Owner: J Kada, J Haase, Booth, J Haase, G Peacock
<b>Medal Winners - Stock Coat - BITCHES</b>		
GOLD	*Ch Grandwest Queen Kayla AZ	Owner: C Willis
SILVER	*Cinderhof Cerseii AZ	Owner: J Cathie, M Groth, G Donald
BRONZE	*Sup Ch Vladimir Supercalifragilistic AZ	Owner: G & K Morton
<b>Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - DOGS</b>		
GOLD	*Jack von Fenrir A ED (Imp Deu)	Owner: S Parker, S Bick, H Kelly & J Morris
SILVER	*Ch Babenberg Valentino	Owner: Babenberg Kennels
BRONZE	*Ch Cinderhof Diaablo (Al) AZ	Owner: C & J Bird
<b>Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - BITCHES</b>		
GOLD	*Allinka Will of the Force AZ	Owner: M Rovetto
SILVER	*Ch Kaygarr Esther	Owner: K Williams
BRONZE	*Ch Cinderhof Channel AZ HIT TK.S	Owner: R Tulloch

<b>Medal Winners – Obedience</b>		
GOLD	*Allinka Versace AZ UD	Owner: V Grzeszkiewicz
SILVER	*Ica von der Zenteiche A ED (Imp Deu) CCD, TD	Owner: A and F Henderson & R and K Knuckey
BRONZE	*Jarrahhaus Paint It Black AZ	Owner: R Spencer

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES AND TROPHIES

<b>Walter Reimann Memorial Trophy</b> <i>Open Dog Winner (SC)</i>	*Wulkano-Uno von Schnitzerteam A ED (imp Hun)	Owner: J Petreski & B Pereira
<b>Roy Brabham Memorial Trophy</b> <i>Open Bitch Winner (SC)</i>	*Ch Grandwest Queen Kayla AZ	Owner: C Willis
<b>Hans-Juergen Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Open Dog Winner (LSC)</i>	*Jack von Fenrir A ED (Imp Deu)	Owner: S Parker, S Bick, H Kelly & J Morris
<b>Thomas Roger Luxton Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Open Bitch Winner (LSC)</i>	*Allinka Will of the Force AZ	Owner: M Rovetto
<b>Joylene Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Intermediate Dog (SC)</i>	Ineffable Emmanz AZ	Owner: K & S Maresh
<b>James William Henry Rodger Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Intermediate Bitch Winner (SC)</i>	Asterhund Viva La Bebe	Owner: C & G van Groen
<b>Barry O'Rourke Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Junior Dog (SC)</i>	Cinderhof Brockk (Al)	Owner: A Drinkwater
<b>Max Stokes Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Junior Bitch (SC)</i>	Bronboreo Russian War AZ	Owner: T Hill
<b>David O'Rourke Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Dual Performance Winner</i>	Jarrahaus Paint It Black AZ	Owner: R Spencer
<b>Rick Richardson Memorial Plaque</b> <i>Obedience Winner of Winners</i>	*Allinka Versace AZ UD	Owner: V Grzeszkiewicz
<b>Sam Bonifacio Memorial Trophy</b> <i>Most Successful Stock Coat Breeder</i>	Cinderhof Kennels	Owner: J Cathie
<b>GSDCA Long Stock Coat Breeders Trophy</b> <i>Most Successful Long Stock Coat Breeder</i>	Cinderhof Kennels	Owner: J Cathie
<b>Breeders Group Trophy</b>	Cinderhof Kennels	Owner: J Cathie

## GSDCA 2024 RETIRING DOGS:

- \*Eroica Ice Ice Baby
- \*Freinhauf Havoc
- \*Cinderhof Italiaa
- \*Karabach Quite a Skywalker
- \*Vonpeta Quackawoody
- \*Ch Lordavo Royal Symphony
- \*Lenny Team von Armada

## Member Club Reports

### President ACTGSDA – Mr Sasha Beljanski

Attendance at Wednesday night obedience training has been very good. There are a core group of dogs and their owners who attend most Wednesday nights training sessions.

One of the reasons that we had to cancel our October 2024 Conformation Shows was due to the fact that our grounds were not up to a standard that we expect. We are looking at alternate venues to hold our shows in the future.

Another reason is that we are competing against other clubs that are holding shows very close to the October long weekend date. Shows being held this close together is not helpful to any club as we are all guilty of reducing the numbers for each other's shows. If we as an organisation can look at spreading out shows to be a reasonable time apart (allowing people to organise their finances, time off work, etc.), then show numbers may increase.

Club members have been able to participate in local obedience and Nose Work trials with very successful outcomes.

We have held one Breed Survey this year 12 Dogs were entered, 11 participated, and 10 of those dogs received their classification. We anticipate adding additional activities in 2025, such as ZAP testing.

Our current membership stands at 211 members and six life members.

#### ACTGSDA Committee:

President: Sasha Beljanski  
Vice President: Shaun Hodson  
Secretary: Wolf Meffert  
Treasurer: Ludie Popowycz

#### Committee Members:

Kim Kleeman  
Debbie Smith  
Brad Vincent  
Glenda Whitfield  
Victoria Swalling

In conclusion, this year we lost one of our devoted members, Jenny Kenworthy. Jenny was one of the mainstays of our small club, she had a love, devotion, and enthusiasm for all things German Shepherd Dog related. Rest in peace Jenny, you will be greatly missed.

### President GSDL – Matthew Morris: Incoming President

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to the past and current committee members of the GSDL. Their dedication and contributions have been instrumental in our club's progress. Acknowledgement must go to many individuals behind the scenes whose efforts played vital roles throughout 2024.

As the newly appointed President for 2025, it is an honour to present the 2024 annual report for the National Council's AGM. I am pleased to note that the 2024 end-of-year financial results were positive. This achievement is a testament to the solid foundation laid down in 2021/22, which has allowed the club to make fair and sustainable financial decisions, ensuring long-term stability.

However, like many in the broader dog community, the GSDL is not immune to the financial challenges of rising costs, including airfares and accommodation, coupled with a decline in membership numbers. These hurdles will require our collective resilience and adaptability as we navigate 2025.

I am excited to work alongside our newly elected committee, which brings a dynamic blend of youthful energy, extensive experience, and deep expertise. Already, the team has demonstrated an impressive ability to collaborate and achieve positive outcomes. Our December Christmas show is a shining example of this spirit, where committee members and club members worked seamlessly together to end the year on a high note.

### Overview of 2024 events:

GSDL Easter Championship Show 30-31 March 2024 - Judge: Nestor L. Descalzi.

GSDL State Breed Exhibition 20-21 July 2024 - Judge: Melanie Groth (NSW).

GSDL Double members comp 10 August 2024 – Judges: Fay Stokes & Dr Rob Zammit.

GSDL Championship Show 12-13 October 2024 - Judge: Mr John Lijfijt SV (DEU).

GSDL Members comp 14 December 2024 – Judge: Stephen Collins (SA).

Junior Showmanship GSDL Champ Show - 12 October 2024 Judge: Jess Kada

7 to 10 Years: 1st Alexis F. 2nd Ava M. - 10 to 13 Years: 1st Ava F. 2nd Harrison B.

Junior Showmanship Results GSDL Member Comp-14 December 2024 Judge: Jess Bird.

7 to 10 Years: 1st Alexis F. 2nd Ava M. 10 to 13 Years: 1st Harrison B. 2nd Ava F. 13 to 18 Years: 1st Paris T.

### Obedience trials:

None supported through 2024.

### ZAP Character test results:

GSDL ZAP Club Number	Pedigree Name	Assessment date	Owner	Pass/Fail	Assessor	Paid
GSDL012	Khnique Yves St Lauren	22.06.2024	C. Boothe	Pass	Glen Gregory	Yes
GSDL013	Cinderhof Tyriion	22.06.2024	Hornick,Cathie, Zimmerle	Pass	Mel Groth	Yes
GSDL014	Freevale Attitude In Pink	22.06.2024	Helen Ratcliff	Pass	Jo Cathie	Yes
GSDL015	Lozani Una	04.08.2024	Jeffrey Rapley	Pass	Kurt Morton	Yes
GSDL016	Zabenzah Helia	04.08.2024	Vanessa Bland	Pass	Mel Groth	Yes
GSDL017	Castastar Sophia	04.08.2024	Vanessa Bland	Pass	Mel Groth	Yes
GSDL018	Tataben Maya Graceful Illusion	04.08.2024	J vaughan & S Beauchamp	Pass	Jess Kada	Yes
GSDL019	Vladimir Walk Th Talk	04.08.2024	Carolyn Becker	Pass	Glen Gregory	Yes
GSDL020	Freundhund Xinxin For Faith	04.08.2024	R&J Fabian	Pass	Kurt Morton	Yes
GSDL021	Bhuachaille In Your Dreams	04.08.2024	Lisa Mitchell	Pass	Mel Groth	Yes
GSDL022	Bhuachaille Jumping Jack Flash	04.08.2024	M Wolfinger	Pass	Jess Kada	Yes

- **ZAP Events Success:** With just two ZAP events held, we had 11 participants and 11 passes—a perfect record!
- **Growing Expertise:** We now have five qualified assessors and three aspiring assessors for the GSDL, demonstrating the growing depth of expertise within our club.

### Key Focus Points for 2025:

Looking ahead, we are excited to share some of our strategic initiatives designed to enhance member engagement and support the versatility of our beloved breeds:

- **Membership Growth:**

We will continue to prioritise efforts to attract and retain members, ensuring the sustainability of our club.
- **Supporting Workability:**
  - Expanding our focus on obedience training to strengthen the capabilities and confidence of both handlers and dogs.
  - Introducing new disciplines, such as tracking, herding, and luring exercises, to broaden the scope of activities offered by the club.
  - Specific training days at regional and other off-site locations.
  - Handler development classes.
  - Youth handler training workshops.
- **Inclusive Approach:**
  - We aim to adopt a holistic perspective by supporting working dogs beyond GSD speciality conformation, fostering greater involvement and an inclusive atmosphere.

- **2026 National Event Preparation:**

- **Building a Sub-Committee:** Planning is already underway for the highly anticipated 2026 National event. To ensure its success, we will establish a dedicated sub-committee comprising members from various States. This collaborative approach will bring diverse perspectives, enabling us to organise an event that represents and unites the entire community.
- **Collaboration Across Member Clubs:** Leveraging the expertise and knowledge of other member clubs is vital. By actively seeking their support and sharing resources, we can collectively raise the standard of our activities and events. Fostering partnerships and open communication will strengthen the bond between clubs, creating a more cohesive and supportive environment nationwide.

### **Collective Growth and Vision:**

Moving forward, we must all acknowledge the critical importance of working together to grow our clubs and strengthen the community we share. Collaboration is not just a goal; it is a necessity. By uniting as a collective, the GSDCA-affiliated clubs have the opportunity to build on the momentum of 2024 and make 2025 a truly landmark year.

The collective effort of all members, from leadership to participants, is essential in bringing our vision to life. Together, through continued support, innovative ideas, and active participation, we can ensure the success of our plans and lay a strong foundation for future succession initiatives.

Our shared passion for our community and its future unites us. Let us channel this energy into working collaboratively, sharing knowledge, and fostering an environment where every club thrives. Together, we can achieve ambitious goals, ensuring a vibrant and thriving future for all.

I acknowledge, respect and thank you all for your commitment and look forward to seeing what we can accomplish as a united team.

### **President GSDL – Graeme Steveson: Outgoing President**

The 2023-2024 year has been both productive and demanding, as the German Shepherd Dog League (GSDL) worked diligently to enhance operations and achieve significant milestones.

### **Financial Management**

We undertook critical steps to streamline our financial processes:

- **MYOB Accounts:** Enhanced functionality to manage invoices, receipts, and EFT payments, ensuring year-end balance accuracy.
- **Expert Leadership:** An experienced company bookkeeper served as Treasurer, providing detailed financial reports and reconciling unpaid BAS from prior years.
- **Investment Measures:** Established a new investment account to safeguard interest receipts.
- **Fee Adjustments:** Increased training and membership fees, aligning with grounds fees and CPI, respectively.

### **Club Activities**

- Our club activities saw remarkable engagement and success:
- **Canteen Revival:** Operated at a profit exceeding 100%.
- **Social Walks:** These were well-received by members.
- **Training Programs:** Attendance grew on Tuesday training nights, supplemented by Thursday night sessions held separate from Show Training for reactive dogs led by our dedicated training coordinator.

### **Surveys and Assessments**

The club conducted:

- Four surveys with 21 dogs presented.
- Two Zap Assessments for 11 dogs.

## **Communication Challenges**

- **Shepherd News:** Only one issue was released, with the second being completed by the Publicity Officer at year-end.

## **Public Engagement**

GSDL participated in high-profile events, including:

- Sydney Royal Easter Show.
- Dogs NSW Dogs on Show.
- Dog Lovers Exhibition.

## **Compliance and Governance**

After identifying discrepancies with the Department of Fair Trading (DFT):

- Updated the Public Officer records to reflect current leadership.
- Submitted outstanding financial reports for 2018-2023, incurring a small fine.
- Ensured timely submission of the 2024 financial report.
- Submitted the Constitution upgrade.

Upon investigation with the Department of Fair Trade (DFT) the GSDL did not have an updated Public Officer on their records. The public officer is required to submit financial records and any other communication required. As the Public Officer on record was out of the State and living in Queensland, the GSDL needed to correct this. The committee appointed me as the Public Officer (as per the Legislation). The minutes for this update were ratified at the following general meeting. The GSDL is now fully compliant with Legislative and DFT regulations.

## **Shows and Competitions**

We hosted several successful events:

- **Championship Shows:**

Held in April and October with esteemed judges from Argentina and Germany.

- **Sanction and State Breed Shows:**

Included a December Sanction Show and a State Breed Show in June.

- **Members Competitions:**

Conducted two competitions in a single day in August. Judges and exhibitors were treated to warm hospitality, including baked dinners at our August show and a spit roast provided for our judge and exhibitors. Our experienced ring steward, who adjudicated at all shows, bolstered the success of these events. We had generous sponsors such as Royal Canin, Leatherworks, Vebo Pet Supplies, Sling Guard, Sires on Ice, and K9 Pro.

## **Innovations**

- **Online HD/ED Rollout:** Managed seamlessly by our NSW registrar, resulting in 71 contracts issued.
- **VERO Voting:** Adopted for the 2024 AGM, achieving a 66% member participation rate. The Constitution upgrade vote saw 84% member engagement and lodged with the DFT. This is the first time the GSDL has had such a successful and large percentage of our membership who voted.
- The reason for Vero was to allow every financial member a voice without having to attend the clubhouse to vote or vote on Teams. Teams has not proven to be a stable enough platform in the past for accurate voting and is not convenient for every financial member.
- Dogs NSW has recently issued a mandate that AGMs must be in-house and not on Teams or Zoom.

## **Challenges**

**Health Issues:** Our Vice President faced severe medical challenges, and our Secretary experienced a few accidents during the year, necessitating committee members to step up and share responsibilities.

## **Looking Ahead**

We have secured National Judges for 2026, with the current committee to determine judging assignments. The club remains committed to supporting German Shepherd owners and maintaining high standards for our beloved breed.

## **Acknowledgments**

I extend my deepest gratitude to the committee members, sponsors, and dedicated volunteers whose efforts have made this a successful and financially robust year for the GSDL. Together, we have achieved substantial progress and set a strong foundation for the future.

## **President N&HRGSDC – Paul York**

2024 has been a great year for the Newcastle and Hunter Region GSDC. Our finances have been reduced due to continued low entry numbers. Despite this, we have managed to complete the installation of drainage works to our grounds making them much better if the weather gods are not kind. Our shows have been successful and have been conducted with all exhibitors exhibiting great sportsmanship and they have been held with a really positive atmosphere. Unfortunately, due to some unfortunate scheduling by some clubs, our numbers have been greatly reduced.

## **Grounds**

This year, the weather Gods were kind to us again, and it made conducting our annual show much easier. Wayne Garner has once again done a wonderful job in keeping the grounds pristine. This year, both exhibitors and judges have left the ground singing the praises of Hillsborough.

## **Capital Works**

The large job of underground drainage around the ring was conducted this year. Although costly, this work will prove to be worth every cent.

## **Canteen**

This year, we once again undertook the task of running the canteen not only for our shows but also for the Northern Districts Rottweiler Club. These proved highly profitable.

## **Committee**

This year it has been a pleasure to work with this bunch of people. It is a fact that not everyone always agrees and that is ok. 2025 will be good with some new faces coming onto the committee. In a generational change Jess Lynch replaces Sean as Vice President. I am sure that Jess will bring a new energy to the club.

## **Summary**

On the whole, I think that it has been a great year for the Newcastle and Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club. I believe that we can only get better and stronger.

## **President GSDC of Queensland – Sharon Thorp**

An overview of the GSDCQ activities for the year 2024. The GSDCQ membership at the end of our year was 260, 14 less than last year. The club also made a small profit this year.

## **HDED**

A total of 53 HD/ ED contracts were issued from 23 January to 23 November 2024. As we are all aware, on 1 July 2024, electronic contracts were introduced, saving both time and money for our club and members alike. To date, since 11 July 2024, a total of 24 electronic contracts and five manual contracts have been issued.

## **Breed Survey**

In total, the GSDCQ had 31 animals presented to Breed Survey this year, with 28 successfully classified and three failures. Last year, by comparison, 37 animals were presented to breed survey, with 31 successfully classified and six failures. This year, we held a regional survey in Sarina to benefit members in that region. Five Breed Surveys have been scheduled for 2025.

## **ZAP**

For the ZAP Character & Working Tests, the GSDCQ had 16 animals presented, and all animals successfully completed the assessment. Three ZAP assessments have been scheduled for 2025. The GSDCQ welcomes the following persons as ZAP assessors: Mandy Doyle, Laura Schimke, and Laurie Knauth.

## **Show Training**

the show training instructor roster for 2025 has been developed as it was for this year, with almost all show training dates filled with instructor names. Training is conducted on Wednesday nights and Sunday Mornings. Peter Hersant has developed a large, tabled document with all the scheduled GSDCQ events for 2025, with show and obedience events, including expected dates for major specialty shows in other States to avoid show date clashes. For all standalone obedience event weekends in 2025, no show training will be held, to assist the club's obedience coordinator Laura in obtaining helpers to coordinate these events. Hopefully, this document will be able to be used as a template for future years to assist in the planning and coordination of the club's yearly events.

## **Shows**

This year, the club ran six events, including the opportunity to have gradings and critiques with Imran Hussain as part of the Waterloo/ API Show. This was a learning curve, and the GSDCQ was unaware before the event it was an API show. We won't in future be participating in the same way in the next API show but hope to work with Waterloo again with a Championship Show. The events the club ran were one Open Show, one Members Competition, two Championship Shows, and one State Breed Show. Numbers this year dropped for the State Breed and reinforced the need to have two shows on a weekend to attract a bigger entry. We will be doing this in 2025 for the State Breed and will also combine an Open show and a Championship show in March 2025. The GSDCQ will not be holding their normal Championship shows in July because it is so close to us hosting the National.

## **Obedience**

This is our second year of running Obedience Classes, and it is quite sad to see that these courses are not well supported or attended. We have averaged about three handlers per course and only averaging one handler completing the 5-week course. Unfortunately, this cannot be sustained, and we doubt if the Obedience courses will run in 2025. Laura is considering, instead of doing the Basic Obedience Courses (until we have more interest) she is hoping to do Rally, Tricks and Obedience Trial runouts for our members.

## **Trials**

This year saw the GSDCQ hosting 7 Dog Sport Trials. We held two x Unrestricted Double Rally Trials, two x Unrestricted Double Tricks Trial, one x Unrestricted Endurance Trial and two x Restricted Obedience and Rally Trials.

2025 will be another big Trialling year, as we have the National in May/June, our Restricted Rally and Obedience Trials in July and September, our Unrestricted Double Rally Trials in May and November our Unrestricted Tricks Tests in July and November, our Unrestricted Endurance Trial in July and our newly approved Unrestricted Working Pack Dog Trial in June. So that is a whopping 10 Trials for 2025. We were approved to run a restricted Tricks Test and Scent work trial on the Thursday before the National.

## **National**

A separate report has been submitted for this. Though people should take note we will not be live-streaming this event.

## **Editor/Facebook Website**

Jess Bird has recently come on board to fill this role and has put out one newsletter, as well as keeping the Facebook page and website updated.

## **Puppy Listings**

The number of listings for this reporting year (Sept 2023- Oct 2024) was a total of 51, compared with the same time last year with 45 so there is a reasonable increase in listings. Incredibly, there was only one month, May 2024, that had no listings.

## **Breed Rescue**

Once again, there have been quite a few re-homing requests and less people wanting a new friend. 'Available' dogs this year number 89 with only 29 'wanting'. It is very hard to re-home seven and eight year old dogs even though the owners say they are beautiful, friendly and obedient. Calls came from all over the State; Gympie, Hervey Bay, Cairns, Bundaberg, Maryborough, Trinity Beach and Bogabrilla, but mainly from the Brisbane area. Available dogs were all colours and types, with a German Shepherd/Husky mix thrown in. He was fortunately one of the lucky ones who found a home, but as people tend not to let Jean know if they are successful, she can't give a success rate, which would be interesting.

## **Point Score**

The GSDCQ ran their Point score for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, which has been very well received. We have added a criterion that the member must compete in one show in QLD for the year, but all shows they compete at are included in the point score. We also added a category for QLD resident animals.

The GSDCQ website has been updated with the end-of-year awards and the point score, and the 2025 GSDCQ Management Committee, which has remained unchanged since this year, with all committee members staying on.

On behalf of the GSDCQ Management Committee 2024 and members of the GSDCQ, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

## **President GSDCSA – John De Lucia**

A big thank you to all Committee members and members who have helped and assisted the GSDC of SA throughout the year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to our major sponsor, Royal Canin, for their generous and continued support of the club. Sales of Royal Canin have once again exceeded our expectations which is very pleasing. A big thank you to all our supporters who have contributed to fundraising for the club.

Our club membership has once again increased, which is very pleasing.

A massive shout out to those who volunteered at the Dogs SA Canteen and BBQ, as the funds raised greatly contributed to the 50<sup>th</sup> National Show and Trial.

The club manned a stand at Pet Expo over two days, and it was very well received by members of the public, who were able to discuss the breed and meet some of our members' dogs.

The club held five surveys, including the one for the 50<sup>th</sup> National. In total, 30 animals were presented, 29 classified animals with one failure.

The club held two Championship Shows, three Members' Competitions, one Open Show, and a National Show and Trial during the year.

The club held four obedience trials during the year; unfortunately, we had to cancel our ET due to the Vet being unavailable at short notice. Due to a drop in entry numbers, the club will be dropping two obedience trials next year.

Our AGM and Presentation were held on the same day with a great turnout with all awards presented and gifts given to all that helped throughout the year.

The club once again has finished the year with money in the bank and overall, the club is in a healthy financial position. A full annual report can be found on the club website, [gsdcsa.org.au](http://gsdcsa.org.au).

## **President GSDCT - Janet Haase**

In August, the German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania held its Annual General Meeting (AGM), during which we elected our new office bearers and committee members. We are pleased to introduce our 2024-2025 committee:

President:	Janet Haase
Vice President:	Tass Massis
Secretary:	Gabrielle Peacock
Treasurer & Membership Officer:	Sandra Parker
Public Officer:	Russell Lowery
Breed Affairs:	Lorraine Massis
Show Secretary:	Russell Lowery
HD/ED Officer:	Carol Mason
Committee Members:	Kristy Hall, Lisa Williams, Maureen Lowery, Jurgen Haase

We extend our gratitude to all committee members for their dedication and contributions to the club. Thank you to Tenaya Beaton for her service during her tenure. We warmly welcome Lisa Williams to the committee and appreciate her enthusiasm and willingness to assist in various capacities.

### **Member Achievements and Involvement**

Our members continue to excel in both specialty and all-breeds show circuits, achieving significant success in Tasmania and on the mainland. Additionally, several members regularly attend the prestigious Sieger Show, a remarkable commitment given the logistical and financial challenges of travelling from Tasmania. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and achievements.

### **Communication**

The club has been actively engaging with members and promoting activities through our Facebook page. This platform has proven to be an effective communication tool, thanks to the efforts of our administrators, Gabrielle Peacock and Maureen Lowery. Your hard work in keeping the community informed and connected is greatly appreciated.

### **Financial Update**

The club's finances remain stable, with a balance exceeding \$13,000. All accounts are up to date. However, that balance includes a \$4100 grant received from the Tasmanian Government for the replacement of equipment following the devastating floods in September.

### **Flood**

We are fundraising to supplement the grant money to replace equipment damaged in the flood. We need to replace dog scales, microchip readers, puppy exploration equipment, iPad, square reader, fridge, ovens, crockery, cutlery, BBQ and shelving. Once we can move back into the clubrooms, I'm sure there will be more we find that needs to be replaced. We sincerely thank the Derwent Valley Council for their regular updates and ongoing assistance with the fit-out of our facilities. While our clubrooms are modest, we take great pride in our stunning grounds on the banks of the River Derwent in New Norfolk.

### **Events**

This year, we hosted several successful events, including:

- Two Championship Shows
- One SBE. Thank you to Ian Urie for stepping in at the last minute to judge this evaluation for us.
- Two Breed Surveys, with seven dogs successfully surveyed.
- ZAP Character Assessments with five dogs successfully assessed.

Thank you to all the judges, breed surveyors, stewards, and volunteers who contributed to the success of these events. Your efforts are deeply valued.

## **Training and Titles**

Our Saturday training sessions remain a cornerstone of the club's activities, offering camaraderie, fun, and development for both dogs and handlers. Many thanks must go to training coordinator Carol Mason, who is there week in and week out, always supporting and helping our members.

## **Looking Ahead**

As a small but dedicated club, we are proud of our achievements and the commitment of our members. We eagerly anticipate our February Shows and Breed Survey, and reconnecting with our members and interstate colleagues.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. Together, we continue to uphold a strong commitment to the German Shepherd Dog.

## **President GSDCV – Vince Ebejer**

As President of the GSDCV, I am presenting this report to the GSDCA AGM. I would like to begin by acknowledging our members, without their continued support and belief in our organisation, we would not be here.

I am pleased to thank Royal Canin for their continued support during 2024, their position as the Major Sponsor of the GSDCV will continue into 2025. Our relationship with Royal Canin has lasted for well over a decade and has provided our exhibitors with a wealth of donated products and other items, benefiting both the Club and the membership as a whole. Importantly, our members have access to a premium product through our extensive branch structure at a competitive price, enabling them to provide an exceptional feeding product to their GSD. We also extend our gratitude to Monash Veterinary Clinic for their long-standing support. Despite a change in their structure, our relationship with Monash will continue into 2025 and beyond.

Changes in the positions of CE (Jason Eggleton) and President (Vin McPhee) of Dogs Victoria occurred during the year. The GSDCV has maintained a collaborative working relationship with them and the entire Dogs Victoria Team. A new CE (Kirk Edwards) is now in place, and a new President (Peter Frost) has been elected. We look forward to working with both of them for the benefit of the GSD and the wider canine community.

During the past year, members across the State were able to train their GSDs, with larger branches training over 90 GSDs on any given weekend, and smaller branches training over 20. The GSDCV conducted Trials; Endurance, Rally and Obedience; two Champ Shows, a State Breed Exhibition, an Open show, Zap Assessments, Structural Assessments, Breed Surveys, four Special General Meetings, as well as regular Branch meetings, Management Meetings, and we also trained a new batch of Instructors. These events are made possible by a multitude of volunteers, whether on one of our numerous committees, Instructing, or just helping out because it was needed. They all gave up their time for the benefit of others. Their contributions are essential, and we greatly appreciate their efforts.

Final numbers for the 2024 year show the GSDCV with 2394 members comprising 1342 units across our 11 branches. Although numbers are down compared to previous years, they align with fluctuations in puppy births and financial pressures. However, these numbers remain significant and reflect our reach across Victoria, our structure, inclusiveness, and catering to all our members.

As in previous years, the GSDCV financial statements will be detailed in the GSDCV 2024 Annual Report, which will be mailed to the GSDCA Secretary and each of our affiliate Clubs.

## **President GSDAWA – Robyn Knuckey**

It has been a tumultuous year for the GSDAWA. Late December 2023, Ian Heard (President) and Kerrie Pearce (Secretary) moved back to Albury/Wodonga to be closer to family. There was discourse within the Committee around the interpretation of the Constitution at a meeting in January 2024, resulting in Vice President resigning mid-January 2024. This left the club in the precarious position of have vacancies for President, Vice President and Secretary. This resulted in consultation with Dogs West as to the next steps forward for the Club, with a Special General Meeting called for late January 2024 to receive nominations and vote on the vacant positions. The meeting was very well attended, with 67 members attending and the three positions were filled, two positions of Vice President and Secretary both had two nominees, a secret ballot was held for both positions. I was nominated as President, so had to resign my then position of Show Chair, this position was filled at the first Management Meeting. With major personnel changes, we got to work as a team. We based our decisions on openness and transparency, and mantra is to look at issues and not personalities.

It took some time for new members to get up to speed, but all members of the management committee worked very hard to understand their portfolios and open lines of communication, with all members. The management committee was elected unopposed at our AGM in August. From a general club perspective, we have different issues as the club owns its own grounds (7 ½ acres in the Southern River kennel zone). This requires the additional expenses of maintenance and insurance, plus volunteers to manage upkeep. To manage ground maintenance, we have purchased additional and appropriate equipment to support our volunteers. Including a slasher and a better-quality whipper snipper. We have held busy bees to clean up around the club house, cut down trees that died in the drought of very hot and dry summer. The club is lucky to have an amazing band of four guys that work tirelessly to maintain our grounds on a regular basis, with additional support of other members on our busy bees.

A new initiative this year, to support those members who work well above and beyond for the club, was to extend their membership for an additional 6 months without cost to them. It is just a small token of thanks to acknowledge their generous ongoing contribution. Three members have been recognised this way.

Our other main focus, has been club culture, wanting to make the club fun to be at and with this hoping to maintain club membership. At general meetings of the club, we seek feedback from members, if there are other things we can do to support members. With this, members have raised some ideas that could be addressed. With that, a lecture was held, when some newer members asked for more information to understand critiques from shows and understand conformation better. This lecture was very well attended by members and group 5 trainee judges. We have had some feedback from long term members that the overall atmosphere is more fun and welcoming. This is a really positive result. The areas we now have on our agenda is developing a site plan to help in the future to know where reticulation, electrical, sewerage and water services are on the block. In the past 12 months, we have reviewed our finances, and what it costs to run our club on average and cash flow, now we are looking to develop a business plan. Each position holder is looking at goals to achieve in 2025.

### **Training**

Over the 12 months, some trainers have changed, we have been lucky to have the services of two animal behaviouralists as a part of our training team. This has added to the training team positively with adding a reactive dog class, where animals are initially trained one to one, then added with non-reactive dogs to support their training. This has been successful and a great addition to services provided by our club. The other new addition to classes offered at the club is the socialisation class. This class has a dedicated trainer, that focusses on dogs being a healthy part of society, like meeting dogs at the park sitting together around a table replicating a café. This is a really well attended class, especially with some of our older members. This class is for dogs over 12 months and invitation only. The limit to this class is 20 animals, it is fun to watch them sitting together around tables, under the trees. It is a great addition to offerings of our services.

The normal obedience classes continue from puppy through to trial classes each week. Wednesday nights, there is training for the trainers for their own dogs to train.

### **Trials**

We held six trials from October until the end of September. One of these is a restricted trial and rally held as a part of our SBE, with 11 entries. Our other trials are open to all breeds. We held two obedience and rally trials, with 7 GSDs and 76 entries and the other with 6 GSDs and 57 entries. We held for the first time a double header tricks trial with two GSDs entered with a total of 77 entries. This is an area gaining momentum for our club, with some members entering in other club trick tests. Our Endurance Test had five GSDs entered and passed with a total of 7 entries. Our premier trial of the year is the West Coast Challenge Trial with 15 GSDs entered with 61 entries. Two events each year offer dual performance awards for show and obedience, these are the SBE and our West Coast Challenge. We have a number of members participating in Sprint Dog Trials and we three members getting novice titles in sprint dogs this year. The Club may look at providing some opportunities for members to experience this as well with some demonstrations at the club in the next 12 months. The other area members have participated in is Bailing Trials, where scents are placed in hay bales, dogs need to find these scents.

### **Shows**

We held seven specialist shows in the 12 months, we are seeing some decline in entries, with members keeping fewer dogs. We also ran a full all breeds show, in conjunction with another specialty club being the Collie and Shetland Sheepdog Club. As an AM and PM shows. In conjunction with this, we ran on the Saturday AM and PM Specialist Shows on the day prior to all breeds shows. We sought feedback from the members on this format, for the dogs it was OK, but for some of the handlers, it was taxing. The overall fundraising for our other shows it was really useful. We made a profit of \$2,500; this helps support our shows with international judges. Entries ranged between 33 to 70. At our SBE in April, Police Dogs Insidious and Raptor received the GSDCA Service Dog awards. For the presentation, we had a number of police attending, including Mat whose dog Rumble received the award eight years ago. Since then, the Police Canine unit has used our club grounds for training purposes. This has been a great collaboration between our club and the police.

### **ZAP**

We set a schedule for three ZAPs this calendar year, with a total of nine passes and one animal failed the gun test. This is gaining momentum in the club and we expect to have more people submitting animals in the future.

### **Breed Surveys**

We held four breed surveys during the timeframe. For the first time, we have planned to have breed surveys around specialist shows with breed surveyor judges. This was very successful with an increase of 50% of animals presented to survey from 2023 to 2024, from 12 to 18 animals presented. We had one breed survey with Mel Groth, Jenny Yuen and Natalie Humphries breed surveying with 14 entries; this is the biggest breed survey in years for WA. In August 2024, John Fenner retired as a Breed Surveyor. A presentation was made to John at the Walter Martin Memorial Show in October, recognising his decades of dedication and service to the breed. As we now only have two breed surveyors in WA, we will continue to have breed surveys when the opportunity arises with breed surveyor judges coming to Perth. This allows Natalie and I to step out to have our own animals breed surveyed and continue to offer a broader choice of surveyor to our members.

## National Breed Commission Report – Ian Urie

As I near the end of my second two-year term, and now over 70 years old, I have decided not to re-stand for the position of NBC Chair. I have been involved with various committees and held positions in my Member Club and for National Council over the last 40 years and the time has come to step back and allow younger people to lead the charge.

I have enjoyed the experience of being part of the GSDCA Executive and feel that I have been able to contribute to the decisions of Council and managing the various breed schemes that come under the NBC portfolio. I sincerely thank all of my fellow Executive members and the Registrars who assist in running the National Breed Commission: Breed Health and Welfare Committee Chair Dr Candice Baker, HD/ED Registrars Doug West and Jacinta Poole, Title Verification Officers Jenny De Lucia and Kurt Morton, National Database Coordinator Frank Moody, and all the State HD/ED and Breed Survey Registrars.

I make special mention of our National Breed Survey and NBC Registrar Melanie Groth. Melanie not only does an efficient job of recording all the Breed Survey data and keeping the Surveyor team on our toes but has also been a great support to me and a source of valued advice over my term, due to her extensive breed knowledge and her experience in several Council portfolios.

Also deserving of special mention is Doug West, who held the position of Hip and Elbow Registrar for 40 years and also created the first database used to record GSDCA 'A' stamps and tattoo data. Doug's service was acknowledged with a special award at the 50th National held in Adelaide this year. Jacinta Poole is also an invaluable asset to our Council, acting not only as Webmaster but also as a past QNR Editor and now HD/ED Registrar, and provides valuable IT skills. Jacinta was instrumental in creating the new digital application and submission platform for hip and elbow X-rays.

The appointment of Breed Surveyors is one of the responsibilities of the NBC, and this year, I was happy to see Glenn Gregory, Jessica Kada, and Kurt Morton become fully fledged Surveyors after completing their Aspirant training over the previous twelve months. We also accepted an application from Nicky McDermott as an Aspirant Surveyor.

We have had two very long serving and dedicated members of the National Breed Surveyor panel tender their resignations this year. John Fenner (WA) became a Surveyor in 1991 and has served for the last 33 years. Thank you, John, for your service to the Breed and the Council. Doug West (SA) was one of the inaugural Surveyors when the scheme began in 1977, and he has actively participated as a Surveyor for an incredible 47 years. Thank you, Doug; your service is legendary and much appreciated.

I have had the opportunity during my term to assess and report on the Sires Progeny parades at the last three National shows, in conjunction with Judges Chairs Melanie and Jenny. This is an important part of the National, and I trust my comments have been accepted as constructive breed advice. It is a task that I have found daunting at times but also one that I have enjoyed.

Another task of NBC Chair is the issuing of tooth certificates. Anybody who has a dog below Breed Survey age that has lost a tooth through misadventure or surgery is advised to have an x-ray taken of the dog's jaw as soon as possible to be used as evidence that a tooth existed when applying for a Tooth Certificate, which allows the dog to be exhibited and/or surveyed without penalty.

(Dogs that are Breed Survey Classified and subsequently loose a tooth are not required to show an x-ray when applying). Since my last report, Tooth certificates have been issued to Trayken Blue Nigella (no. 10147), Freinhauf Uther (no. 10148), and Gabmalu Liberte (no. 10149). All dogs issued with a GSDCA Tooth Certificate since 2018 are now listed on the website.

I have enjoyed working with the NBC Executive - President Sean, Judges Chairs Melanie and Jenny, and Secretary Janet over the last four years. We made the decision to hold the NBC, Breed Surveyors and Judges Committee meetings as face-to-face meetings in Adelaide last year and again in Melbourne this year. I firmly believe that the camaraderie made possible with personal interaction is beneficial over and above the conduct of meetings by online forums. There is also the opportunity to hold educational forums, lectures and workshops, which are difficult to do online. Zoom access was provided for observers who cannot attend to listen in, but unfortunately, two-way participation is not possible. The 2024 meeting was a successful weekend, and it was good to see many of our Judges, Surveyors and Club representatives present. As well as several interactive workshops we had a presentation from Dr Roger Lavelle on hip x-rays. Dr Lavelle has recommended that we consider lowering the pass score for an 'A' stamp. This is something we may consider, but it should be noted that we are currently the only breed organisation in Australia that has a pass/fail hip score cut-off.

Notable achievements made during my term have been the formation of the HD/ED Working Party, which resulted in several changes being implemented, the major one being the introduction of the digital platform for HD/ED form applications and submission of x-rays to readers. Other changes were the appointment of a new reader and an adjudicator to our GSDCA panel (Dr Ana Hayes and Dr Mariano Makara), the acceptance of CHEDS results for an 'A' stamp where the reader is a GSDCA panel radiologist and the owner has purchased a GSDCA application form, acceptance of x-rays from New Zealand with microchip identification, and access by New Zealand members who are also GSD Advisory Council NZ members to the digital portal for applications to the GSDCA scheme. Dr Candy Baker is progressing with plans for the anticipated instigation of a DNA parentage scheme and is communicating with ANKC in this regard. With regard to Breed Surveyor accreditation, the introduction of the Breed Surveyor Competency Review process approved at the last AGM, and the proposed Specialist Judges and Breed Surveyors Investigation and Disciplinary regulations are necessary to fill the gaps where previously there was no established process or rules to deal with certain situations.

I am pleased that the ZAP Character Assessment scheme is gathering momentum, and ZAP assessments have now been held in all States, with additional assessors being trained and appointed. Hopefully, this may lead to a more comprehensive assessment of character becoming part of the Breed Survey process in future. As well, there is now consensus that a Sound Sensitivity test (either by starting pistol, or the approved clapper board in cases where guns may not be fired under local regulations) will be conducted in the Open classes at all specialist breed shows.

I am also encouraged by reports from the recent WUSV meeting by our delegates that the SV/WUSV is recognising the difficulties of countries outside Germany complying with some of the requirements of the Harmonisation program, and they are willing to compromise and allow more localised country-based requirements to be accepted.

Again, thank you to all who have supported and assisted me in my position over the last four years, and I wish the person elected to replace me all the very best for the future.

## National Breed Commission Portfolio Reports

- HD ED Registrar – Jacinta Poole
- National Breed Survey Registrar – Melanie Groth
- Breed Health & Welfare Coordinator – Dr Candice Baker
- Verifications Officer – Kurt Morton
- Database Coordinator – Frank Moody

### HD ED Registrar – Jacinta Poole

- For all your HDED x-ray needs, visit: [www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/xraycentre](http://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/xraycentre)

This report reflects my first year as the GSDCA HDED Registrar. 2024 is also possibly the most significant year in recent times for the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Schemes in terms of the move to digital online processing. This has been a seismic shift in our processes for owners, State registrars and radiologists. But it has been a popular and welcome change that will continue to grow momentum as more and more owners move to the digital system. For instance, in the 6 months since 1 July to 31 December 2024, over 110 contracts have been purchased online. Over 85 x-rays have been submitted online too. Now that's encouraging – and proves that the process is simple and easy to use, and our data and statistical collection continues!

### Digital Hip & Elbow Portal

***From 1 July 2024, the GSDCA now administers a digital HDED Scheme.***

The online system improves contract application and x-ray result delivery times for the HDED Scheme to a same or next day turnaround. The web-based application form provides digital (emailed pdf) contracts to owners. A website upload portal is available for x-rays to be uploaded and sent direct to the GSDCA's radiologists (by owners or vets). Printed AZ certificates are posted to owners the next day after the results. The digital portal system is available to all GSDCA and NZGSDAC members. Most notably too, the online processing system reduces the workload and time for both our volunteer registrars and our radiologists. It's less hassle for owners too!



The key moving forward is to continue to train all owners and vet clinics on x-ray submission, which must be done via our GSDCA website portal to ensure we receive results. Submissions to radiologists' own websites go via the Dogs Australia CHEDs system and incur further costs for owners. Online x-ray submission has proved challenging for some owners to ensure they get the files correctly from vets. Some vets have also defaulted to the direct submission to radiologist's own portals (leading to CHEDs results). Detailed instructions now included with contracts have begun to improve this, and moving forward, there should be less confusion. It has been the one small problem as we transition to the new system, but vets are slowly coming on board.

The original paper contract and x-ray postage system remains in place in the short term and runs in parallel with the digital system. There is evidence that a majority (>90%) of owners are graduating to use the online service, for ease of use, speed and cost purposes going forward. An end to the paper contract system is in sight.

### GSDCA Breed Improvement Scheme Records

Below is a current summary that is included on the GSDCA website homepage for public information about our schemes, current at 29/12/2024.

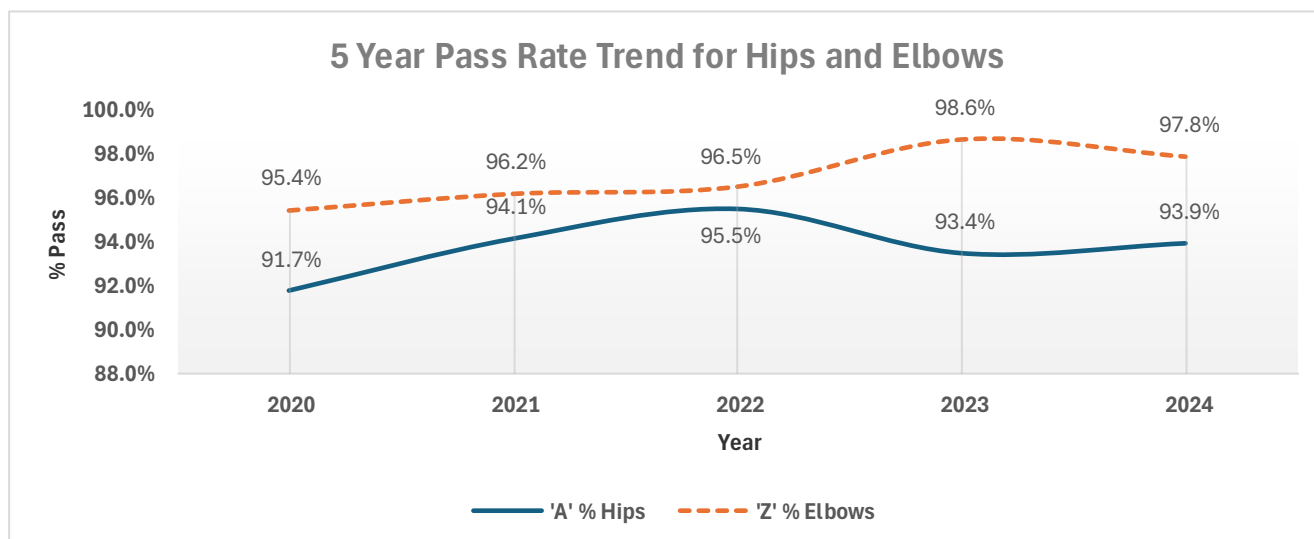
X-Ray Results in our Database	Breed Surveys in our Database	Animals completed ZAP	GSDCA Hip Score 5 year Rolling Ave
13127	2469	142	7.29

For the reporting period 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024 (12 months), there were 279 animals presented to the HDED Scheme with pass rates similar to previous years but following the five year trend of less animals being x-rayed across the country. 93% of the animals presented were females and 7 % males. UAP continues to present in a very small number of animals.

Animals submitted 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024							
Year	total	'A'	%	'Z'	%	UAP	%
2023_2024	279	262	93.91%	273	97.85%	5	1.79%

Below in both table and graph form is the 5-year data and trend for Hip and Elbow results for animals presented to the scheme.

5 Year Average Data of Animals Submitted to the GSDCA HDED Scheme							
Year	Total	'A'	Pass %	'Z'	Pass %	UAP	% affected
2019_2020	350	321	91.7%	334	95.4%	9	2.57%
2020_2021	340	320	94.1%	327	96.2%	6	1.76%
2021_2022	400	382	95.5%	386	96.5%	5	1.25%
2022_2023	290	271	93.4%	286	98.6%	0	0.00%
2023_2024	279	262	93.9%	273	97.8%	5	1.79%
<b>5 Year Ave</b>	<b>1659</b>	<b>1556</b>	<b>93.8%</b>	<b>1606</b>	<b>96.8%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1.51%</b>



### Full Database Hip and Elbow Statistics

In the GSDCA database there are a total of 13127 records for hips and elbows to 29/12/2024.

Total Presented	Presented for Hips	'A' Stamp	% Pass	Presented for Elbows	'Z' Stamp	% Pass	UAP Present	% affected
13127*	13060	11474	<b>87.9%</b>	13058	12693	<b>97.2%</b>	154	1.18%

\*Note for statistical purposes 67 animals were presented for hips only, 69 animals presented for Elbows only

## Breed Scheme Performance – Average Hip Score

From this data, the current GSDCA 'live' 5 year rolling average Hip Score at 29/12/2024 is **7.29** and which is currently on a downward trend.

## Hip & Elbow Contract Costs

The costs for GSDCA hip and elbow contracts are usually increased yearly in line with CPI. However, a review at the request of the radiologists saw a net increase of \$20.00 for scoring both hips and elbows and \$10.00 for either hips or elbows agreed, effective 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024. This was in lieu of the annual CPI increase on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

<b>HD &amp; ED CONTROL SCHEME FEES</b>	
From 1 August 2024: Charge to Members and payable to National Council	
HD/ED Form – Hips & Elbows	\$97.00
HD/ED Form – Hips only	\$69.00
HD/ED Form – Elbows only	\$52.00
HD/ED Appeal	\$135.00

## Summary

Six months into our digital transition and the feedback is all positive - Faster, quicker and easier to apply and pay for contracts; receive a contract by email same or next day; direct submission of x-rays to readers: results received the same or next day; Same day entry of results to the database; certificate arrives 3-5 days later. Less processing time for our volunteer registrars. Less work and faster turnaround for radiologists and results. Money paid direct to the GSDCA, less work for State Registrars and treasurers.

Change takes time, but the benefits to all parties for our new system are obvious. So, I encourage all to utilise the digital system – for your own and everyone else involved in the schemes' benefit. Every x-ray submitted adds to our statistics for our breed and its betterment.

Thank you to the State Registrars for their efforts in processing applications and answering questions in addition to the transition to digital processing this year. All have done an amazing job, processing contracts quickly and have found it quite a simple system.

Thank you to our radiologists Dr Roger Lavelle, Dr Jennifer Richardson and Dr Ana Hayes, who are all pleased to have moved to our digital system for results scoring. Dr Mariano Makara adjudicated as required during 2024.

Thank you to Frank Moody for his database assistance and the GSDCA Webmaster for ensuring the digital HDED portal and software continues to operate smoothly!

For our Hip and Elbow Scheme, it is vitally important we continue to promote and actively encourage owners to x-ray their animals, which may lead onto breed surveying too. This begins with breeders understanding the process and helping to guide owners through the process. Breeders play a significant role in this and for those actively involved with their associated owners in promoting this, thank you.

For any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself at any time. For anyone using the online HDED portal needing technical help, assistance is available anytime by contacting the HDED Registrar: [HDED@gSDCouncilAustralia.org](mailto:HDED@gSDCouncilAustralia.org) or phone 0403 455 858.

## NBC Breed Survey Registrar Report – Melanie Groth

### Breed Survey numbers by State and Coat variety 1 January – 30 December 2024

A total of 26 surveys were held by Member Clubs between February and December 2024; four less than for the same period last year. Western Australia, Tasmania, and the League (NSW) all held one less survey; Victoria was down by three; whilst Queensland and South Australia held one extra in their States. Interestingly, though the average number of dogs surveyed across the country remained at five per survey. The Newcastle club did not hold any surveys in 2023 or 2024. (Table one)

Compared with the same period last year, numbers have declined, with 139 animals presented for classification; that is 12 less than in 2023. Stock coats accounted for 71% of all animals surveyed. The percentage of Long Stock Coats presented to survey has remained constant with 2024 when it rose by 13% from 2023 to 29% of the total animals presented. The trend has continued in 2024 even with the drop in overall numbers.

Table 1 – GSDCA Member Club Breed Survey Numbers 2024

Club	Survey No.	Animals presented to survey	SC	LSC	C Classified	Fail	Fail reason	Imported dogs
ACTGSDA	1	11	10	1	10	1	1 - Gun	0
GSDAWA	4	25	18	7	25	0		2
GSDCQ	5	31	23	8	28	3	1 - O/size 1 - Temperament 1 - incorrect bite	2
GSDCSA	5	26	13	13	25	1	1 - O/size	1
GSDCT	2	7	7	0	7	0		1
GSDCV	4	16	9	7	14	2	1 - Gun 1 - Temperament	2
GSDL	5	23	18	5	23	0		0
NHRGSD C	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>3</b>

With less dogs presented in 2024 there has been a fall of 50% in the number of dogs failing survey in 2024 when compared with 2023. The reasons for failing survey vary somewhat with two failing the gun test, 2 failing the character/temperament test, two animals over the Breed Survey size limitation and one with an incorrect bite.

It is interesting to look at the numbers changing from each State club this year. It is not necessarily the largest clubs who are presenting the most animals to Breed Survey each year. A closer examination of the number indicates that members in NSW, are utilising the choice of surveyor regulation, as there is a wider variety of surveyors available to them between the Qld and NSW survey teams and in the ACT, two surveyors usually from NSW rather than the entire team are utilised. Of the 31 dogs presented in Qld in 2024, six were owned by NSW residents.

Table 2 Comparison by State – Dogs; Presented (P), Classified (C), Failed (F) 2019-2024

State	P	C	F	P	C	F	P	C	F	P	C	F	P	C	F	P	C	F
	2024			2023			2022			2021			2020			2019		
ACT	11	10	1	5	5	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0
NEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	11	10	1	6	6	0
GSDL	23	23	0	38	33	5	27	24	3	29	28	1	26	23	3	37	34	3
QLD	31	28	3	37	31	6	37	36	1	27	27	0	20	15	5	30	26	4
SA	26	25	1	27	24	3	21	19	2	26	25	1	24	22	2	24	24	0
TAS	7	7	0	10	10	0	14	13	1	8	7	1	7	6	1	5	5	0
VIC	16	14	2	22	22	0	37	31	6	27	21	6	21	18	3	40	37	3
WA	25	25	0	12	12	0	13	13	0	12	11	1	25	24	1	18	18	0
Totals	139	132	7	151	137	14	162	149	13	136	126	10	142	126	16	160	150	10

Table 2 provides the trend data over the past six years for member clubs and can be examined visually in Chart 1. Analysis of the data shows that the ACT club remains relatively constant, having only one survey per year. It is often supported by members of the GSDL who live closer to Canberra than the venues offered in Sydney. Newcastle expressed interest in holding a survey in 2024, but it did not eventuate, and they have remained dormant, not having held a survey at their club facilities for the past three years. As mentioned above the GSDL numbers are affected by ACT and Queensland and are the lowest of this 6-year period. One survey was cancelled in 2024 due to ground closure. Queensland’s numbers remain healthy, and they were able to provide a survey for Zone 2 members in 2024, which was well attended. The South Australian club increased by one from 2024, and they held one extra survey due to the National being held there this year. The Tasmanian club was ravaged by a flood and had to cancel their September survey. Despite only one survey this year, numbers were healthy at seven, and for such a small club this is commendable. Their trend

GSDCA Breed Survey Trend per member club 2019-2024

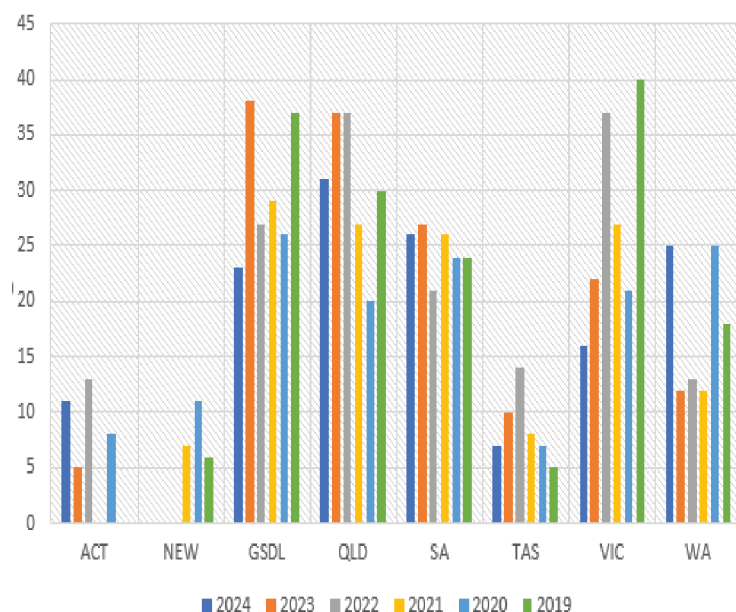


Chart 1 - Visualisation of Table 2

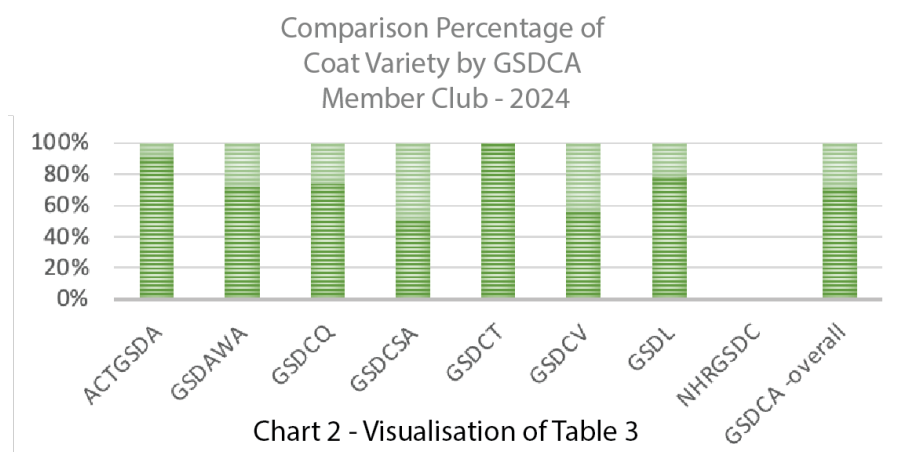
data has been consistently growing until this year. The Victorian club registered its lowest numbers in 2024 in the past six years, which is concerning for such a large club. Western Australia had a very healthy year, doubling its numbers from an average of only 12 for the previous three years between 2021-2023. They managed to hold a survey in August that was very well attended, and it was reported that utilising surveyors from other States improved numbers and enabled the surveyors themselves to present their dogs, which has been an issue for them in the past.

## Coat variety and breed survey by State

Table 3 Comparison of Coat Varieties Breed Surveyed per GSDCA Member Club 2024

Member Club	Stock Coat %	Long Stock Coat %
ACTGSDA	91	9
GSDAWA	72	28
GSDCQ	74	26
GSDCSA	50	50
GSDCT	100	0
GSDCV	56	44
GSDL	78	22
NHRGSDC	0	0
Overall Total %	71	29

The data collected this year shows the growing numbers of the Long Stock Coat variety in Australia. Clearly, they are more popular in some States than others. Table 3 and Chart 2 provides a comparison of the percentages per State across the two varieties. Initially, the push for LSC breeders to have access to SC males was thought to be the reason why Australian breeders pushed for inter-variety breeding to enable more choice of stud dogs.



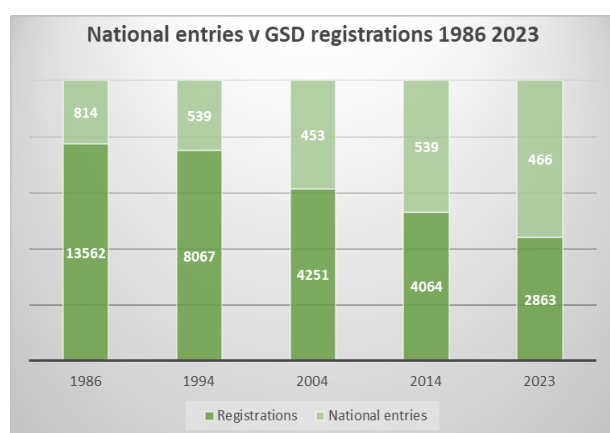
However, anecdotally looking at breeding trends over the past two years, it is the Stock coat breeders that are utilising LSC males in their breeding programs not the other way around. The national trend for Breed Survey, however, remains at 70/30. South Australia this year seems to have had the highest ratio with 50% each, closely followed by Victoria's 56/44%.

Table 4 Imported Animals presented to the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme in 2024

Date	Member club	Name	Country of origin	Sire	Dam	Sex	Breed Surveyor	Survey type
24/08/2024	GSDAWA	Qandos vom Elmundungsgraum LSC	Germany	Rey du val Danzin	Melody della Valcuvia	M	N Humphries	Full survey
24/08/2024	GSDAWA	Mitzi von Neu Garmond LSC	Hungary	Leopold Zellwaldrand	Issy von Empiere	F	M Groth	Verified
23/03/2024	GSDCQ	Lotto Della Casa Bedwin	Chile	UlK de casa Lopez	Alyssa Della Casa Bedwin	M	L Donald	Full survey
5/07/2024	GSDCQ	Arek di Casa Nobili	Italy	Tell Ghattas	Asia di casa Nobili	M	L Donald	Full survey
27/10/2024	GSDCSA	Yacco vom Eichenplatz	Germany	Yoris Osterberger-Land	Milagre Eichenplatz	M	J De Lucia	Verified
17/02/2024	GSDCT	Rasti vom Gamsetal	Germany	Yack von Del Nando	Odette vom Mekur-Stern	M	A Henderson	Verified
04/08/24	GSDCV	Thiago du val Danzin	France	Reno Angelius Team	Navy du val Danzin	M	G Green	Full survey
1/12/2024	GSDCV	Zara di Casa Nobili	Italy	Xsiro Casa Nobili	Gina Casa Orsola	F	I Urie / G Green	Full survey

Eight imported dogs were presented to our scheme in 2024; three for verification of the country of survey, which only requires an id check, size, weight, character, and gun test. Of the five remaining one dog, Lotto had been surveyed in a country where survey is not recognised by the GSDCA, therefore he was re-surveyed in Queensland in March. The other four animals presented to a full GSDCA Breed Survey due to not being surveyed previously.

### GSD Registrations and Breed Survey numbers



In the half yearly report this year, I indicated that the survey numbers are indicative of falling registrations, however, it is encouraging to note that participation at our National shows percentage has risen; confirmed by DogsAust registration numbers correlated with National show entries. In 1986, with huge numbers of registrations of German Shepherd Dogs, the percentage of registrations, compared with National show entries was around 6% and in 2023 it is around 17%.

### Breed Survey Personnel for 2025

There have been some changes to the team during 2024 with movement in clubs and the ratification of the three aspirants this year at the NBC meeting. I have included the email address of the Member Club State coordinator. Chelsea Bird has taken over the reins from Kay York in Newcastle.

## GSDCA Survey Personnel 2025

<b>Club</b>	<b>Active Breed Surveyors</b>	<b>State Registrar</b>	<b>State Registrar and Coordinator contact email</b>
<b>ACTGSDA</b>	<b>Glenn Gregory (Coordinator)</b>	Veronica Fairbairn	<a href="mailto:wmeffert62@gmail.com">wmeffert62@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:glenbala@outlook.com">glenbala@outlook.com</a>
<b>GSDL</b>	<b>Jo Cathie (Coordinator),</b> Glenn Gregory, Melanie Groth, Karen Hedberg, Terry Jarvis, Jessica Kada, Kurt Morton, Graeme Stevenson, Fay Stokes	Pam Jarvis	<a href="mailto:tepe@bigpond.net.au">tepe@bigpond.net.au</a> <a href="mailto:havantaa@outlook.com">havantaa@outlook.com</a>
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## From the 2024 Half Yearly Report

### Database and surveyors

Please check the linebreeding of dogs being surveyed. This is not something that is done particularly well. a note *online*-breeding. I suggest you read Jenny Yuen's article from 2020 in the QNR. Check the 6<sup>th</sup> generation. Some of the five generation pedigrees are not very clear and sometimes the breeder or owner makes a mistake on the breeding. Be vigilant. There are quite a few litter mates coming through behind Djambo, Toby and Xaro. (Daggi/Dux de Quatro Flores and the Thora/Tiana) If you are unsure check with a colleague.

The following general hints are for all surveyors to build skills and processes for database entry. The information below is a general guide. Following a formula will save you time, limit errors and/or loss of work by timing out of the database. It is easy to forget steps if it's been a while between doing surveys.

### General Hints for Database – How to use the database to enter surveys

#### Before opening the data base to enter your survey:

- Check the five-generation pedigree and the line breeding. This is **not** the registrar's job, it is yours. Correct it on the BS 7 Worksheet.
- Check the owner's address from the BS application form (sometimes it differs from the registration papers) and ensure it is correct on the BS7WS

### Open a Word document

1. Type in the General description,
2. particular virtues and faults – add ZAP results if applicable (it is not a repeat of the general description) and
3. Advice for selection of a breeding partner-remembering to check the elbow and hip history of the dog and its family in case a note needs to be made.
4. Add a sentence re gun sureness.
5. Spell check it and check your grammar. (Squiggly lines under a word on the screen is a good indication of a spelling or grammar error!) One space after a full stop.
6. Read your survey description, virtues, and faults etc back to yourself after you have typed it and make sure they make sense. Remember, the survey is in print for life, and they are your words.

After checking all of this in WORD

### Now, you are ready to Open the database

- Hit the enter a new survey button, type in the CORRECT date of the survey
- A box asking for name of dog or registration appears
- Type in the registration number and wait for the database to find the actual dog – a little circle appears telling you the database is searching. Between 3-10 seconds.
- When the dog appears in that drop down box, click on it and the data base will bring up the dog's details and pedigree
- check that the HDED and microchip results match your paperwork and enter any official DogsAust. titles in the box provided that the dog may have. *CH. Pre other titles CD post name*
- Enter the linebreeding in the box provided using sentence case **not** UPPER CASE, drop the v, du, vom, von der, just the dog's name  
**Vegas Haut Mansard (5,5-4,5) or 'T' litter Fichtenschlag; Thora. (5-) Tiana (-4)**
- Enter the club survey number including the club prefix SA 1492 see table below
- Check the club survey date is correct and the rest of the drop-down menus, surveyor name, club, classified. FAILS and Imported dogs are entered by the NBC registrar.
- Enter the General information making sure each box has the correct information in it and is not left blank.

### Open your word document

- Cut and paste the GENERAL DESCRIPTION – ensure you have acknowledged the gun test and if the dog has completed ZAP. No need to insert dentition issues as they are noted in (27). Virtues and Faults and advice into the appropriate boxes. Read what is there and ensure it makes sense
- Complete Temperament Test and Gun sureness section and the Structural evaluation using the drop-down boxes under each one. Cross check this with your general description to ensure you are consistent. This section is for noting things that do not need to appear in the general description, but you might want to make a point.
- (28) Dentition faults – use the “GSDCA Gradings Guidelines Information for Judges” to guide your wording or record Tooth certificate information if applicable.
- **SAVE Survey to DRAFT** This enables you to save your work, proofread and check if any items are missing, then submit to pending. Once submitted you cannot retrieve your work.
- Return your worksheets and paperwork including registration, five generation pedigree etc to the registrar as soon as possible, so they can be batched up with the other surveys from that date to send to the NBC registrar. Getting this done quickly is appreciated by all particularly the owner of the dog waiting on their survey.
- *If you use a secretary or third party to type your survey critiques into the database, make sure **you** read it before pressing submit to pending, as they will not be familiar with this suggested process unless you have provided them with a copy!*

**Describing dogs Section 12 Breed Survey Manual** – use the tables provided regarding height and size. There are specific instructions around the General description p.15-17

- Size – use the BS table guide for size in the general description
- **Animals 60.5/65.5 = Very large -Animals above 61/66 = Oversize Animals above 62/67 = FAIL**
- Depth and Height – use the equation to get a percentage to avoid saying a dog has very good proportions when it is 50:50 or more. An example recently male 62cm 32 chest depth was critiqued with very good proportions and followed up in the drop-down menu with the same.
- Excellent type is something rare and should be left for the animals of exceptional quality. Too many just above average dogs are being described as excellent type. Be honest in your descriptions. It is rare that the photos match some of our flowery descriptions. Dogs 66 and 62 are being described as excellent type. The question is, if they do not fit the standard then how can they be described as excellent type? Perhaps the anatomy is excellent but the size has to be an example as a WARNING.
- Recommending dogs for breeding – some surveyors are recommending dogs recently imported without sighting them or recommending further line-breeding advantageous to dogs that are known to produce oversize.

**Allocating Club and Council numbers** – Registrars and surveyors, please note – repeated from last year and the year before that..... And a few emails this year....

Each State club has its own Breed Survey Register. Please use your State club’s prefix for this on the BS7 worksheet and when typing in your survey and on the survey report. Council numbers are allocated once paperwork is received, they are distributed into Stock coats and Long Stock coats.

Club	ACT	League	N&HR	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA
Number	ACT 369	NSW 3001	NEW 469	Q 1519	SA 1792	T 451	V 2391	WA 1579

<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">6100084722</a>	<a href="#">ADASHAD THRUTO THE KEEPER</a>		9830	WA 1481	18/10/2015	Mrs. H. Gross-Richardson
<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">2100494879</a>	<a href="#">ADJURE DAPHNE</a>		10429	NEW 463	15/02/2020	Mrs. F. Stokes
<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">2100315303</a>	<a href="#">ADUELE JARLIRA</a>	<a href="#">ADU044</a>	9091	NEW 336	18/09/2011	Mr. R. Bonello
<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">2100343821</a>	<a href="#">ADUELE MYSTIQUE</a>	<a href="#">ADU057</a>	9428	NSW 2811	07/07/2013	Mrs. F. Stokes
<a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">2100408799</a>	<a href="#">ADUELE OSTARA</a>		10158	T 463	17/02/2018	Mr. A. Henderson

## Breed Survey Calendar for 2025

Thanks to registrars and club secretaries for getting the dates to me prior to Christmas so the calendar could be published for the new year. The Newcastle club has suggested dates for the calendar for 2025 and these have been included. The calendar can be found on the GSDCA website at the following link <https://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/breed-survey/>

It was impossible this year to get all the surveys completed and processed in 2024, prior to the holiday period, due to clubs holding surveys so late in the year. As it stands, I am still waiting for paperwork from the final four surveys of the year in South Australia, ACT, Queensland, and Victoria. I apologise to members who have not received them yet. I hope when I return from Queensland early in January that they will be in the post box for me to sort.

National Breed Commission



### 2025 GSDCA Breed Survey Calendar

Member Club	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
ACTGSDA		2/3				20/7					
GSDL	9/2		6/4		22/6		16/8 SBE		19/10		
GSDCQ		22/3		29/5 Pre national survey			30/8		4/10	22/11	
GSDCV	9/2		6/4	18/5		27/7			5/10		7/12
N&HRGSDC				11/5		13/7				23/11	
GSDCSA	23/2			18/5			10/8		12/10		
GSDCT	15/2			18/5				20/9			
GSDAWA	23/2		19/4				23/8			23/11	
GSDCA Events	AGM 1-2/2			51 <sup>st</sup> National 30-31/5	51 <sup>st</sup> National 1/6		NBC Meeting 2-3/8				

Updated 17/1/2025

### State Coordinators

The BS11 form is a useful tool in allocating council numbers to survey. If the BS11 form is sent to the NBC Registrar straight after the survey it allows time for the preparation of numbers for invoicing and processing to be printed. Some clubs still find this challenging. Please revisit the use of this form.

**The role of State coordinator is to lead** and as such that means that you should be leading the Breed Survey process; regularly communicating with your registrar/survey team and actively running surveys in your State. It is not up to the other surveyors to do this unless you allocate that task. Also, you are responsible for the BS 11 form, the Breed survey report. The general observations box should contain the total numbers classified, numbers of each coat variety, any failures, and the reason for the failure, imported animals. Surveyors in attendance including aspirants. The reports can be used for your own reporting purposes for your Treasurer and annual reports. If utilised correctly, they are a time saving device for all. They contain the data and information that makes compiling the NBC report much easier. That is why they were implemented.

Thank you to the State registrars for your work with your surveyors and clubs.

## **Breed Health & Welfare Chairperson/Officer's Report – Dr Candice Baker (BSc BVMS MANZCVS (ECC, SA Radiology))**

I was grateful to attend the NBC meeting in July, catching up with familiar faces and having positive and present discussions with comrades was excellent. I feel there were plenty of respectful and positive discussion points, and together, we can improve. I am thankful for the work Jacinta Poole has put into the digitalisation of our hip and elbow scheme. The feedback sounds positive across the country.

Progressive and topical points since the NBC and including are as follows:

### **DNA parentage scheme**

As you may have read in the previous Quarterly Review, I have written an article about DNA testing for parentage. The reason is to provide proof of parentage and pedigree within the Australian gene pool. Removing any concern or question of the lineage of breeding animals into the future.

Currently, DogsQLD utilise this for whole litters and this may be transferred into a program for the GSDCA if all goes ahead. However, we ideally need to utilise the same laboratory to match up the DNA markers. Given DogsQLD is moving over to InfogeneNZ it would be beneficial to streamline this to avoid doubling up for breeders. Thus, I presented a pilot study group at the NBC weekend and provided as much information as possible to decide on a motion and plan going forward.

From this, a question was raised regarding communication with Dogs Australia on their plan for DNA parentage scheme nationally. This matter was referred to the Dogs Australia President, Hugh Gent OAM and the National Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee Chairperson, Dr Karen Hedberg who have advised the following:

*“At present there is no definite move towards compulsory parentage DNA testing.*

*If this testing were to be bought in across Australia, it would involve considerable cost to breeders and buyers alike. The error rate (based on QLD data) is around 2%. If it were to be done, the rules would revolve around using the internationally accepted markers available all breeds i.e. proprietary markers that just work for 1 breed would not be accepted.*

*If dogs were parentage tested in other countries, provided they have used the internationally accepted markers, the data can then be swapped between countries which becomes most important.*

*New Zealand have a good reputation for DNA testing, most of which was coming through Massey. They have proven very reliable, which again is important in the longer term.*

*Would we restrict DNA testing to 1 company, the answer is no. However, if the GSDCA wishes to nominate a particular company for its members they can do this, provided the company uses the international markers, so that results from different labs and countries are comparable.*

*We trust the above information assists.”*

From that, the utilisation of InfoGeneNZ seems a reasonable approach if willing to pursue a motion to implement a DNA parentage scheme by 2026.

### **Health Profile forms**

I have only received a small number of forms in the past twelve months. Conditions including disseminated aspergillosis x2, renal failure and gastrointestinal disease. As you can see, with such low numbers, reasonable data compilation is poor. However, it is important to continue to keep track as this promotes responsibility to the breed. Whilst diseases are multifactorial, they are important to know about to consider the future bloodline considerations.

- Aspergillosis fungal infection, stress and the immune system have a massive role to play. There is a strong suspicion of primary IgA dysfunction. Subjectively there have been stressors that have suppressed the immune system (stress in the environment at home, other diseases, nutrition, medications etc). Aspergillus fungi occur naturally in the environment

and in the form of disseminated Aspergillosis it enters through mucosal surfaces where IgA should provide protection, ie kidneys, organs, discs, bones etc. The mortality rate is very high. Sepsis of fungal overload in multiple organ systems.

- Other forms of disseminated fungal infection can also occur in the breed ie *Paeliomyces*.

Perhaps a consideration of an additional form for breeders to fill in with the pedigree name of the dog +/- five generation pedigree and diagnosis.

### **Lumbosacral disease**

Consideration of the assessment of the lumbosacral joint on our hip scoring radiographs is a continued area of interest to me. With the SV using the system of LUW and OCD – these abbreviations refer to lumbosacral transitional vertebrae and osteochondrosis of the sacrum. The Score of 0 or normal represents the lack of a transitional vertebrae finding or the lack of any osteochondrosis of the joint space.

From a conformational approach the appearance of a “dead tail” may not be from cosmetic tampering but actually due to lack of nerve response in the tail secondary to cauda equina syndrome. Cauda equina syndrome is the narrowing of the lumbosacral region of the back and start of the tail. OCD and transitional vertebrae of this joint predispose dogs to cauda equina syndrome. Currently our veterinary radiologists have an area on the Hip and Elbow form where they can make note of something to this effect. Consideration of tracking this officially would be helpful.

### **Puppy folder education**

Recommendation to utilise Jenny De Lucia’s article published online to aid new owner education on JPS discussion with their veterinarian.

Early desexing – refer to the following article for new owners:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7359819/>

Keep in touch – judges, surveyors, breeders, trainers, owners and the like!

### **Verification Officer Report- Kurt Morton**

The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) actively verifies the credentials of imported dogs and semen to protect the integrity of Australian breeding programs. This thorough process ensures that German Shepherd Dogs brought into Australia match the documentation provided and align with records from their country of origin.

### **What is the process? A reminder for our GSDCA Reps and Breed Surveyors**

As part of efforts to raise awareness and promote the Verification Scheme, I have authored an article for our members in the GSDCA National Review. This piece highlights the scheme's importance and encourages active participation from the German Shepherd Dog community. Steps to Verification:

1. **Application Submission:** Owners register their imported animals in Australia to their local State/territory. Following payment to the GSDCA, owners submit the necessary documentation to the GSDCA Verification Officer via email ([verification@gsdcouncilaustralia.org.au](mailto:verification@gsdcouncilaustralia.org.au)).
2. **Document Validation:** Submitted documents are verified against accepted registered databases and records.
3. **Issuance of Verification letter:** Upon confirmation, the GSDCA provides a verification report letter. This letter is distributed to the owner and across GSDCA position holders and State clubs to support the Breed Survey verification process. Verified animals are then documented on the GSDCA database and on the website.

### Dogs recently verified:

The following dogs have been successfully verified in the last six months:

- Yacco vom Eichenplatz
- Thiago du Val D'Anzin
- Mitzi von Neu Garmond
- Arek Di Casa Nobili
- Quandos vom Elzmundungsraum
- Lotto Della Casa Bedwin

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who continues to support the Verification Scheme. In particular, Honey Gross-Richardson, whose unwavering dedication and availability for interpretation have been invaluable to the success of this process.

### GSDCA Database Report – Frank Moody

I am pleased to submit this GSDCA Database progress report to the 64<sup>th</sup> GSDCA AGM.

#### HD/ED Sire Statistics

The updated HD/ED Sire Statistics as at 31 Dec 2024 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 26 November 2024 – being 323,026 dogs.  
Tattoo/Microchip – Microchips are uploaded when we receive the ANKC Registrations.  
HD/ED - There are now over 13,126 results in the database.  
Breed Survey - There are now over 2,584 results in the database.  
ZAP – There are now over 144 results in the database.

#### User Activity

From year to year, we continue to see slight variations in the Monthly Averages, which is to be expected; however, there are still a very large number of Breeders/Members continuing to use this facility.

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	1,200	19,005	37,155
2020	656	1,267	16,732	34,161
2021	634	1,399	17,242	32,151
2022	551	1,400	17,425	30,899
2023	496	1,322	17,332	30,182
2024	593	1,238	15,586	28,642

#### Breed Survey photos

Please continue to encourage Owners to submit photos for inclusion in the database. Photos are very important so that we have a pictorial record of the dogs surveyed, so please supply these to the NBC Registrar ASAP.

#### Thank you

Thank you to Rob Filardo (Database programmer), Ian Urie (NBC Chair), Melanie Groth (National BS Registrar), Jacinta Poole (National HD/ED Registrar), Julie Urie (National ZAP Registrar) and the Breed Surveyors/ZAP Assessors for their time, and assistance in ongoing data entry and maintenance of the Database.

## Judges Committee Chair Report– Jenny De Lucia

I have pleasure in presenting the 2024 Judges Committee Chair annual report and my first report to the AGM as Judges Chair.

I would like to firstly thank the Secretary, Janet Haase, for her support and assistance given to me while new to the role. I also thank the rest of the GSDCA Executive for their support.

2024 was not without its challenges and stresses, but as a Committee, we worked through them to the best of our ability and knowledge.

### **NSLO**

I thank Jess Lynch, for the effort and work she has put into this role. It is not a small job, and she has also spent time working on the National Show Manual, which was addressed and discussed at the 2024 NBC Meeting. There was also a meeting of some of the affiliate club Presidents to brain-storm ideas to make the National more time and cost effective. Updates to the manual continue to be a work in progress and I hope to work in conjunction with clubs to revamp the manual to one that can be worked within by all clubs that host the National event.

### **GSDCA Judges Training**

By the time this annual report takes place in February, Matthew Morris will have completed his final examination on his journey to becoming a GSDCA Specialist Judge. I know that Matthew will be a welcome addition to the pool of Specialist Judges, and I wish him every success for the future.

### **Judges Appointment List**

Jane Pike continues to keep this list updated, reflecting appointments for Judges and contact details which are sent to Jacinta to upload to the GSDCA Website. I thank Jane for this support and the help she gave me in preparing the National and Overseas Judges booklet that was distributed at the NBC Meeting. This booklet continues to be a work in progress due to Judges being added and removed from the judges' pool.

### **Judges Critiques**

Judges continue to provide me with their summations and critiques of shows they have officiated at, which I am grateful to them for. These critiques continue to be uploaded to the GSDCA Website, giving access to all to read and enjoy. I did reach out to the Judges, asking them to include the show name, date and venue in addition to their summation and critiques to make it easier for the reader to know which show it pertains to and to make it easier for Jacinta to upload to the GSDCA website.

### **NBC and Judges Meeting**

This two-day meeting was held in Victoria in July and proved to be very informative and productive. I was able to arrange for Dr. Roger Lavelle to attend on the Sunday of the NBC Meeting to give a lecture on HD and ED Scoring and Transitional Vertebrae. This lecture was very well received, it was informative and educational. I am very grateful to Dr Lavelle for attending and giving us the privilege of being a part of his presentation.

We also had a practical workshop presentation by Melanie Groth and Jane Pike on BS7 worksheet and a workshop on the placement of animals at shows, which were both well supported.

I thank the members and clubs who I have had communications with and who have shown me support in this challenging role. I wish all members the very best for 2025.

## **National Show Liaison Officer Report – Jess Lynch**

The 2024 50th German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) National Show and Trial, hosted by the GSD Club of South Australia (GSDCSA), was a resounding success, marking a significant milestone for the event and the community. The success of this year's National was

attributed to the hard work, dedication, and resourcefulness of the club members who took on various challenges and found innovative solutions to ensure the event ran smoothly. Special touches for the 50th year added to the celebration, making it a memorable occasion for all participants.

Looking ahead, the GSDC Queensland (GSDCQLD) has been busy preparing for the 2025 National, with new ideas and plans designed to elevate the experience for exhibitors and spectators. The coming months are bound to be busy for the club and their volunteers, and I look forward to seeing how their vision will take shape. Organising a National event is a monumental task, with coordination required not only for exhibitors but also for spectators and the clubs managing the logistics. To ensure continuous improvement and success for future events, I have formed a small group to review the current manual and make recommendations. The goal is to address several key points:

1. **\*\*Optimising Presentation for Exhibitors\*\***: The current event schedule doesn't allow exhibitors to showcase their dogs to the best of their abilities at times. This issue is a priority, and the group aimed to recommend adjustments that provide more time or better conditions for exhibitors to present their dogs in the best light.
2. **\*\*Maximising Spectator Engagement\*\***: Each class at the National event should attract and engage as many spectators as possible. We're looking into ways to ensure that the event is not only a showcase for exhibitors but also a captivating experience for those watching.
3. **\*\*Ensuring Cost-effectiveness and Manageable Show Operations\*\***: The logistics of running the event are complex, and we want to ensure the show remains financially viable for the clubs involved. Balancing the budget with the quality of the event is essential to its continued success.

These recommendations will consider the holistic picture of the event, balancing the needs of exhibitors, spectators, and organisers. I trust the community will embrace these changes with a shared commitment to enhancing the National for all involved.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to all the clubs and volunteers who have given their time to make this event the premier show for our breed. I look forward to attending the upcoming National in Queensland and working alongside the German Shepherd Dog League (GSDL) to ensure an outstanding event in 2026.

## Obedience Chair Report– Alastair Henderson

This year has been a busy one for the GSDCA and member clubs. Listed below is a summary of my involvement during the year.

- In February, I attended GSDCA AGM in Sydney. From the meeting
  - it was requested that I reword and tidy up some motions put up by Victoria and to resubmit them in 2025 which has been completed.
- Attended a Zap Assessment and Breed Survey in Hobart in February
- Organised and attended two Zap Assessments in Victoria.
- New Assessors have been trained and are qualified in Queensland, NSW and WA.
- Regular Zap Assessments were held throughout the year in Queensland, NSW, Victoria, Tasmania & Western Australia with 55 dog's successful in 2024. A total of 147 have been successful since this discipline was introduced
- Attended regular GSDCA Management meeting's by Zoom.
- Participated in the 50th National Show and Trial in Adelaide and presented the GSDCA Obedience Awards.
- Attended other shows and trials in Queensland, NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and the German Sieger show held in Nuremberg Germany in September.

- Hosted the August GSDCA Obedience meeting via Zoom. Representatives in attendance were Queensland, NSW, Victoria, Tasmania & Western Australia.
  - Items discussed included running of National Show and Trials with proposed changes to the manual, preferred judges list & proposed changes to Obedience Trial rules.

Many thanks to our Database Administrators, Frank Moody and Jacinta Poole for the help they have provided in updating the Zap database so that the wording is more specific to the dog being assessed. We are aiming for this to be completed in the first half of 2025.

Also, thanks to the Zap Administrator Julie Urie for her attention to detail in issuing the Zap assessments and to the many volunteers who assist in the running of Zap assessments on the day.

## Quarterly National Review Editor's Report – Gail Donald

It has been a genuine pleasure serving as Editor of the Quarterly National Review (QNR) during my first year in this role. While it has been a learning curve, the experience has been very rewarding. My thanks to Rob and Melissa Pruis at Maroondah Press and graphic designer Peter, for invaluable support throughout the year. I am also especially grateful to past Editor Jacinta Poole, whose guidance and advice provided me with a smooth transition into this role.

Reflecting on the year, I am grateful for the collaboration and enthusiasm from contributors, readers, and advertisers alike. Their support and engagement have made this journey both rewarding and inspiring.

I am particularly proud of the 50th GSDCA National Show and Trial Special Edition, a project celebrating 50 years of the GSDCA National Show and Trial. This milestone edition was a resounding success. It serves as a valuable historical record, recognising the milestones and achievements of the German Shepherd Dog showing and obedience community in Australia. It also honours the dedicated individuals who have contributed to creating the environment we now enjoy for our sport.

The Special Edition comprehensively showcased all aspects of the 50th National Show and Trial, including the Honour Roll, Obedience, Critiques, Junior Showmanship, Dam and Sire Progeny Reports, Breeders Groups, Retiring Dogs, and stunning photography that captured the essence of the event. It was a collaborative effort, with countless hours from many individuals ensuring the event's brilliance shone across Australia and beyond.

The Executive agreed to print extra copies of this Special Edition, providing marketing opportunities to increase awareness of the QNR, as well as the GSDCA's breed activities and history. Copies were distributed across Australia and internationally. Board and Breed Council members of Dogs Australia, including President Hugh Gent, and State and Territory Kennel Control board members warmly received this initiative. It also garnered praise from prominent international figures, such as the President of the SV and WUSV, Roswitha Dannenburg; WUSV Secretary General, Uwe Sprenger; and many notable attendees of the 2024 Sieger Show who received a copy of the QNR Special Edition. My thanks to Janet Haase for facilitating the distribution of magazines during the 2024 BSZS. During a trip to South Korea in December, I also presented copies to the FCI Executive Director, Yves Declercq; and the President of the FCI Asia Africa and Oceania Section, Dinky Santos.

Throughout the year, the QNR has continued to share a wealth of information featuring outstanding contributions from Australia and abroad. The enthusiastic response to my requests for content and interviews has been rewarding. The magazine's content has included diverse and engaging topics, ranging from personality spotlight interviews, member achievements, health and wellness advice, training tips, and fun activities like the Kids' Corner and the Pawsome Treats section with guest chefs. The "Law and Order Special," celebrating 50 years of the South

Australian Police Force, was a standout feature that captivated readers, complemented by additional compelling police dog stories from Australia and the UK.

A rewarding aspect of the 2024 QNR editions has been the magazine's greater worldwide distribution, elevating its profile across many countries. Feedback from members and professionals has increased with each issue, highlighting the value of the content, particularly the health and breed articles. This recognition has led to requests for reprinting articles in other languages and by clubs around the globe. Advertisers have also seen the benefits of linking informative and engaging QNR content to their websites, further enhancing the magazine's reach and impact.

Past editors' efforts in curating valuable content for the magazine are acknowledged and the GSDCA website archives 10 years of publications, providing members access to a rich information resource.

Members' contributions throughout the year have been diverse and inspiring, covering all levels of our sport. The support of the GSDCA Executive and portfolio holders has also been instrumental in providing essential updates and insights. Special thanks to my diligent proofreaders for ensuring accuracy and quality in each issue.

The Club News section continues to thrive, with strong support from most clubs. It is always a highlight to read about club activities and the achievements of their members. Thank you to the club membership officers, whose dedication and accurate records ensure that every member receives their copy of the QNR promptly.

I extend my gratitude to the loyal advertisers in the QNR. Their ongoing support is invaluable, both financially and in showcasing the best of our breed. The advertisements highlight the quality of our German Shepherd Dogs and have received well-deserved praise nationally and internationally. Be proud of your role in promoting the breed, the QNR and Australia!

The QNR subscription rate has been set at \$7.50 per magazine per membership for a few years now. Despite a significant increase in advertising revenue and a reduction in graphic design costs, the magazine has faced financial challenges due to rising production and postal expenses for the four printed issues in 2024. To ensure the magazine's financial stability, two alternative proposals will be considered at the upcoming AGM in February 2025.

The QNR serves as the voice of the GSDCA and represents many types of club members, including pet owners, dog sports competitors, and breeders. As Editor, I encourage our diverse community to contribute and take advantage of this publication. Together, we can continue to celebrate and honour the shared passion for our remarkable German Shepherd Dogs.

## Sub Committee Reports

### Webmaster – Jacinta Poole

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

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

[www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/xraycentre](http://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/xraycentre)

The GSDCA website has in 2024 become the central hub for the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Scheme Processes. The online portal was released on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and has enabled ordering and purchase of Hip and Elbow contracts, and direct submission of x-ray files to our GSDCA readers for scoring. The response times are the same or next day for receiving both contracts and results. This new portal has ensured that the GSDCA can now service our members in real time for what is our most important breed improvement scheme.

Building the contract and x-ray portal required significant technical work and did incur software costs, however, the labour was completed at no cost to the GSDCA. Software costs will be ongoing, as is the technical upkeep to ensure the system operates satisfactorily and stores all

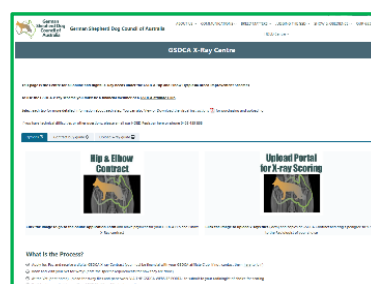
the relevant information. The system is built to ensure everyday use for State registrars is a simple and easy workflow. The processes are mainly automated, and only the State registrars and radiologists are required to input and approve to ensure each application moves through the system and required outputs of contracts and results are generated. The system enables easy access to contracts and rapid provision of results by readers for those wanting to take advantage. Several technical tweaks have occurred to finetune the system, which will continue as the system matures. The GSDCA owns and has full control of the software and data to manage the processes.

The bonus from the HDED online portal set up is that the software and processing is now in place for other online systems the GSDCA may wish to centrally implement that includes the purchase or submission of forms, uploading files, etc. All payments are securely made directly to the GSDCA account, further reducing the workloads at Club level for payments, and ensuring the GSDCA receives payments in real time.

The website also holds the core information for our breed in Australia. Documentation, results, past editions of the Review magazine, judge appointments and breed information are the most popular pages accessed.

### Important website content

- Hip & Elbow contract purchase
- Xray submission portal to GSDCA Radiologists
- Recent HD & ED statistics, updated twice yearly
- GSDCA Regulations, current forms, fees and charges
- Editions of each Quarterly National Review, from 2015
- Reference Manuals – Breed Survey, National Show & Trial
- A summary of all title verifications completed for imports
- Full details on the National Show & Trial, both past and present
- Future Judge appointments for each member club
- Show results and critiques – from every club show
- Veterinary and health articles



The **GSDCA Dog Database** is accessed via the website homepage and is well utilised. Complete HDED, Breed Survey and ZAP Assessment records for all dogs are available. The repository of dogs and records is a valuable breed resource.



The **Breed Health Feedback form** accessible via the home page is under utilised. It is vital to collect data on our dogs and their health. Anyone can contribute by filling in the form, which is collated by Dr Candy Baker. The information submitted is confidential and can be used in the future to gauge trends of illnesses we find are overrepresented in the GSD.



**We encourage everyone to take the time to submit their dog’s medical information – it might save another dog’s life one day.**



Our Facebook page is used to promote news announcements, highlight what’s available on the website and compliments our online presence. Our stats for 2024 indicate visits and use of the website continues to increase. This year return visits are up, indicative of the use of the online HDED portal. Other pages and articles visited demonstrate a visitor mix of those looking for information about our breed and members keeping informed about the GSDCA.

	Number of unique visits	Pages	Hits
<b>Total 2024</b>	49,981	927,643	1,994,458

Our website hosting costs \$192/year. Hosting the GSDCA Dog Database costs \$336/year. Domain registration per year is \$24.75. All software updates and maintenance are undertaken internally at no cost. Our total expenditure relating to the Website and Dog Database is \$552 per year. In addition, the software embedded to manage HDDED online processes runs at an additional ~\$1300 per year.

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

## **Public Relations Officer – Gabrielle Peacock**

### **Breed and Council Promotion**

The 50<sup>th</sup> National Show and Trial Special Edition of the Quarterly National Review magazine was sent to Dogs Australia (DA) Board Members, DA Breed Councils Working Party members, senior members of each State and Territory Board, their EO/CEO and respective judges training coordinators.

A covering letter from the President GSDCA was included with the hard copy magazine:

“I am pleased to inform you that the 50<sup>th</sup> German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia National Show and Trial was successfully held in Adelaide on 3rd, 4th, and 5th May 2024. This event marked a significant milestone in the history of our breed and celebrated five decades of National Shows in Australia.

In honour of this momentous occasion, I am delighted to enclose a Special Edition of the *GSDCA Quarterly National Review*. This collectors' edition highlights the achievements and history of the German Shepherd breed over the past 50 years.

For your convenience, past editions of the *National Review*, including this special issue, are available online at <https://www.gsdCouncilAustralia.org/magazine/>.

I hope you enjoy reading this special edition as we reflect on this historic milestone.”

Thank you to Dogs Australia for assistance in compiling the mailing lists.

The magazine was also presented by the Secretary to members of the WUSV Board, Secretary of the Italian club, Continental Directors and officials of other WUSV member clubs in Nurnberg Germany.

### **Advice for Puppy Buyers**

On the advice of Breed Health and Welfare Officer, Dr Candy Baker, two articles were published to the GSDCA website with important information for new puppy owners and for Breeders to include in puppy packs to new owners.

The first article explains Hip Dysplasia and Juvenile Pelvic Symphysiodesis (JPS) Surgery, which are often performed unnecessarily in puppies under 18 weeks of age. The second article provides information on the age of neutering and supports not spaying or neutering dogs under 12 months of age due to the increased risks to joints and other disorders.

### **Information for puppy buyers and owners**

The articles were circulated to all clubs for distribution to members and breeders for inclusion in their puppy packs. They were also promoted on the GSDCA Facebook and some club Facebook pages.

## **Youth Officer - Chelsea Bird**

Throughout last year I have been working with Gail to construct an article to feature in the quarterly magazines with the focus to highlight some of our younger members in the breed. We have some great feedback about the questions/answers in the last edition and we are looking forward to seeing the next interviews. The idea behind this was to introduce some of the younger members as they are the future of breed. We hope to continue this in further editions of the

quarterly and continue to speak with some of the younger breeders/handlers/exhibitors. We also want to look at some encouraging articles for youth members in the future. With the hope that it may encourage the youth to be involved whether in handling or exhibiting.

I am still wanting to encourage breed clubs to have a youth officer to assist in training, organising youth activities, and the promotion of our breed to younger members. I am currently holding the position of youth officer at the GSDL NSW and have recently joined the committee at the Newcastle GSD Club. I hope to continue some youth-based events or learning sessions. These will be something I look into in the new year and hope to organise the same in other States.

The organisation of the handler class for the 2025 national is well on the way and shaping up to be a good experience for the kids. Thanks to the Queensland Club for organising this.

I look forward to doing more youth-based work in 2025 and hopefully will see some younger members get involved in our breed.

### **Trophy Officer – Terry Jarvis**

I will not be attending the meeting in Adelaide this year due to commitments so I will give an overview of my activities.

The main aim for the 2024 year has always been the National and any other area associated with the Trophy component of that show. The Adelaide National went off well, with the trophies arriving on time and in good condition. The organisation of the show was as expected from the Adelaide club.

Being the 50<sup>th</sup> National in Adelaide 2024 a couple of changes were made to the Trophy table with the Gold Shepherd Head as the centrepiece to the Plaques which topped them off nicely and also the Shepherd Head Memento in the plastic case, which was in the pickup bag when collecting your Catalogue and vests, was a great surprise for the exhibitors.

## **50th GSDCA National Dog Show and Trial 2024 – South Australia**



The 50<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National Dog Show and Trial was held in Adelaide on the 3, 4 and 5 May 2024. We were exceptionally blessed with perfect weather for the duration of the event and the grounds were in immaculate condition.

The GSDC of SA commissioned a special commemorative memento in the form of a gold GSD head presented in a presentation case which was given to every entrant as a lasting memory of this special milestone.

Total entries for the National, including Obedience was 397. There were 367 conformation entries and 30 obedience entries.

As a comparison, the National held in Melbourne in 2023 had 372 conformation entries and 87 Obedience and the National held in NSW in 2022 had 341 Conformation entries and 68 Obedience.

Our Judges for the event were:

Herr Rainer Mast – LSC Dog & Bitch SC Dogs, SC Challenge, LSC Challenge Dog & Bitch

Senor Roberto Caputi – SC Bitch, SC BPD, LSC BPB & BPD, SC Challenge Bitch.

Mr Brian Fielder – UDX & CCD

Mrs Jan Brabham – UD

Me Peter Dynan – CDX

Mrs Donna Vigor – CD

Ms Jessica Bird - Junior Showmanship

Thursday saw the Meet N Greet with a free BBQ for all in attendance which was very well received with good participation. A Breed Survey was held with three animals entered and all were classified. Vondelrae Jersey Shore (Cinderhof Rafea x Vondelrae Cha Cha Cha), Dromview Dancing Queen (Alwin v Haus Nesgen x Dampdouges Our Hyacinth) and Vomambach Spartan (Brando v Ilsegrund x Leaffield Raza).

We had Vendors set up trading tables and displays which certainly added to the atmosphere of the show so thank you to, Leather Works For Dogs, Honey and Olive Oil sales, Canine Therapist, Vandough Catering, TuffStuff Products and K9 Muscle Therapy for your support.

The Opening Ceremony on Saturday saw an GSDCA Achievement Award presented to our very own, Kerry Kennedy for her outstanding contribution to the GSDC of SA in particular in the area of catering. Retiring GSDCA position holders, Melanie Groth and Doug West were also presented with GSDCA awards to recognise their outstanding contribution to Council.

A GSDCA Award was presented to PD Bandit and as an extra special acknowledgement, the GSDC of SA commissioned a special award in the form of a trophy presented to PD Bandit (Vomkogelberg Xenon) and his handler Brevet Sergeant Matthew Williams. Also, in attendance at the Opening Ceremony were the GSDCA Patron, Mrs Dawn Fraser AC MBE, Members of the SAPOL Dog Squad, the GSDC of SA Club Patron, Mr John Quirke, Mr Matt Cowdrey OAM Member for Colton, Ms Kate Williams EO Adelaide Shores, Ms Heather MacDonald Continental Director and Ms Melissa Bradley Vice President of the GSDC of New Zealand.

Obedience was held on the Saturday and once again, we were very lucky to have the great weather conditions that we had. The trial ran smoothly and thank you to those who entered and supported the obedience section.

Unfortunately, the GSDCA President, Sean Lynch, was not able to attend the National this year; however, past GSDCA President, Mr Louis Donald, was asked to give a speech reflecting on the past 50 years of the National shows, which was much appreciated.

Saturday night entertainment was in the form of a Karaoke night and Cocktails Night. The Club expected a good turnout based on bookings; however, not as many people turned up as we anticipated but those who did attend enjoyed the evening and once again, the Club provided their own catering. The Club put on a supper on the Sunday for the trophy presentation, which again, was very well received.

We thank all spectators who attended, some from as far away as New Zealand and thank the competitors for their entry and good sportsmanship and trust everyone had an enjoyable experience.

We sincerely thank our sponsors, Royal Canin, Flyingrich Kennels, Iveco & LDV Vehicles, Noah's Crossing Vet, The Pampered Pooch, Leather Works For Dogs, AEC Animal Care, Flinders Timber and Building Supplies, Southern Trophies, Festival Hire, Kong Company. Also, a thank you to our catalogue Advertisers for your support of the event.

Thank you to those who sponsored classes both in Conformation and Obedience, your support is much appreciated. An especial thank you to our amazing committee and fantastic volunteers. The SA Club managed to return a profit on this National which surpassed our expectations, given the past two Nationals were run at a loss. We attribute and acknowledge this profit to the outstanding effort of our sponsors and fundraising team.

**John De Lucia**

**President GSDCSA**

## 51st GSDCA National Show and Trial 2025 - Queensland



Planning and preparation for the 51<sup>st</sup> GSDCA National Show and Trial is well under way. This report provides an overview of the upcoming event:

### Judges

Harald Hohmann and his wife arrive on the Tuesday, before the show and the flights are booked and paid. Christof Ludwig's airfare will have been sorted by the time this report is tabled. He will be arriving on Wednesday evening.

Our interstate Obedience Judge, Dearne Jackson arrives on Wednesday and her airfare has been booked and paid. All other Obedience and Rally judges have been contracted.

Sean Lynch, President GSDCA, has confirmed his availability to look after the judges and will try to arrive on Monday night so he is there for the judges.

A schedule is still to be prepared for Sean and the judges.

They will receive gift baskets in their rooms as a welcome to Queensland.

### Sponsorship

Royal Canin is sponsoring the club for Dog Food for Exhibitors. This is less than in previous years, with a bag to be given for each exhibitor bag and 1<sup>st</sup> place only on the Pegs, with a few larger bags for major winners.

Petcover have come on board with a sponsorship of \$1500 cash, which is a very welcome addition to the coffers.

Orivet \$1200 vouchers.

We have supplementary sponsors offering pet treats, Vebo Crates and Mavlab, Delete Disinfectant.

We are still chasing more product to be able to put in exhibitor bags and also, we intend to have a gift for podium placements for all classes, with a special gift for medal winners.

Unfortunately, the club has not had any Bunnings BBQs in recent months, which has put a hole in the treasurer's budget.

Our major Raffle is a Car, and we still need to sell quite a few more tickets to pay for this. We expect once entries start the number of tickets sold to increase and would like to ask each club to consider promoting the raffle on their Facebook pages or on their club sites.

Sponsorship for classes is nearly complete, with just a few remaining.

### Catalogue

We are now advertising for advertising for the Catalogue. Gail Donald will be compiling the catalogue for which we are extremely grateful. The catalogue will be printed by the normal supplier Maroondah in Melbourne; this was the cheapest we could obtain. The cost of the catalogue is \$14.00 + freight, which is not really factored into the cost of entries and future clubs should be aware.

### Sashes

The club will be using their usual supplier, Marellen, and we will be replicating the ribbons for the medal winners to go around the dog's neck.

### Photographers

This is in the capable hands of Gail Donald and her team, and like always, Gail is very well organised.

### **Schedule**

Schedule is complete and now online on show manager and we will have launched it by the time this report is tabled.

### **Grading Certificates**

Artwork is done and ready for printing.

### **Merchandise**

The Merchandise page is ready to go live with a few additions that are not the norm, and we hope are well received. I will bring with me a copy of the poster we are producing for delegates to view.

### **Tents**

Tents have been sourced we have purchased and reinforced the sides, though the club won't make to much profit on these they won't lose money either, and exhibitors have the option of buying the tents after the National. Space for 16 exhibitor owned tents have been left for around the ring.

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation for exhibitors in motels is limited, and we have a list of available caravan parks and motels. Dogs QLD grounds are booked out for camping and spaces for this went very quickly. The Calamvale is the hotel where the judges will be staying, and they have given us corporate rates, which we have extended to people who wish to stay without dogs.

Additional costs clubs should be aware of is the cost of parking for the judges overseas and also wanting to charge €50 for each day actually increases the cost of the judges. We are lucky that the judges have agreed to fly economy. We thank Vince Tantaro for organising this as it has saved the club a lot of money.

### **Schedule of Events**

- Opening Ceremony will be Friday VIP, Police Dog Presentation and also Presidents invited for lunch.
- Child Handlers Saturday
- Obedience Winner of Winners Sunday
- Saturday and Sunday lunches will be served in the tents so judges can progress as quickly as possible.

### **Rings**

We will be following the European method of rings. We have had to go this way for the reason that due to ground improvements at Durack with the installation of more permanent shelters, this has severely cut the space on the top rings, so we cannot hold it here; therefore, it will be moved to adjacent to the main rings.

We will have a large ring for the runoff of the classes from Junior up, and the process will be:

- All Junior classes will do their warmup laps, then the large ring will then be split into two, and all juniors will do their individual. This will then be opened up to one ring for the runoffs. Each run off for each class will follow the other.
- This will be replicated for the Intermediate and Open Classes.
- The judges will be doing their own checks of the dogs and handlers will be asked to show teeth for the judge.

### **Patron**

We haven't discussed Dawn Fraser's attendance but hopefully, she has recovered from her injury and can attend. The GSDCQ have nominated a police dog for a service award, and it will be up to the clubs at this AGM as to whether this will occur.

### **Functions**

The big one will be Saturday night, which will be held at the grounds, with a band, a meal and lots of fun games and a "Fashions at the Show" parade. We will advertise this shortly. The aim is for lots of people to enter, and there will be prizes for winners. Entry to the Saturday night includes a complimentary hat and a glass of wine/ bubbles.

Dinner for the Judges on the other nights will be at the Calamvale Hotel. Their menu is extensive, so we don't envisage a problem.

At this stage, there will be a briefing with the judges on the Thursday before dinner. Thursday night dinner will be for the GSDCA Executive, Presidents and Partners, and also the Committee. This will give time to review the arrangements with all parties.

Friday and Sunday will be open to all who wish to attend, but we will book definitive numbers – it is a work in progress at the moment.

### **Catering at the Show**

Thursday - Meet and Greet – The sausage sizzle is being donated by WAGS Café.

Wags Café who has assured us of an extensive menu and has engaged a chef to cater for the lunches and also the Saturday night.

Exhibitors will have the option of pre-ordering hot or cold boxes for pick up at lunchtime. We are still discussing with WAGS the possibility of other vans or at least a coffee van.

Breakfast will be available each day for all exhibitors

Exhibitors staying on the ground will be able to pre order their dinners.

### **Trophies**

The club has sourced the Gold medal winner trophies, the balance of the trophies will be done closer to the time.

The Breeders awards trophies are the same as last year, and this cost is expensive: \$1200 for the two.

### **General**

We are offering a couple of Curtain Raiser events to encourage more participation, with a Tricks Trial and a Scent Trial. These will be conducted on Thursday before the commencement of the GSDCA National Show and Trial. These are official trials, and entries will be made via Show Manager. At this stage, it is only for GSDs.

Obedience Planning is well underway, all judges and stewards are contracted.

In addition to the standard classes, the club is also offering Rally.

Show Stewards – we have four stewards and Ian Urie as Chief Steward.

Stenographers - we have two confirmed and a third as a backup.

The conformation judges' gifts have been donated, being an Akubra hat each.

We have an army to help with the setup of the rings and tents, but as always, the actual running of the show will fall to a few people.

There is still a lot of planning to do, but we have a keen committee, and we are gradually ticking off all the boxes.

### **In Closing**

Whilst the club wants to deliver a well-run event, the theme is to make it fun and enjoyable for both exhibitors and spectators, with music over the course of the event to add to the vibe.

We hope to see you all here in QLD in 2025.

**Sharon Thorp**

**President GSDCQ**

## WUSV Meeting Report



At the WUSV meeting on the Monday after the Sieger show, for the first time, there was warmth and acknowledgement for the clubs and delegates across the world and a genuine wish to work with and alongside rather than dictate.

It was pleasing to see that the message has finally gotten through to the WUSV/SV Boards that they need to trust the affiliated clubs in each of the 90 countries to do what they can locally to adhere to breeding standards and guidelines. Roberto Caputi introduced the slogan Think Global, Act Local – this was music to our ears because it meant that

finally they were considering the context of each country, their regulatory bodies and to trust in the ability of the WUSV member clubs to work towards the standard, health, temperament, parentage and judging. The future is bright and the fog on the last seven years of harmonisation appears to have lifted.

This year was the celebration of 125 years of SV, 50 years of the WUSV of which Australia was an inaugural member. Louis Donald, Australia's longest serving GSDCA President was present at the very first meeting of the WUSV in 1974 and this year and we were honoured to be there and receive a gift (*pictured*) on behalf of the Council from the WUSV Board in honour of that 50 years of continuous membership.



Frau Roswitha Dannenberg is the first SV president in recent times to really listen to the membership and pay homage to the collective groups from across the world. Her first year in the role has been plagued with unrest, court cases, and she has risen above it with class, with support from the Acting CEO Uwe Sprenger. I hope now that the infighting will cease and both Boards can be proactive in moving forward. The report of the WUSV meeting highlights the courses of action ahead. I am confident we can continue to be positive and work towards getting DNA parentage in place. More and more people in our fraternity are participating in events that showcase their dogs' working ability and this is a positive step forward as well.



## GSDCA CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

Year	Name Of Dog	Canine Outstanding Service Award Presented
<b>2005</b>	Police Dog "Titan"	June 2005
<b>2005</b>	Iljaberg Yokone Gold "Famous Amus" SES (WA)	June 2005
<b>2006</b>	Police Dog "Silky" (VIC)	March 2006
<b>2006</b>	Police Dog "Duke" (QLD)	September 2006
<b>2007</b>	Police Dog "Tyson" (QLD)	September 2007
<b>2007</b>	Police Dog "Hutch" (QLD)	September 2007
<b>2007</b>	Police Dog "Bear" (SA)	December 2007
<b>2008</b>	Police Dog "Carts" (NSW)	March 2008
<b>2008</b>	Police Dog "Koby" (SA)	March 2008
<b>2009</b>	Police Dog "Ike" (QLD)	June 2009
<b>2010</b>	Police Dog "Salem" (VIC)	May 2010
<b>2010</b>	Police Dog "Zac" (QLD)	July 2010
<b>2011</b>	No Awards Given	-----
<b>2012</b>	Police Dog "Bosun" (QLD)	May 2012
<b>2013</b>	Police Dog "Riggs" (SA)	May 2013
<b>2014</b>	No Awards Given	-----
<b>2015</b>	Police Bitch "Angel" (Vic)	May 2015
<b>2016</b>	Police Dog "Rumble" (WA)	March 2016
<b>2017</b>	Police Dog "Quinn" (Qld)	May 2017
<b>2017</b>	Seigen Quintessential "Cade" (WA)	May 2017
<b>2018</b>	Police Dog "Ruger" (SA)	April 2018
<b>2019</b>	Police Dog "Ike" (VIC)	April 2019
<b>2020</b>	No Awards Given	-----
<b>2021</b>	Police Dog "Kaos" (Qld)	August 2021
<b>2022</b>	Police Dog "Kronos" (NSW)	June 2022
<b>2023</b>	Police Dog "Zeus" (VIC)	April 2023
<b>2024</b>	Police Dog "Bandit" (SA)	May 2024
	Police Dog Raptor (WA)	April 2024
	Police Dog Sidious (WA)	April 2024

**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 OFFICER HISTORY

Year	Patron	President	First Vice President	Second Vice President	Third Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Editor QNR
<b>1960</b>	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
<b>1961</b>	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr V Huth	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
<b>1962</b>	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr K Stubbs	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
<b>1963</b>	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr D Carnegie	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	Mr R Brabham
<b>1964</b>	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Dr G Giles	Mrs B Ryan	N/A	Miss J Atkinson	Miss J Atkinson	Mr R Brabham
<b>1965</b>	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
<b>1966</b>	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
<b>1967</b>	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
<b>1968</b>	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	No Review Published
<b>1969</b>	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	No Review Published

<b>Year</b>	<b>Patron</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>First Vice President</b>	<b>Second Vice President</b>	<b>Third Vice President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Editor QNR</b>
<b>1970</b>	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Wing	Mr R Brabham	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
<b>1971</b>	Judge Mitchell	Mr B Cooper	Mr E Van Bael	Mr J Neddermeyer	N/A	Mrs F Stokes	Mrs F Stokes	No Review Published
<b>1972</b>	Judge Mitchell	Mr V Atkinson	Dr I Upton	Mr J Neddermeyer	N/A	Mrs F Stokes	Mrs F Stokes	No Review Published
<b>1973</b>	Judge Mitchell	Mr I Murrell	Mr G Hallinan	Mr S Beeton	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
<b>1974</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr I Murrell	Mr S Beeton	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
<b>1975</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr S Beeton	Mr G Moody	Mr G Hallinan	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
<b>1976</b>	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
<b>1977</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
<b>1978</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
<b>1979</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
<b>1980</b>	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

Year	Patron	President	First Vice President	Second Vice President	Third Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Editor QNR
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.*

Year	Patron	President	* Chairman National Breed Commission	* Chairman Judges Committee	*Chairman Obedience Committee	Secretary	Treasurer	Editor QNR
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

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<b>1989</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
<b>1990</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
<b>1991</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
<b>1992</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
<b>1993</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr R Stephens
<b>1994</b>	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
<b>1995</b>	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
<b>1996</b>	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
<b>1997</b>	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
<b>1998</b>	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

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<b>1999</b>	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
<b>2000</b>	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
<b>2001</b>	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
<b>2002</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Mr A Christie
<b>2003</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Mr A Christie
<b>2004</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Ms Y Yun
<b>2005</b>	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Ms Y Yun
<b>2006</b>	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
<b>2007</b>	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
<b>2008</b>	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling

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<b>2009</b>	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
<b>2010</b>	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
<b>2011</b>	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
<b>2012</b>	Vacant	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms. J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
<b>2013</b>	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie/ Mr J De Lucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
<b>2014</b>	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J De Lucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
<b>2015</b>	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J De Lucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
<b>2016</b>	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J De Lucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms J Poole
<b>2017</b>	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
<b>2018</b>	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Ms M Groth <i>(Resigned 7/5/18)</i>	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms J Poole

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<b>2019</b>	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
<b>2020</b>	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
<b>2021</b>	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr S Lynch	Mr I Urie	Mr L Donald/Mr S Collins	Mr J De Lucia	Mrs L Phillis	Mr P Flynn	Mrs Y Yun
<b>2022</b>	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr S Lynch	Mr I Urie	Ms M Groth	Mr J De Lucia	Mrs L Phillis	Mr P Flynn	Mrs Y Yun
<b>2023</b>	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr S Lynch	Mr I Urie	Ms M Groth	Mr A Henderson	Mrs J Haase	Mr P Flynn	Mrs Y Yun
<b>2024</b>	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr S Lynch	Mr I Urie	Mrs J De Lucia	Mr A Henderson	Mrs J Haase	Mr P Flynn	Mrs G Donald