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Presents to its members

### **The 2015 GSDCV Annual Report**

This annual report presents to members the activities and involvement of the Club, including the audited financial statements, for the year ended December 31, 2015.

On behalf of the Executive and Management Committee, I congratulate all members who have worked hard throughout the year and gained titles and awards with their dogs. I also thank all those tireless workers who put in the hard yards week after week, rain hail and shine, so we can all enjoy our sport. Without these dedicated people, namely our instructors, the admin people at the branches, those involved in running the various activities the club provides, the GSD enthusiast would be far worse off.

This year, it is particularly pleasing to note that there will be a life membership awarded to one member and two other members are being recognised for the outstanding work they have done in their branch and local communities. Congratulations and well done.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to the compilation of this report and to Maroondah Printing for their assistance and, as always excellent service.

Val Moody,  
GSDCV Secretary

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## HISTORY OF PATRONS & LIFE MEMBERS

### PATRON IN CHIEF & PATRONS

#### Patroness

Dame Mabel Brookes 1973 to late 1970's

#### Patron In Chief

Mr. S. I. Miller, Chief Commissioner of the Victorian Police Force 1984 to 1988

#### Patron In Chief

Mr. K. Glare, Chief Commissioner of the Victoria Police Force 1988 to 1993

#### Patrons

Mr. R. Jackson – both as Chief Commissioner & Retired Chief Commissioner of the Victorian Police Force 1984 to 1993

Mr. T. R. Luxton – current Patron



1984 to date

### LIFE MEMBERS

NAME	LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED	NAME	LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED
Mrs. Rene Hayman	1972	Mr. S.A. Rowe	
Mr. Schellenberger		Mr. Tom Luxton	
Mrs. Anita Pettenhofer	1983	Mrs. Anne Watts	1983
Mr. Norm Watts	1983	Mr. Karl Heyne	1984
Mr. Wally Szillat	1988	Mr. James Rodger	1988
Mrs. Fran Farley	1989	Mr. John Hodges	1994
Mrs. Marilyn Wrigley	1994	Mr. Vince Tantaro	1995
Mrs. Fran Tantaro	1995	Mr. Ian Cameron	1996
Mr. Chris Hollingworth	1997	Mr. Ron Orchard	1997
Mr. Frank Moody	1998	Mrs. Val Moody	2000
Mr. Ian Urie	2004	Mrs. Louisa Rodger	2006
Mr. Ian Holden	2006	Mr. Dom Cafari	2008
Mr. Ben Glasheen	2008	Mr. Bernie Lester	2009
Mr. Graeme Jacobs	2009	Mr. David Berry	2010
Mr. Andrew Saliba	2014		

### LIFE MEMBERS (Deceased)

NAME	LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED	DECEASED
Mr. Walter Reimann		
Mrs. Caldwell		
Mrs. P. Schneider		
Mr. L. Spoor		
Mrs. Joyce Kinsman		1991
Mr. Tom Fitzgerald	1984	2007
Mrs. Bonnie Gascoigne	1984	1991
Mrs. Margot Haines	1991	2003
Mrs. Margaret Valastro	2000	2000
Mr. Richard Atyeo	2002	2003
Mr. Ken Stubbs		2006
Mr. Ted van Bael		2006
Mrs. Bernice Scully (Ryan)	2001	2009
Mr. Rudy Petrella	2007	2012

## GSDCV MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2015

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

#### OFFICE BEARERS

President	Mr. Vince Ebejer
Vice President	Mrs. Nicky McDermott
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Mrs. Louisa Rodger
Secretary	Mrs. Val Moody
Treasurer	Mrs. Jackie Jacobson & Mrs. Fiona Henderson
Breed Affairs Administrator	Mrs. Jenny Yuen
Obedience Training Administrator	Mrs. Marilyn Wrigley



2016 Executive L to R Back: Louisa Rodger, Jenny Yuen, Fiona Henderson, Val Moody, Marilyn Wrigley  
 Seated: Vince Ebejer, Nicky McDermott

#### BRANCH MANAGERS

<b>Ballarat</b>	Mrs Bev Hardenberg
<b>Bendigo</b>	Mr. Tony Kekich
<b>Eastern</b>	Mr. Peter Garbett & Mr. John Schultz
<b>Geelong</b>	Mr. Ashleigh Kendall & Mr. Dennis Gladman
<b>Gippsland</b>	Mr. Ray Batchelor
<b>Malvern</b>	Ms. Jacinta Poole

<b>Northern</b>	Mr. Daryl Bourke
<b>Skye</b>	Mr. Ken Smith
<b>Specialist Show Branch</b>	Mr. John Carter
<b>Western</b>	Mrs. Shirley Petrella
<b>Wodonga</b>	Mr. Gordon Cole

#### POSITION HOLDERS

<b>Demo Team Manager</b>	Mr. Michael Simmons
<b>Membership Officer</b>	Mrs. Lin Ebejer
<b>Promotions Officer</b>	Mrs. Dearne Jackson
<b>Rehoming Officer</b>	Mr. Mike Nelson
<b>Shepherd News Editor</b>	Ms. Jacinta Poole
<b>Website Chairman</b>	Ms. Jacinta Poole
<b>Breed Specific Legislation Officer</b>	Mrs. Louisa Rodger
<b>Trial Manager</b>	Melissa Bauer ( <i>Resigned June 2015</i> )
<b>Minutes Secretary</b>	Mrs. Barbara Blythe

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr Vince Ebejer**

On behalf of the Management Committee of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria, I would like to welcome you all to our 2015 Annual General Meeting. It is an honour and a privilege to present my 5<sup>th</sup> report as your President.

We have had an outstanding year in 2015 with numbers significantly in excess of the 2014 figures, which was an outstanding year itself with our year end totals for 2014 were 2252 members in 1116 units, this year we exceeded even those huge numbers with our end of year totals 2482 members in 1211 units. Not only did we increase our membership by an amazing 230 individual members over 95 units, (this increase is bigger than some of our sister Club around this great country), many more members renewed prior to the end of the year than in previous years. Over the past five years, our Club has steadily grown, from 1988 individual members divided over 996 units at the conclusion of 2010 to the numbers we have today. Our strength is not just in the membership base, it is in our Instructors and our Committees. Over the 2015 year we have conducted 16230 dog hours of training derived from 2676 instructor hours. Committee hours are not something we can quantify, comprising many more hours other than the meetings they attend, suffice to say, that a great many hours are put in by a significant amount of people to keep our organisation moving. This growth is not achieved easily; strong leadership, openness, approachability, inclusiveness which allows the members to have input through various avenues, programs to benefit the member as well as the Branch structure which gives most Victorian residents a GSD specific training location within easy reach, a friendly atmosphere and the work that our Instructors and Committee members both at Branch and Club level do each and every week to cater to the needs of the members and the Breed as a whole, and of course the members themselves that form the bonds of friendship, that see them attend training every week, travel for trials together, travel for shows together, take part in community events showcasing our Breed and attend functions such as tonight, the camaraderie that being a member of our great Club creates, has given us our membership base, structure, foundation and strength to continue to grow.

We have been privileged to call Royal Canin, our premium sponsor for quite a few years. The relationship between Royal Canin and ourselves is one we value highly. Over the years, together we have provided premium dog food to our members at a very significant saving, provided prizes at Shows & Trials, produced booklets for our breeders and hosted educational seminars. Royal Canin exceeded our regular partnership arrangement with the additional support they provided to the GSDCA National Show & Trial held in Melbourne this past year. We are also privileged in the sponsorship we receive from Monash Veterinary Clinic. The clinic has been well known to the members of the club for many years, with many attending for as long as they have been members. Monash Veterinary Clinic is both a major sponsor of the Club as well as friend of the breed. Not only do they provide financial consideration, the partnership and long term association has built a foundation of trust and reliability, with many members continuing to utilise their services. I am pleased to announce that these two partnerships we are proud to say will continue for the 2016 year.

May 2015 saw the culmination of years of planning for the Club, hosting the GSDCA National Show and Trial held in Melbourne. While we accept and understand that the large majority of our members have no interest in breeding, showing or trialing, we are a Breed Club, with one of the overarching goals for the Club being the improvement of the Breed. Without entering into too much detail, we achieve this through conformation shows and trials, where the working ability and overall structure and conformance to the Breed Standard of the exhibits can be judged. The esteem in which an exhibitor is held when they 'win' at a National due to the size and importance that is 'The National' is without measure, it is where the best we have from all over Australia, attend and compete, with numbers not matched at any other event held during the year. Even entering a National is held in high regard. The spotlight that is shone on the Club hosting the event, the kudos they can achieve when it is done well, let's just say that the event itself can be talked about for many a year to come. Weather not-withstanding, a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere, exhibitors enjoying a friendly rivalry and genuinely happy for each other's success, the EJ Whitten Foundation with Ted Whitten Jnr (*we do love our footy*), the vibrant Dawn Fraser, the donations to the Canine Museum (the largest in the southern hemisphere), and the engaging Judges enables us to consider the event a success. The addition of a phone app and live streaming of the open class has again placed Victoria at the forefront, leading the way as it has done over the years and raising the bar yet again. Everyone that took part, running the event or exhibiting can rightly pat themselves on the back and say 'job well done'.



As has occurred in past years, we have been able to showcase our wonderful breed at the numerous Dog and Pet expos events that are held in the various locals around the State. Possibly the most high profile of these events are the Victoria Canine Association Big Dog Day out held at KCC Park, Caulfield Pet and Animal Expo, both of which are widely publicised in all media formats, attended by thousands of dog owner's and the general public. The exposure we achieve and the positive image that is portrayed is invaluable to ensuring the long term viability of our breed. In addition to these canine and pet based events we also participated in The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, an event we have taken part in for the last 32 years, and the Moomba Parade held on Victoria's Labour Day weekend. The Moomba Parade especially, with the handlers in costume and dogs on their best behaviour, with many a small hand wanting to 'pet the pretty doggies', on live TV is an opportunity that we do not take lightly, the potential exposure in this digital age is immeasurable.

This past year saw us conduct a Presidents meeting which was held over the weekend of the National Breed Commission (NBC) meeting in July. While the Presidents that make up National Council as well as the Executive of the Council are able to catch up at Championship Shows and 'Nationals' they attend, or at either the NBC or GSDCA AGM, there is such a full agenda dedicated to those specific meeting sit is often quite difficult to find the time to discuss other issues and our role as 'The Council'. While we do talk on the phone and in Victoria we have the luxury that the President and Secretary of National Council, and hence forward the editor of the Quarterly National Review are all Victorian residents, there is nothing quite like sitting down face to face, discussing the issues that arise during the year and collaborating on strategies to ensure the protection and promotion of our Breed and the organisation as a whole.

Discussion and a willingness to work together, a feeling that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, is and always has been the way that progress is made. While debate and contrary points of view are the cornerstone of a democratic organisation, the willingness to move forward with all your energy once a decision and policy has been determined is essential to the continued growth and well-being of the breed. This has been the way that our Club has achieved all that it has over its proud history.

## **VALE**

In 2015 as unfortunately has occurred in previous years we lost a number of dear friends, each of us deals with loss in their own way, and each loss is special to those it affects. On behalf of the Management Committee, members and myself personally, I extend our condolences to the family and friends who have lost loved ones throughout the year.

Time they say waits for no man. In addition to the pain that each loss causes us, the loss is also in the history that is missed when the experience of those that have left us has not been captured, and it is in the sense of the struggle that they undertook to lift the ban. Soon, possibly much sooner than we can imagine, there will be no one left that knows how hard a struggle it was to do what we take for granted today. The ease in which a dog can be imported, the purchase of a puppy, walking down the street with your furry companion, the breed improvement schemes, and the acceptance of the GSD in today's society. The struggle that took place to ensure we have the freedoms we enjoy today can never be forgotten.

An organisation such as ours could not operate effectively without a number of key roles. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some key individuals and extend my thanks for their efforts. Without delving to deeply into their portfolios, as I am certain they will present their report much more comprehensively then I, bring to light the roles they hold:

## **Vice President: Nicky McDermott**

Nicky took on the role of Vice President in 2015, moving forward from her time as a Branch Manager. Nicky has been an invaluable asset, ably assisting me in the many and varied duties that the 'Presidential' roles entail, a role that is all encompassing. Offering counsel and taking the lead on numerous issues when needed, Nicky's passion for the breed and energy to serve the organisation, her renomination for the position of Vice President in 2016 was not unexpected, she will do the position proud. I can easily see Nicky in the role of President in the future.

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Louisa Roger**

In addition to assisting both Nicky and myself in Presidential duties during 2015, Louisa takes on many other task, both in a leadership and support role. Louisa as a member of the Club Executive is an invaluable part of the leadership group and in addition to this important role, has recently taken on the role of Breed Specific Liaison Officer (BSLO), keeping an eye on government and local council legislation that may affect our breed (and canines in general), liaising with the GSDCA BSLO. I look forward to the continued good work in 2016.

## **Secretary: Val Moody**

What can one say about Val that has not already been said. Val returned to the role of Secretary in 2015, a role that she has held many times and for many years. As always, Val undertook the duties with a passion, knowledge and expertise that only she can muster, Val is the benchmark when it comes to Club secretaries. Ably attending to the many and varied secretarial duties that come with the size and structure of our Club, offering counsel to both Nicky and myself, keeping everything organised, Val has been invaluable in the role of Secretary. While Val has returned to the role on numerous occasions, always answering the call for help, I have been assured this is the last time. Val has not renominated, passing the baton on to another for 2016, electing to travel and take a well-earned break from the pressures of the position. We wish Val all the very best and sincerely thank her for the enormous efforts she put into the role.

## **Treasurer: Jackie Jacobson / Fiona Henderson**

Jackie took on the role for 2015, and with her background in accounting began to settle into the role, dealing with the financial side of our organisation, rectifying issues that were identified as well as the added pressures of hosting a 'National'. Unfortunately due to family matters, Jackie was unable to continue in the role, taking a leave of absence. At this time the Management Committee appointed Fiona Henderson to the position of Treasurer, moving her up from Assistant Treasurer. Fiona did an amazing job, bringing her financial expertise and understanding of the Club structure, event participation and past experience to the role. We are pleased that Fiona has renominated for the 2016 and can rest assured that the Club finances are in very capable hands.

Assisting Fiona in the role are Jacinta Poole and Dom Cafari, dealing with our online system and liaising with the Branch treasurers to ensure we comply with our legal and auditors requirements. I thank them both for their efforts.

## **Breed Affairs Administrator: Jenny Yuen**

Jenny continued in the role of Breed Affairs Administrator for 2015, directing this very important aspect of our organisation: As I have reiterated in the past, in many ways everything we do is either administration or a Breed issue. Any task that Jenny undertakes is conducted in a professional and conscientious manner with the wellbeing of the Club and the Breed at heart. Jenny has been invaluable to the smooth running of the organisation, offering counsel and advice where needed. The Victorian Breed Affairs meetings are the envy of many an interstate visitor; with the open and inclusive nature of the meetings talked about by visitors when they return home in an effort to replicate the manner in which they are held. I thank Jenny for her support and participation throughout the year. Jenny has as again renominated for the role for the 2015, where I am certain she will to continue the good work that she done to date.

## **Obedience Training Administrator: Marilyn Wrigley**

Marilyn has held the 'Chair' of the Obedience Training Committee (OTC) for numerous years, responsible for the Obedience training conducted across the Branches, enabling the member to train their dog, turning out faithful companions and good canine citizens. I thank Marilyn for all the effort put in during the year and look forward to working with her in 2016.

## **Branches:**

The GSDCV has the largest membership base of all the German Shepherd Dog Clubs in Australia and the Branch Structure is the key to the size and strength of the Club.

The Management Committee is where the Executive and Branch Managers come together to provide leadership and direction for the future of the GSDCV and the German Shepherd Dog. It is here that we come together as ONE CLUB, with an equality of votes regardless of position. I would like to thank the Branch Managers for your commitment and dedication to the Club as a whole and to your own Branch.

There are numerous people and groups of people within each Branch that I wish to thank. The Obedience and Show Instructors, without which there would be little reason for the members to turn up each week, the Branch committees that provide the framework for the Instructors and members to get together, and of course, the members themselves. While we are the German Shepherd Dog Club, we really are about people. If we did not have any members we would not have a Club. Thank you one and all.

### **Breed Surveyors:**

The Breed Survey Panel in Victoria provides valuable breed advice and guidance to our members as well as providing counsel to the organisation on the many and varied issue that arise. The challenge they face tomorrow is providing leadership and direction to up and coming surveyors as well as the peer group, ensuring there is consistency across the country. The surveyor's participation at the Breed Affairs meetings is essential to our success and symbolises the essence that is the GSDCV. They provide valuable insight and participation in the decision making process through the Committee; they provide a connection to the Breed throughout Australia.

Alistair Henderson has again led the Victorian Surveyor Panel; I thank him for his work and dedication. Gillian Cafari continued in the role of Breed Survey Registrar, doing an admirable job keeping the survey process running smoothly. Thank you Gill for the effort and dedication.

### **Show Committee/National Show and Trial Committee.**

Andrew Jones continued in the role of Show Manager for 2015 and has continued to do an outstanding job. The Show Committee, reporting to the Breed Affairs Committee, manage and plan our Show events throughout the year, not only our own but assisting other clubs that provide us with Specialist Shows. With this past year being 'the year of the National, the work load and responsibilities of Andrew, Vicki Dobson as Show Secretary, Dearne Jackson as Trial Manager/Merchandise Manager (National) as well as numerous others increased dramatically. The dedication and manner in which they handled their roles, providing guidance and direction to the legion of helpers and other position holders ensured the National was the success it was.

Unfortunately, due to other commitments, Andrew was unable to continue in the role of show manager. The vigour and vitality that Andrew brought to the role resulted in a resurgence in entries and a return to the friendly nature of competition. He will be sorely missed and we wish him well.

As Assistant Show Manager, Vince Tantaró, took on the reigns of Show Manager for the continuation of the period, ensuring that remaining shows will still run as smoothly as when Andrew was at the helm. We also thank Vince for hosting and playing taxi service for visiting Judges, not only offering his time but at times his home. This can be a time consuming and thankless task. So we thank Vince for his superb handling of the Judges, which makes Victoria a place that the overseas as well as interstate Judges want to visit. An integral part of the committee is the Show Secretary. This vital and very demanding role is ably filled by Vicki Dobson, dealing with the many issues that ensue. In addition to the Show secretary, I would like to especially thank Jeannette Wolk, her friendly outgoing and easy nature, always willing to please has ensured that the exhibitors are afforded as smooth and hassle free start to the day at each event as can be. Getting off to a good start is essential in maintaining a friendly and jovial atmosphere.

The National Show and Trial Committee culminated many years and countless hours of planning in the running of the National in May. By all accounts it was a success; each and every member of the committee must be congratulated in the work and effort they put in. It was all integral to the smooth running of the event. As well as the physical work load that ensure, there is a great deal of administration that takes place, with the financials being an enormous and complex portion. Our thanks to Rachael Jones, who in addition to supporting Andrew in his role, took on the mammoth task of Treasurer for the Committee, dealing with the various finances of the event and liaising with the Club Treasure, Rachael did an outstanding job.

With the National over and all the accounts finalised, the committee is in the process of winding down. The conduct of events for next year and beyond will be taken care of by the Show Committee in a much smaller format. Though regular, the events they will undertake are still labour intensive and we wish them well.

There are many members who are integral to the smooth operation of the Show Committee, both for the 'National' and the regular events. I thank them all.

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### **Trial Manager: Melissa Bauer/Dearne Jackson/OTC**

Melissa took on the position for 2015, unfortunately, due to personal reasons was unable to continue, which is a shame as by all reports running the few trials that she did, Melissa was looking like being a very capable Trial Manager, with an friendly and easy going manner. Dearne Jackson stepped into the role for the National, bringing to the position the dedication and passion that Dearne shows in any position she holds. Dearne's knowledge, expertise, friendly and out-going nature and the ability to galvanise a multitude of helpers ensured the National trial was a huge success. After the National, with no Trial Manager in the role, the responsibility of running the trials fell to the Obedience Training committee as a whole.

### **Position Holders:**

The many Position Holders who take on the various tasks for the Club are extremely valuable in the roles they perform. Without these people we could not provide the services we currently do.

### **Shepherd News and Webmaster: Jacinta Poole**

Jacinta wears many hats within the GSDCV, Webmaster, Shepherd News Editor, Facebook Administrator, Photographer and all round technical expert. The sheer volume of effort that Jacinta puts into the club is staggering and we are extremely lucky to have someone of her calibre willing to assist in the many ways that she does. The publication of the Shepherd News, the Shepherd E-News, the Club Facebook page and the Club website, [www.gsdcv.org.au](http://www.gsdcv.org.au), assisting various position holders with technical help and the implementation of the National 'phone app' that Jacinta developed places the GSDCV at the leading edge of social interaction where we can reliably communicate with our members in these busy times, the flair and dedication with which they are put together makes us the envy of many other Clubs.

I also extend the Clubs thanks to Daryl Bourke who continues to work on the technical issues that pop up from time to time as well as Grant & Lin Milne for providing the software to power the FAQ section of our website, a world class system and an integral aspect of the success of our website.

### **Membership Officer: Lin Ebejer**

Membership is a complex and demanding role, one does not fully understand the enormity of the role that managing the details for an organisation of our size entails. Lin continued in this role during 2015, ably dealing with the many issues that arise in order to ensure the smooth processing of the many new applications each month and the renewals. The information that the membership database can provide is invaluable in gauging the 'health' of the Branches. Having undertaken the role of Membership officer for the past 7 years, and developing the membership database along the way, Lin has decided that it is time to stand down and pass the role on to others. Understanding the effort that the role entails, I thank Lin for her enormous work over the years.

Thanks also to Ray Jones who built and maintains the programming of the database; we continue to have an outstanding product at no cost.

### **Promotion Officer: No Position Holder**

Promotions is an especially important role and encompasses everything from providing dogs for the public to pat, to a fully manned breed stand complete with TV and pamphlets. As we did not have a specific member in the role for 2015 we enlisted the help of Dearne Jackson for certain events, the Moomba Parade, Pet and Animal Expo and the VCA Big Dog Day out. Again it was the dedication, expertise and understanding of what promoting the breed entails as well as adhering to a standard of behaviour to ensure the very best promotion, these events were a success with our wonderful breed and Club presented in the best possible light. Thank you to the team of helpers that took part in these events with Dearne.

We cannot manage the promotional aspect of the GSDCV alone, the numerous members that undertake to promote the breed whenever they are in public, with their well-behaved and socialised GSD's walking down the street or taking part in structured events, these are our true ambassadors and I thank you.

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### **Demo Team Manager: Michael Simmons**

Michael took on the role during 2015, liaising with numerous Branch's for events where GSD's were needed for demonstration work and organising the GSD demonstration at the Royal Agricultural Show of Victoria, where they performed for a captive audience. Thank you to Michael and the team.

### **Publicity: No Position Holder.**

During 2015, there was no specific member filling the role of Publicity Officer, and the various stories were handled by numerous members. I thank you to all that contributed.

### **Royal Children's Good Friday Appeal:**

For the past 32 years the Club has supported the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, the 2015 collection raised \$26,568, an outstanding effort. This has brought the overall collection to \$545,961 a significant amount. As has been the case since the beginning, the members of Western Branch have made up the majority of people helping out on the day whether it be manning corners or assisting in other ways. For a number of years, many other GSDCV Branches have taken part, 'claiming' their corners with some like Eastern Branch getting in the spirit of the event by dressing up in Bunny suits. The 'Appeal' holds a significant place in the hearts of Victorians, the saturation coverage the event is given ensures that at some point during the day we are certain to be seen. While we appreciate the publicity, the main point of the day is the children and the funds that can be raised for their well-being. This was the focus of the instigators of our participation so many years ago: Bernie Lester and Lyn Pickering. Both Bernie and Lyn continue to organise the event each year, with Dom Cafari joining in a few years later. Thanks to all three for their dedication enthusiasm and support each year for this worthwhile event. A very big thank you to the many members and their families who assist and rattle the tins.

### **Rehoming: Mike Nelson**

The role of the Rehoming Officer is both a simple and complex role. Simple; match the people who want to re-home their GSD with others that want to take one. Complex; match the right dog with the right person without letting our passion for the breed (let's face it that's why we take on these roles) get us too involved and wanting to take them all home. Mike has done well in the role, and I thank him for his efforts.

Congratulations to all members who are receiving awards today. These awards are the recognition for your hard work and dedication, sometimes spanning years. You should be proud of your achievements.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Val Moody for compiling the 2015 Annual Report.

I reiterate what I have said in the past and will continue to say, thank you to the unsung hero of the GSDCV, I know you are out there. Those members who without fuss and fanfare, with no position attached to their name; at the Branch's, Shows, and Trials, those members that get in and do what's needed. Not because they must, or it is their job, but because it needs to be done and they want to. To them I say a very big Thank You.

Thank you also to the Executive and Management Committee, for their participation and support throughout the year.

To the Branch's for the hospitality they have shown Lin and I when we visit. We have always been made to feel welcome, and that we are a part of their Branch. I have thoroughly enjoyed this past year and look forward to tomorrow.

In closing, I would like to thank my wife Lin for the tremendous support she has provided to me over the past twelve months. There have been times when decisions have weighed heavily, and her steady support has enabled me to get through, leading the GSDCV to the future.



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## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mrs Nicky McDermott**

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year in this position and would like to thank everyone that has supported me.

Over the past 12 months I have attended a number of events and would have to say the National was a highlight. I would like to applaud Andrew Jones and his team on an extremely well run event that set the benchmark even higher than previous Nationals. Even the inclement weather didn't dampen the spectator's spirits.

We have seen a number of changes and I believe the committee of 2015 worked very well together and accomplished a great deal, I look forward to working with you all again in 2016.

I really believe we need to band together and protect our breed and ensure that we continue to breed, own and train dogs of sound body, mind and temperament. Sometimes fads can creep in and have a detrimental effect on our dogs. We also need to remain vigilant in regards to state and federal legislation that can adversely impact on our breed. There are some factions that are not dog friendly and would be happy to see breeds such as ours return to the days when the ban was imposed. I would like all members to remember, when out in public the huge responsibilities they have. They are ambassadors of the GSD, the GSDCV, the branch they attend and the instructors who teach them. I love hearing people say they were approached by a stranger in the street asking them about their beautiful GSD because of how well behaved it is. It is our duty to ensure our dogs always presented in a positive way.

I would also like to acknowledge the instructors that donate their time and efforts every week at all of our training branches. Without these instructors there would be no classes and therefore no members. We are all here because of our love of all things GSD.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mrs Louisa Rodger**

I am pleased to submit my report to the 2015 AGM and in doing so, thank all members of the Management Committee for their help throughout the year. In particular, I would like to pay tribute to the Branch Officials, Instructors and members who week in week out provide a service to their branch and communities with little or no thanks. The endeavours of these dedicated members ensures that the German Shepherd Dog is well looked after. Thank you one and all for your tireless efforts.

The year also saw a change at the Executive level with three "new" members coming on board – welcome to Val Moody, Nicky McDermott and Jackie Jacobsen. My sincere thanks to Ian Urie (who retired) and to Norma Meaney and Michael Simmons for their hard work and support in their time as members of the Executive.

2015 was filled with the usual events conducted by the club. The biggest event for the year would have to have been the staging of the 43<sup>rd</sup> National Show and Trial at KCC Park. Whilst planning had commenced some two years prior to the event, the final months leading up to May were hectic. However, the overall appreciative comments by exhibitors and visitors alike once again proved that Victoria can run a very enjoyable weekend, albeit it with a small group of helpers. Thank you to all those who provided support to assist me with the catering. It was greatly appreciated. Congratulations to the outgoing Show Manager, Mr Andrew Jones and his crew for all their hard work and efforts to achieve such a high standard event.

It was also pleasing to see the reintroduction of Structural Assessments for members, with two being held throughout the year. This is a most positive way we can provide another service to our members. Whilst I was unable to attend the one at the Eastern Branch, I did manage to get to the Ballarat assessment in August. Most pleasing to see was the participation of members, not only from Ballarat, but also Bendigo and Geelong. To those members who do not wish to breed with their animals, but would like to have an idea of their animal's overall construction and temperament, these Structural Assessment days offer a chance to present your animal to one of our surveyors for a critique on your dog.

The issue of our Rehoming Scheme was raised again this year, with some branches looking to develop this into a more "rescue" type service. It was very disappointing to hear the negative criticisms without any attempt to provide some positive feedback and suggestions. My sincere thanks to Mike Nelson who over many months tried to find ways to "accommodate" these wishes. The reality is however, that due to several factors, including lack of man power and

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facilities, the majority of branches preferred to retain the current format. I now hope that all members promote this service.

Still of concern is the lack of any real involvement in promoting our club and its activities throughout the media. As I stated in my report last year, we should be far more proactive in getting our name into the public eye and I am ever hopeful that someone will come along to tackle this task and make it a significant proactive portfolio.

My other major area of concern is the lack of action with regards to the updating of our Constitution. Whilst there was a most productive meeting in July at which various changes were discussed, unfortunately at the time of writing nothing further has happened. Our constitution is an extremely old and outdated document, particularly in relation to the changes in the requisite legislation that came into force in 2014 and the electronic world we live in and as this constitution provides the overall building frame of our club it must be updated to bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Hopefully this document will be discussed and formalised to put before the general members at a Special General Meeting in the not too distant future.

In closing, my sincere congratulations to all those members who have achieved awards this year. The efforts required to obtain titles, breeding recognition and in particular recognition for services to the club are long and arduous. It is therefore very pleasing to see these people's efforts bring well deserved rewards. Congratulations to all.

My thanks to all those who have assisted me in various tasks throughout the year. We can never have enough hands to help out at various times and I urge you all to try to find some spare time to give a little back to this great club when extra hands are needed.

My best wishes to all for a most enjoyable 2016 with your dogs! Remember, they are the reason we are all here.

### **SECRETARY – Mrs Val Moody**

It is with pleasure that I submit my report to the AGM of the GSDCV for 2015.

It is pleasing to report that the year has seen the Club function harmoniously and with much vigour, especially with the addition of hosting the most prestigious event in the GSD calendar, the GSDCA National Show & Trial. Congratulations to the Show & Trial Committees along with all those members from Victoria and interstate that helped. All help was gratefully received, which ensured the event was a huge success. Well done all.

As the Honorary Secretary, my portfolio is more one of administration, with day to day running of the organisation. Therefore the ability to provide an interesting report can be very challenging. Other members of the Management team cover aspects of the Club that need not be commented on by me.

Therefore, I believe that one must ensure that those who help with the many aspects of this Club as a whole needs to be acknowledged and recognised as best one can.

I wish to extend my appreciation to all those many Instructors, Committees, members that are taking care of their branches and doing the day to day task without any fuss or recognition. Without you all, this Club could not function, thank you one and all.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Barbara Blythe for her continued support throughout the year as the Minute Secretary. Her expertise not only applies to Management meetings but the various Special General Meetings held throughout the year, along with the arduous task of taking minutes at the GSDCA AGM, NBC Meeting and Judges meetings. Barbara is always willing to help and offer any assistance whenever asked. Thank you so much Barb!

I would also like to thank Jacinta Poole for her ongoing support during this year, again someone that on many occasions has been there to provide items, ensure notices are placed in Shepherd News and is always willing to undertake any task when asked. Thanks Jacinta!

Another member of this Club that deserves recognition for her efforts is Dearne Jackson. As the Club did not have a Promotions Officer for 2015, I approached Dearne early in the year to see if she would be willing to coordinate the

Melbourne Pet & Animal Expo, Moomba Parade and the Dogs Victoria Big Dog Day Out. Without fail Dearne and her dedicated helpers got stuck into the coordination of the many events and were a credit to our Club.

I thank them for the hard work undertaken with these events and believe that without members that give their time freely, the promotion of our breed would not be as prevalent as it is. Well done all!

I would like to wish Melissa Siktars all the very best with her new role for 2016 as the new Honorary Secretary. I'm sure Melissa will find this role challenging at times as well as enjoyable and be reassured that everyone will support her during this initial stage.

My appreciation is extended to the Management Committee, Position Holders, Instructors, Branch Committees and the many members that have helped and supported me and the GSDCV over this last 12 months.

I wish to thank Vince Ebejer for his dedication to his role as President, the support he has shown me, along with maintaining the ideals we all strive for and that is to ensure the longevity of the German Shepherd Dog.

In closing, I thank my husband Frank for all the support he has given me throughout the year. It does make it a lot easier to deal with the many aspects of this portfolio when you have someone that understands the Club and can offer some guidance.

I would like to wish the Executive, Management Committee and all branches the best in their endeavours for 2016 and look forward to seeing you all around the traps!

### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Mrs Jackie Jacobson & Mrs Fiona Henderson**

I stepped up to fill the position of Club Treasurer in June due to the inability of Jackie Jacobson the elected nominee being unable to continue in the roll. Consequently, I seemed to be constantly in catch up mode.

Firstly, I would like to thank Jacinta Poole and Dom Cafari for their assistance in preparation of the accounts for lodgement with the auditor.

Dom Cafari undertook the task of ensuring that the Branch Treasurers spreadsheets & reporting complied with the procedures in place. Unfortunately standards had been allowed to slip and the majority of branch reporting was quite poor. Under Dom's guidance I am sure this will improve.

Jacinta Poole was invaluable with her knowledge of club activities and assisted with revamping the procedure's manual and forms, fixing spreadsheets, preparing the monthly NAB online Transaction breakdown and generally prompting me with regards to scheduling of reports & information gathering.

I also thank Dearne Jackson National Merchandise Officer & TSD Trial Manager, Rachel Jones Show Committee Treasurer and Membership Officer Lin Ebejer for their timely reporting of the breakdowns of information and help with reconciliations.

The absence of a Trial Manager for the majority of the year created problems, however the implementation of a new reporting schedule should hopefully streamline this reporting task.

This year we offered the Branch Treasurers access to their NAB account online so that they could view the balances and transactions prior to receiving the month end statement.

MYOB Cloud software was implemented this year and was invaluable for easy access to account preparation. By allowing authorised access to more than one person it alleviates the problem of invaluable information being lost in the unlikely event of the demise of the main preparer.

On a more positive note it is pleasing to report that the Club improved its financial position over the year. The National show successfully contributed around \$7,000 to the result and the majority of Branches had healthy results.

I refer you to the auditor's report and financial statements for 2015 in the following pages.



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## **BREED AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATOR – Mrs Jenny Yuen**

2015 has been a very busy year with preparations for and the running of the National Show and Trial held here in Victoria in May along with the general Breed Affairs tasks and the constant work at GSDCV Executive level.

I attended both the GSDCA AGM in February and the Surveyors/Judges/National Breed Commission Meetings in July on behalf of the GSDCV. Much ground is covered at these meetings to benefit our breed and state club participation is vital.

I have endeavoured to visit some of the branches this year and hope to get to all in 2016. Thank you to the branches concerned for their hospitality.

We held two Structural Assessments this year, at Eastern and Ballarat. These proved to be very educational days and were well received by the members. Two more will take place in 2016.

To all the Breed Liaison Officers: Shirley Taylor, Julie Urie, Julie Jordan, Mel Siktars, Gayle Johnson, Carole Osborne, Mary Lanfranchi, Edwina Neale, Maureen Kail and Martine Burgess thank you for your support and the assistance you give at Branch Level. Communication is very important and your role keeps the members of your branch informed.

To the BA Position Holders: Assistant BA Administrator Vince Tantaro, Show Manager Andrew Jones, Show Training Administrator Mark Stedwell, Breed Survey Registrar Gillian Cafari, HD/ED Registrar Gillian Cafari/ Karen Ballantyne, Tattoo Registrar Michael Blunt, Puppy Listings Officer Judy Eppinger I would like to extend my thanks to you all for the work you do for our breed and our club and for the support you have given me throughout the year.

A very grateful thank you to the Show Committee under the leadership of Andrew Jones and ably supported by the Show Secretary Vicki Dobson and Show Treasurer Rachel Jones. They had an enormous job this year with the running of not only our normal annual shows but also the National in May. What an amazing feat it was. Congratulations to the whole team of workers and thank you for the work you all put in. As you all know without a keen pool of workers we would not be able to run these events. A huge vote of thanks must go to the ground crew and all those behind the scenes who put up and take down the rings and tents, look after the loudspeakers, organise catalogues and entries, bag & distribute the vests, organise the trophies, look after the judges, stenographers, stewards, organise corporate tents, organise the show trailer and so the list goes on. Sometimes conditions can be pretty trying. So it was this year with the weather unkind to us but all rallied on regardless. A special thank you to Jacinta Poole our webmaster who again lifted the bar with the phone app.

The State Breed Evaluation was judged for the first time in many years as a breed evaluation as per the vote of the GSDCV members. Judging was spread over 2 days and was based on the criteria that applied to the original Main Breed Evaluation. Saturday saw the babies through to intermediates judged as a normal show by Greg Green. Sunday saw the Open classes judged by Jenny Yuen with 4 bitches and 2 dogs achieving the Excellent Merit grading. I was impressed with the spirit in which the event was received by the exhibitors and thank them all for their support and sportsmanlike behaviour.

The GSDCV and Working Dog Club week end saw the well-known Herr Bosl and Russell Wenham judge. The weather again was not kind but all made the best of it. Another very successful event.

The Open Show was judged by Jonathan Marshall who was seen to take his task very seriously and was consequently well received by the exhibitors.

To the Breed Surveyor Panel: Breed Survey Coordinator Alistair Henderson, Greg Green, Ian Urie, Vince Tantaro, James Rodger and Fran Farley my gratitude for your support and friendship. We work as a team, ably overseen by Alistair Henderson and Gill Cafari the Breed Survey Registrar. Gill has held this position for some years now and her efforts are greatly appreciated by all of us. Thank you to the Show Branch who kindly supply the lunches for the Survey team throughout the year. This year saw the October Survey held at Western. Many thanks to the Western branch for their hospitality and catering. A very successful day. 2016 will see Western again holding a survey.

Thank you to Mark Stedwell the Show Training Administrator. I had the pleasure of visiting Wodonga Branch and gave the Practical Test to their 3 aspirants. What a lovely ground they have and a great bunch of Shepherd enthusiasts.

Thank you to Judy Eppinger who continues to look after the Puppy Listings portfolio. Judy gives up a lot of her time to field the many calls she receives and I'm sure at times requires the patience of a saint. She always promotes the GSDCA Breed Improvement schemes. Well done Judy.

Thank you to Michael Blunt who continues to oversee the Tattoo Scheme in the role of Tattoo Registrar. Although the requirement for tattooing dogs has diminished since the introduction of compulsory micro-chipping the scheme is still available to members. It has proved helpful in the instance where the microchip has moved or in fact has disappeared.

Thank you to Gill Cafari and Karen Ballantyne who work together in the role of HD/ED Registrar. Both have held this very important position for a number of years. It is vital that we only breed with dogs that possess an "A" and "Z" Stamp.

In spite of not officially holding the title of Publicity and Events Manager a special thank you must go to Dearne Jackson and her team who stepped up to undertake the club stand at the Big Day Out at the Park. She continues to support the club, working tirelessly to promote the German Shepherd Dog. After all the German Shepherd Dog is why we are all here.

This year again I would like to sincerely thank the Webmaster and Shepherd News Editor, Jacinta Poole, not only for the amazing job she does in those portfolios but also for the enormous amount of work she continues to put in behind the scenes assisting and supporting many of us in our many roles.

To my BA Secretary, Mel Siktars a big thank you. You are a great help to me and I wish you well in your new role as GSDCV Secretary in 2016.

Lastly, I would also like to thank the members who attend the BA meetings purely because they are interested in the breed and breed affairs. I appreciate your interest and always welcome your input. The Breed Affairs meetings are open to all members.

BREED AFFAIRS COMMITTEE 2015			
BA Administrator	Mrs Jenny Yuen	State Breed Survey Coordinator	Mr Alastair Henderson
Assistant BA Administrator	Mr Vince Tantaró	Breed Surveyors	Mrs Fran Farley
Show Training Administrator	Mr Mark Stedwell		Mrs Jenny Yuen
Show Manager	Mr Andrew Jones		Mr Alastair Henderson
Show Secretary	Mrs Vicki Dobson		Mr James Rodger
Breed Affairs Secretary	Mrs Melissa Siktars		Mr Vince Tantaró
HD/ED Registrar	Ms Karen Ballantyne/Mrs Gill Cafari		Mr Ian Urie
Puppy Listings Officer	Ms Judy Eppinger	State Breed Survey Registrar	Mrs Gill Cafari
Tattoo Registrar	Mr Michael Blunt		
Tattoo Officers	Mr Frank Moody	Branch Liaison Officers	Mrs Edwina Neale (Ballarat)
	Mr Neil Kail		Mrs Maureen Kail (Bendigo)
	Mr Peter Savickas		Mrs Melissa Siktars (Eastern)
	Mr Brank Auwema		N/A (Geelong)
	Ms Arlene Kerr		Mrs Julie Jordan (Gippsland)
	Mrs Angela Bohdal		Ms Gayle Johnston (Malvern)
	Mrs Julie Urie		Mrs Mary Lanfranchi (Northern)
	Mr Michael Blunt		Mrs Julie Urie (Skye)
			Mrs Shirley Taylor (SSB)
			Mrs Carole Osborne (Western)
			Mr Martine Burgess (Wodonga)

**The 2015 Show Committee consisted of the following:**

Show Manager	Mr Andrew Jones	Assistant Show Manager	Mr Vince Tantaró
Show Secretary	Mrs Vicki Dobson	Assistant Show Secretary	Mrs Jean Colenso
Show Treasurer	Mrs Rachel Jones	Trial Manager	Mrs Dearne Jackson
President GSDCV	Mr Vince Ebejer	Breed Affairs Chairperson	Mrs Jenny Yuen
Secretary GSDCV	Mrs Val Moody		Mrs Jeannette Wok
	Mr Ian Urie		Mrs Debbie Colson
	Mr David Berry		Mrs Louisa Rodger
	Mr Frank Moody		

**Breed Affairs Position Holders' Reports:**

**Show Training Administrator – Mr Mark Stedwell:**

A sincere thanks to all Show Instructors who have given their time and expertise during 2015. Members attending conformation show training classes have benefited from the wealth of experience our Instructor pool has to offer.

A highlight of the 2015 year has been welcoming five conscientious members as new show instructors. Our show training instructor aspirer program was successfully completed by Tracey Hill, Martine Burgess and Jeff Burgess (Wodonga Branch), Steve Kinsman (Western Branch) and Amanda Barr (Skye Branch). Congratulations, a great effort.

Branches are always in need of new additions to their instructor pool. If any member is interested, please see your Chief Instructor for more information.

In appreciation for continued dedication to the GSDCV for committing time, effort and experience as show training instructors, recipients of the GSDCV Show Instructor Continuous Service Awards in 2015 are:

- Chris Bohdal - 20 years Show Instructor - Western
- Brank Auwema – 5 Years Show Instructor - Skye

Congratulations and thanks to Chris and Brank on their achievements and service to GSDCV show training. These awards will be handed out at the GSDCV AGM.

Due to professional and family commitments I am unable to continue as the show training administrator for 2016. Thank you to the GSDCV members for the opportunity to assist the Club in the interests of the German Shepherd Dog.

I would like to personally thank Jenny Yuen as the Breed Affairs Committee Chairperson for her selfless dedication to the GSDCV and her support to me in this role.

**State Breed Survey Co-ordinator – Mr Alastair Henderson**

During 2015 we held the 6 usual surveys in Victoria plus one before the National. This year saw one of our regular surveys held at the Western Branch. We must thank both the Specialty Show Branch & Western Branch for their hospitality.

The number of dogs surveyed were the same as last year Unless numbers increase significantly I think for the future we need to look at reducing the number of surveys to 4 .Surveys conducted with only 2-3 animals are not ideal for a number of reasons, the main one being the lack of numbers to compare and ensure the results are more consistent from one survey to the next.

I have had a mostly positive response to reducing the number of surveys each year, with the odd negative response from breeders that will be personally affected on any given day. The time has come to rationalize things to make survey's better for everyone not just a few.

Council has recently implemented the appointment of a second surveyor at surveys where in the past only one surveyor has been present. The rationale once again to try and make the system more consistent Australia wide.

I must thank my fellow surveyors and our registrar Gillian Cafari for their support again this year and look forward to 2016.

**Breed Survey Registrar – Mrs Gillian Cafari**

It is hard to believe another year has passed and we now look back at the year that was. We held seven Breeds surveys this year, one extra due to the GSDCA National being held in Victoria in May. I would like to congratulate the Victorian Breed Surveyor Panel, along with the breeders and owners of animals presented in gaining the Classification of Class I or Class II. The total number of animals classified was the same as 2014.

Following is a table showing the results by classification of animals presented at Victorian surveys for the year ended December 2015.

	CLASSIFIED IMPORT	CLASS I	CLASS II	FAIL	TOTAL
DOGS	1	5	1	-	7
DOGS (LSC)	-	2	2	-	4
BITCHES	-	17	5	3	25
BITCH (LSC)	-	2	1	-	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	1	26	9	3	39

The number of animals assessed by each surveyor is as follows:

Mr Ian Urie – 10	Mr Greg Green – 7	Mrs Jenny Yuen – 7
Mr Alastair Henderson – 6	Mrs Fran Farley - 5	Mr Vince Tantaro – 4
Mr James Rodger		

I would like to thank Alastair Henderson, State Breed Survey Coordinator, together with all the Victorian Breed Surveyors for their support during the year, without whom there would not be a survey scheme. This dedicated team ensure their knowledge and experience about the German Shepherd Dog is available to all members.

My thanks also to the Speciality Show Branch and Western Branch for hosting our Surveys and for the hospitality shown to the Surveyors and myself.

I also thank all the breeders and owners who support this GSDCA Breed Improvement Scheme and wish you all a successful year in 2016.

**Hip/Elbow Dysplasia Registrar – Mrs Karen Ballantyne/Mrs Gillian Cafari:**

GSDCV members and breeders continue to demonstrate their dedication to continual breed improvement by participating in the GSDCA National Hip & Elbow Control Scheme.

During 2015, 108 HD/ED forms (contracts) were issued to GSDCV members. Of these, 102 contracts were issued for hip and elbow assessment; 1 contract was issued for 'elbows only'; and 2 contracts were issued for 'hips only' assessment.

1 contract was issued for hip and elbow assessment and 2 contracts were issued for 'hips only' assessment due to poor positioning (tilted) in previously submitted x-rays.

By way of comparison:

- In 1993, 208 forms were issued to Victorian members 126 HD/ED forms (contracts) were issued to Victorian members;
- In 2003, 126 HD/ED forms (contracts) were issued to Victorian members. Of these, 121 contracts were issued for Hip and Elbow assessment and 5 were for Elbow assessment only;
- In 2013, 91 contracts were issued to Victoria members. Of these, 88 contracts were issued for Hip and Elbow assessment and 3 were for Hip assessment only; and
- In 2014, 101 contracts were issued to Victoria members. Of these, 98 contracts were issued for Hip and Elbow assessment, and 3 were for Hip assessment only.

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The number of HD/ED contracts issued reflects the reduction in overall GSD breeding activity, rather than indicating any decrease in support for the scheme. The numbers of contracts issued over the last few years has been relatively stable, with a slight increases in 2014 and 2015.

Congratulations to the following Victorian Breeders who were presented with GSDCA National Breeder's Achievement Awards (HD/ED Medallions) at the 43<sup>rd</sup> National Show and Trial held in May 2015 at Melbourne:

Gold Medallion - Kennels that have bred 50 animals that have been awarded an 'A' stamp through the GSDCA Hip/Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme:

- Awatea Kennels, F. Grigons

Silver Medallion - Kennels that have bred 25 animals that have been awarded an 'A' stamp through the GSDCA Hip/Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme:

- Bodecka Kennels, J. Joseph
- Bronacre Kennels, P & E Neale

Bronze Medallion - Kennels that have bred 10 animals that have been awarded an 'A' stamp through the GSDCA Hip/Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme:

- Kasron Kennels, S.Vane
- Ramara Kennels, M. Raftopoulous

Bronze Medallion - Kennels that have bred 10 animals that have been awarded a 'Z' stamp through the GSDCA Hip/Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme:

- Swartzlic Kennels, S Hargreaves

We would like to thank the GSDCA National Hip and Elbow Control Scheme Registrar, Doug West, and the National Treasurer, Jane Pike, for their support and friendly assistance during the year. Members really appreciate receiving their official 'A & Z' stamp certificates so promptly after the 'pink slip'.

There is no doubt that the strong support breeders and owners have demonstrated for the HD/ED scheme in the past is now reflected in the excellent hip/elbow results members are achieving. A high level of participation in the scheme is the only way Australian HD/ED scheme statistics can be representative of the producing abilities of individual sires. Breeders rely on representative and up-to-date statistics being available to assist their selection of better hip and elbow producing sires.

Good luck with your X-raying during 2016.

**Tattoo Registrar – Mr Michael Blunt:**

I would like to thank all the Tattoo Officers for voluntarily giving up their time to provide this service to the Breeders.

During the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, we have tattooed a total of 25 litters, comprising 162 puppies.

This has been a very big significant decrease from last year which is very sad to see as a lot of breeders are not following the tattoo scheme.

I would hope that they will continue to follow the scheme in time to come.

The split of these litters by Tattoo Officers as detailed below.

<b>Tattoo Officer</b>	<b>Litters Tattooed</b>
Brank Auwema	6
Michael Blunt	6
Angela Bohdal	1
Arlene Kerr	6
Frank Moody	6
Neil Kail	0
Peter Savickas	0
Julie Urie	0

I would like to remind the breeders that it is a part of the GSDCV Inc Rules and Regulations that all tattoo information must be handed to the Tattooist no later than 4 weeks from the date of Tattooing.

Thank you to the Breeders who continue to support this important scheme.

**The team of Tattoo Officers for 2015 was:**

**GSDCV Tattoo Registrar:** Michael Blunt  
**Tattoo Officers:**

Brank Auwema  
Julie Urie  
Angela Bohdal

Frank Moody  
Peter Savickas  
David Hynd

Arlene Kerr  
Neil Kail

**Puppy Listings Registrar – Ms Judy Eppinger:**

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of enquiries from people who have had a German Shepherd cross in the past and now want to get a pure bred. As the website is the first port of call for most, I find the majority of callers are very well informed and willing to wait to ensure they obtain the best puppy for their circumstances. Very few callers want a puppy immediately, let alone a pup for a Christmas or a birthday present. A pleasant change.

This year there were 43 litters on Puppy listings, for a total of 295 puppies, 152 males and 143 females.

Thanks to everyone listing with Puppy listings, Jenny Yuen for her willingness to answer my questions, and particularly to Jacinta Poole for her invaluable work in maintaining the website.

**OBEDIENCE TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mrs Marilyn Wrigley**

On behalf of the Obedience Training Committee of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc., I have much pleasure in presenting this Annual Report to our Annual General Meeting on Friday February 19th 2016.

I sincerely thank all Chief Instructors for their contribution to the obedience committee, their branches and members in assisting branch members to train their German Shepherds.

This group of people attend training on a weekly basis and co-ordinate instructors on a roster basis throughout the year to provide instruction at the various class levels for members from baby puppy classes through to class four and above which includes trial, tracking and rally training. Looking at the number of dogs training each week at our ten branches we can appreciate the many hours that goes into the organisation and conduct of the obedience and other disciplines covered during the year.

Thank you to Dom Cafari {Western}, Terry Taukus {Northern}, Terry Kennedy {Bendigo}, David Hynd {Gippsland}, Les Rudling {Skye}, Peter Wallbridge {Eastern}, Jo Mee {Geelong}, Gordon Cole {Wodonga}, Lyn Maniz {Ballarat} and Dearne Jackson {Malvern}.

Included with thanking our Chief Instructors I also sincerely thank all instructors of the club who week after week attend and conduct obedience training for the members of the club in the training of their dogs. This is a fabulous commitment from each of those instructors and I know that it is very much appreciated by GSDCV members at all our obedience branches. As an instructor it is pleasing to see someone you have had in your class receive their pass up cards as they are moving up the ladder knowing you have helped them to achieve that success. On behalf of OTC



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and club members thank you one and all for your consistent input throughout the year and for the many times instructors go above and beyond what is required of them.

**ASPIRERS & RE-TESTS:** This year we had 14 Aspiring Obedience Instructors start this two year course. The exam for this group was held in late November 2015 when ten sat the exam and all passed their written work and will now move onto complete their year of practical work at the metropolitan branches in 2016. We had some members unable to do the exam due to ill health and so as soon as they/we are able a date will be sought for their exam. Also in that exam group will be two members who were not in Australia when the exam was held. We had three re-tests in 2015 who put their names forward to take up instructing again after having some time off as instructors. All three passed the requirements of the re-test and will be most valuable to their various branches. I sincerely thank all who assisted in any way with the lectures, presentations, demonstrations and practical work that was organised for the 2015 course, your contribution to the successful group was greatly appreciated both by the aspirers and OTC. I would like to thank the Western Branch GSDCV for the use of their facilities to assist the presentation of the aspirer's course. I would like it known that qualified instructors are welcome to attend the aspirer's lectures and branch CI's will have a list of dates, content of lecture etc.

As well as the information our instructors pass onto members a number of branches also provide information to their members, have lectures and presentations which allows members to know how important it is that their German Shepherds are well socialised and trained at all times but in particular when out in the public as this is very important. We as a breed and club need good publicity and it would need only one stupid incident for all the good work done over many years to be destroyed. I ask that all members be aware of this when out and about in public whether just walking their dog, participating in trials or events, at demonstrations and any other dog related activity they may take part in. I would also appreciate all instructors advising members of this regularly at training thus making all members aware of their responsibilities to our breed--the German Shepherd Dog.

**TRIALS 2015:** This year we held Restricted to Breed Trials in Obedience and Rally O at our State Breed, Championship Show, Restricted to Group 5 Working Dog Champ Show, Open Tracking Trial at Haddon, Open Endurance Test at Cherry Lake Reserve, Open TSD trials at Ballarat and Melbourne area, Open Rally O trial at KCC Park and Open Double Obedience Trial at KCC Park. I would like to sincerely thank all judges, stewards, catering personnel and helpers for their contribution to the success of these events during the year. It is a busy calendar and without the helpers these events would fade from our event program for members and all breed dogs owners as well. We sincerely thank our sponsors Royal Canin for their support at all these events supplying product for winners and placings of classes and individual events and advise that their product is also appreciated by many all breeds people who compete at our Open Trials. Special thanks to Melissa Bauer who was Trial Manager until June when she resigned that position due to ill health, to Rob Butler who assisted at all tracking events and with set up/stewarding at obedience and Rally O trials, to Les Rudling for his contribution in setting up for trials and fun day during the year, to Norma for her assistance at all trials during last half of the year and to the scribes, ticket writers, clerical team, Fun Day helpers, vetting and first aid officers etc., for all their assistance which was greatly appreciated especially after the resignation of the trial manager. Members of OTC organised and ran the events from June to November 2015 as we could not fill that position and many thanks to each and everyone for their assistance.

**WESTERN BRANCH:** Sincere thanks from all at OTC to the Western Branch for the use of their club rooms for our OTC Meetings, Aspirer's lectures and practical work, would you please pass these thanks onto your committee and branch members as we very much appreciate being allowed the use of your facilities and grounds. Also thanks to Western for organising the Fun Day for 2015 where a lot of time and effort went into setting up for the day but the weather did not co-operate with us at all. It rained constantly and although we got through our obedience and show classes the ground was not safe to run other events which due to safety reasons were cancelled. Not only was this Fun Day very wet but the last three we have run it has rained heavily at each which has not helped with attendance on the day nor enjoyment for those attending.

**SKYE BRANCH:** Sincere thanks to Skye Branch for the use of their club rooms and facilities for our trials throughout the year, we really appreciate having the convenience of your equipment etc.

Work continues on our new manual which has seen much achieved by Les as he collates information and items to be used in this large document. We hope to include many items not covered in our present manual and the new one will

be a loose leaf folder with pages we can remove and replace with new info more readily so instructors will have that info much sooner than in the past.

We are covering much more in this manual and experienced obedience club people have been invited to prepare articles for inclusion and we are also adding any new discipline deemed necessary/useful such as Rally O to the manual in the process. I would think it is half way along to being finished although we will not be certain of that until all items have been finalised. We will have a lot more information on Puppy training and socialisation that has become available over the past few years which will be included to help instructors and handlers.

Many thanks to Norma Meaney our OTC minute secretary ably assisted by Sue Hounslow when required for their attention to requirements of OTC. Although due to family health commitments in 2015 Norma still managed attend to OTC meetings and matters, she also helped with catering and other duties at trials and I thank her sincerely for that. Many thanks to Sue who stepped in and helped out when required during 2015, this help was greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all Branch Managers for their co-operation, assistance and hospitality to OTC and myself throughout the year, sincerely appreciated.

Thanks to club Secretary Val Moody for her assistance in 2015 in matters pertaining to OTC, that was much appreciated, and I thank members of management committee.

In conclusion, I have enjoyed the opportunity to carry out the position of Obedience Training Administrator for 2015 and I assure all that I will continue to work towards improving standards for all instructors and members of this club, which hopefully will bring greater awareness and respect for our Club and "our Breed"

#### **Trial Manager's Report – Mrs. Marilyn Wrigley**

First of all I would like to sincerely thank Melissa Bauer for the time and effort she put in as Trial Manager until due to ill health she had to resign that position in June 2015. Trials that were organised up till then were State Breed Show and Trial, Champ Show and Trial, Tracking Trial and Endurance Trial. All of these events were well organised and successful events due to the efforts of Melissa. After her resignation OTC ran the rest of the events for the year, i.e. Double Open Rally O Trial in July, Double Open Obedience Trial in October and Working Dog Show and Trial in October. Track and Search trials were organised by Dawn Howard, Dearne Jackson and Rob Butler and although I did not attend they were well attended and many passes gained each day.

In July it was interesting to be involved in the Rally O trial which was a learning curve for those in the organising area and I am pleased to say that we all now have a much better appreciation of what Rally O is about and what is required in the administration area.

Thank you to those members who ably assisted with ring set up, clerical and ticket writing, vetting, stewarding, catering and presentations on the day and we thank the judges David Hutson, Tania Schuman and Fred Breuckner on behalf of the competitors on the day. Lots of passes, excellent's and very goods, with sponsor's food for placegetters and trophies for class winners with qualifying scores. Weather was also kind on the day at this trial.

Next trial was the Double Open Obedience Trial held on Grand Final day which meant our entries were down due to that factor. It was also harder to get helpers as they were either going to the footy, watching it on TV so we were lucky we had a good team that were in attendance and once again I sincerely thank all who helped in any way to making this event a success. I thank the judges and stewards, the sponsor Royal Canin and competitors who participated on the day.

Our last event for the year was the Working Dog Show and Restricted to Group 5 Obedience Trial at Sunbury. As is usual we arrived to put up the obedience rings and the same old banter that has gone on for years regarding what area the organisers had allocated us and the correct amount of area we needed for the obedience rings started. Once again we did not win this situation and one of our rings had to be 30m by 15m instead of the actual requirement of 45m by 15m. The trial day was dismal with very heavy rain from early morning to just after lunch when the rain ceased. Due to the weather we only had two passes on the day as all other scores were non qualifying scores and as I have advised as soon as presentations were completed the rain stopped and the sun came out however our paperwork was soaked as we were, even though we had a roof over us the rain still managed to get in under the roof to make conditions most uncomfortable.



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I sincerely thank Western Branch for allowing us first use of their new obedience equipment and we appreciated that favour. Sincere thanks to judges Yvonne Ross and David Hutson {who got soaked}, our stewards Bernie Lester and Sue Hounslow {soaked}, set up/take down persons, Andrew Saliba, Bernie Lester and Tony Mercieca {double soaked}, for setting up rings and then taking them down and loading equipment to go back to Western to their club rooms. To all competitors who were also very wet but were still smiling at day's end. Roy Grainger had a big smile as he won the Highest Scoring Dog on the day.

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## GSDCV POSITION HOLDERS

### **Demonstration Team Manager – Mr. Michael Simmons**

Demonstration teams form a vital part of our promotion of the GSD. Demos provide a means for people to meet our lovable dogs and to see how well trained dogs behave in public. This in turn has benefits for our Breeders, as people see the GSD as a desirable dog to have as a canine and family friend.

In the eighteen years I have been associated with Demonstration Teams, the number of available events has dwindled and, apart from the Moomba Parade and the Royal Melbourne Show, most Branches are participating in only one Demo of one form or another per year, if that.

The reasons are varied, but the main ones are:

- The risk management policies of many local Councils, which more and more exclude the involvement of animals. There are simply less Pet Expos etc. than there used to be.
- A lack of sufficient GSDCV volunteers to participate in Demos. Demonstration teams involve a time commitment which only a few in the Club are prepared to undertake. For the last few years, it is the same people over and over again.

### **What can we do about it?**

The place to start is in Puppy Class. Encourage Members with pups to participate in Branch events so they get a taste for showing off their pups. This leads to groups of Members willing to participate in Demo Teams and, perhaps later, to show or compete in trials with their dogs. At each Branch, however, it requires someone to drive Demos, and I urge each Branch Manager and Chief Instructor to view this as a "must do" part of each Branch's training.

It is also necessary that Demo Teams act for the Club as a whole. Rather than it just falling to a few people at a few Branches, the Club as a whole should address participation in public displays. I would urge the reintroduction of Demo Team inter-Branch competitions, perhaps at Fun Days, in an attempt to revitalise Demo activities.

Which brings me to the Royal Show in 2015. The GSDCV participated by presenting a Breed Stall on the 19<sup>th</sup> September, with five Members present. I sincerely thank Mary Hawthorne, Lynda Britten and Sarge, Andrea Cornwall, Barbara Stewart and Amber for assisting me and Kato on that day. We were quite surprised by the amount of interest in our dogs and the GSDCV. It was a very busy day.

On the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of September, GSDCV put on 3 Demo performances per day at the Royal. Our routine involved some formation work, but in the main it was the "tricks" that won the hearts and minds of the substantial crowds who attended the performances. Thanks go to all who participated – Barbara and Laurie Stewart and Amber, Lynda Britten and Sarge, Vanessa Godfrey and Jake, Pauli Bakker and Saba, Alfred and Margaret Zommers, Bernadette Turcarelli, Daniel Morton, and Kato and me.

Facilities at the Royal provided to us were better than previously encountered. Dogs were provided with "benching" for the whole of the 3 days and we were given a lockable shed adjacent to the performance area to store our equipment etc.

The only cloud over the Royal was the expectation that the Demo Team should pay for their own parking. In the end this was covered by the Club, but this needs to be negotiated with the RASV for 2016 if we are to attract willing volunteers.

### Membership Officer – Mrs Lin Ebejer

I am pleased to present my 7th membership report for the GSDCV.

Branch Name	Numbers of Members	Number of Units (inc Life Members)	# of New Members this Year to date
Ballarat	76	34	16
Bendigo	85	40	36
Eastern	394	183	174
Geelong	162	74	69
Gippsland	93	51	23
Malvern	292	156	123
Northern	350	157	152
Skye	441	217	208
Specialist	78	41	8
Western	421	205	193
Wodonga	83	40	38
Others	14	12	0
<b>All</b>	<b>2489</b>	<b>1210</b>	<b>1040</b>

We have had a large number of new members join during the year, 1040 in total to bring our final figures to 2489 individual members in 1210 units. The online renewal system again proved a very popular option, with some paying via eftpos through the Branch's that had taken up the option. As always the more traditional method of sending a cheque through the mail was still available, although with the Australia Post, delivery timetable being what it is, it became an unreliable method of ensuring the renewal was received on time.

The individual numbers for each branch are listed for your interest.

I have decided not to put forward an expression of interest for the position this year, so this will be my final report. I have enjoyed my time in the position, beginning with the transition to the current database program and developing it with the help of Ray Jones and Vince Ebejer into the useful tool it is today. I would like to thank the numerous Branch Managers and Branch Membership Officers who I have worked with over the years as well as the Management Committee for their support during my tenure.

I thank Ray Jones from Malvern Branch for his continued technical support over the years.

### Promotions Officer – Mrs Dearne Jackson

The beginning of 2015 was a busy year for promoting the German Shepherd Dog with the bi-annual Melbourne Pet & Animal Expo in February and the Moomba parade in March. These presentations at public events provide many opportunities for the general public to become aware of the GSDCV and what the club offers as a guardian of the breed to its members. The flyers available at the breed stands (or handed out by individuals) provide a simple back up of this message and a reminder of the existence of the GSDCV website. Nothing however beats the genuine heartfelt "this is why I love/have GSD's" interaction by the members manning the breed stands at different events. So thanks again to those members who have assisted at these events.

#### Melbourne Pet & Animal Expo – Royal Melbourne Showgrounds - February

At the end of February the GSDCV participated in the bi-annual Melbourne Pet & Animal Expo which was held at the Royal Showgrounds. The event layout wasn't brilliant being across multiple pavilions. While the event management claimed good numbers in attendance, the breed stands were never busy compared to previous years. However the GSDs on the breed stand did get the opportunity to participate in the Dogs Victoria events held in the main demonstration arena plus using the small agility equipment available so those manning the breed stand made the event fun for themselves. The one big advantage of attendance at the Pet & Animal Expo in 2015 was that it was the

same weekend as the Moomba parade section rehearsals which were being held in a nearby pavilion. This meant that Expo team members who were also in the Moomba Parade were able to finalise costumes and props without having to go to another venue. Bonus!

#### Moomba Parade - March

The Moomba Parade is a big deal for the GSDCV to attend. (It's a big deal for Victoria and Melbourne as well). Our expression of interest to participate in the parade had again been accepted and this would be the third consecutive year we had been involved (2011, 2013 & 2014 being previous participation years with non-attendance in 2012). Moomba weekend is on the long weekend in March, so it falls on the same weekend as the State Breed Evaluation (or March Championship Show in Non National hosting years). So most of the Moomba team members had already spent the weekend at the SBE and now were "glamming up" to represent the GSDCV at Moomba. This year the GSDCV were to be "courtiers" for the King & Queen float. Our team spent many Wednesday night's together learning how to do quadrille dance with their dog as their partner. On the morning of the parade, the team marshalled on Birdwood Ave and walked down to the Melbourne Grammar School together, taking in the Shrine for our team photo on the way. Everyone wanted a photo with King Shane Warne (who was on his phone before the parade even started, but was generous in his time to have a photo taken with the team). The parade started out at the usual slow pace and the crowd numbers were high along the side of the parade course. However the marshals didn't anticipate that the king & queen float would get held up at the official section (where the TV cameras were). The parade itself was then done "at double time" after the official section was passed as the lead parade marshals had maintained the speed parade, but the section marshals forgot to get the parade leaders to slow down so the king & queen float could catch up. Our dogs and handlers performed well and adjusted to the faster pace of the parade, but the Navy Band and the GSDCV team ended up strung out behind the rest of the parade with the King & Queen float left far behind. Held up further behind them was Sun Loong the dragon – so in all, the Moomba Parade was good for a giggle as members of the crowd asked whether we were the "end of the parade" and at the finish of the parade the whole team felt like we had run a marathon. As in previous years, the dogs ran the gauntlet of the public on their way back to their cars having pats and photos taken. A long and tiring day, but worth the 2 seconds TV coverage and the You Tube videos and countless public interactions.

#### Dogs Victoria – Big Day Out for Dogs

Malvern, Skye and Specialist Show Branch combined to provide a great day at the Dogs Victoria Big Day Out for Dogs in December. Members of the public commented on the relaxed dogs (and their handlers) ignoring the other breeds bouncing around the tunnel play ring which the GSDCV provided for the public to have fun with their dogs (or just watching if they didn't have a dog) in between enjoying the market stalls and other breed stands. My thanks to the Obedience instructors who shortened / lengthened/shifted tunnels as the "novices" learned to navigate the tunnels (it's a long day getting up and down plus holding dogs) and my assistants who manned the gate. There were some great demonstrations of dogs under (and out of) control, and a continuous line of people wanting to have a go in the ring kept us busy all day. The tunnel play ring is a great way to re inforce the message about how important learning a recall is and verbal control of the dog is.

My thanks go to the GSDCV Webmaster for providing promotional opportunities on the GSDCV Website for these events. However as usual, if I attempt to name all the individuals who have assisted me at the different events, I always miss a name of someone who contributed, so thank you to all, you know who you are.

As always, I have to thank those members who have presented their dogs to the public in ordinary every day circumstances and had members of the public leave with the feeling that they have just met a wonderful dog. Don't ever underestimate the power of a pat on a well-groomed, calm GSD!

#### **ReHoming Officer – Mr Mike Nelson**

Over 2015 nineteen dogs were offered for rehoming and fifteen of these were actually rehomed. Four applications were withdrawn soon after being offered for various reason, the most common being "change of heart" or rehomed to another family member or friend. Hopefully this small number of rehoming is a reflection of people who are acquiring a GSD are better informed and educated in the breed and take on a dog for "life".

With the help and support of Louisa Rodger, our rehoming application forms and procedures were updated to obtain more specific and useful information about the dog being rehomed and the person wishing to rehome a German Shepherd Dog. This proved to be a long and time consuming process because of the debate and discussion it

incurred in main committee. The revamped applications are proving to assist in obtaining more useful information on both dog and rehomer, making it easier to successfully match a dog to the expectations of the rehomer.

Unfortunately, during the year much time and effort was wasted defending our rehoming service and its usefulness from a small number of members who wished to abandon it and allow an outside organisation take over our responsibility to the German Shepherd Dog. After several months of debate, research and presentations, it was finally decided that we should retain a presence in the rehoming field – I would hope to see the rehoming service move forward from here to a bigger and better 2016.

Judging by the enquires over the Christmas and New Year holiday period, the rehoming service may have a busier year than ever with numerous calls seeking information and three dogs being placed for adoption already – all were well placed with the help of our website.

As always I must thank those people who once again have made themselves so readily available during the year to support, assist and occasionally restrain me.

#### **Shepherd News and Enews Editor – Ms Jacinta Poole**

The '**German Shepherd News**' continues to be our primary communication publication. 2015 was another year of bringing our members stories, articles of interest and branch and member news. For many members, the Shepherd News is a welcome delivery and is a cornerstone of our member benefits. Together with our electronic communications, including the website and more recently the **German Shepherd 'ENews'** we hope that members are well informed about our club and our breed. Each edition of the Shepherd News is also a valuable historical record of the happenings in our club.



Members continually reiterate the value of our magazine, and their enjoyment of reading 'over a cup of coffee'. The hard copy magazine reaches each and every member and their family members in print 8 times each year, which will continue into the future. So we must ensure that each publication is of benefit. To this end, more member participation is welcomed, as we want to provide what's most relevant, interesting and useful to our readers.

The Branch news each month is the most significant content in the magazine. It is a branch's opportunity to showcase all their members and communicate important information to the wider club. A huge thank you to our branch publicity officers who each edition provide great reading on their branch activities along with images. Branch publicity officers are our key contributors and your efforts do not go unnoticed by your fellow branch members.

To those who contributed articles or agreed to interviews when approached during the year, thank you. Your contribution made our magazine relevant and interesting, and more often than not highlighted what our everyday members are involved in with their dogs. Thank you also to those who provided photographs and other useful material, any submissions are always welcomed by the editor and appreciated by our readers!

Thank you to our regular contributors of information who cover news and updates. Thanks to Vince Ebejer for his President's reports, Marilyn Wrigley for OTC reports and Judy Eppinger for puppy listings from breeders.

Thank you to Val Moody for help in her role as proofreader, which is always a difficult but necessary task and completed in limited time. Thank you to those who submitted advertisements for publication to support the magazine and to anyone else who supported the magazine.

I hope the members of the GSDCV have enjoyed the 'Shepherd News' magazine over 2015 and that it's provided information and interesting articles about the GSD and our club.

The Shepherd News is the members' magazine. Any contributions, ideas for changes and improvements, suggestions or feedback are always welcome to [sheped@gsdcv.org.au](mailto:sheped@gsdcv.org.au)

If you have not been receiving the ENews, make sure you subscribe via the homepage of the GSDCV website [www.gsdcv.org.au](http://www.gsdcv.org.au)

### Website & Electronic Media Co-Ordinator – Ms Jacinta Poole

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With a majority of our members being online, our website and our online social media interactions play a key role in our communication, promotions and publicity of our club and our breed. Social media is our most rapid and direct line of contact, but it's backed up by our website where we can link to relevant documents, images and videos to complement our messages. These are our most valuable assets. . We can teach, educate and influence across a broad demographic.

The GSDCV Facebook page is a primary tool to use when we release news or results on the website. It's an easy and quick way to advise and provide a link to relevant information. We pride ourselves on rapidly posting show & trial results, and follow up critiques. Those on facebook get immediate notification – first and most time relevant with the news. The use of social media is crucial in our communication and our efforts to improve and be all encompassing. A simple picture of a member at a branch with their dog is often shared many times over, providing simple recognition and well worth the use of facebook. The downside to social media is those that don't respect its use or take care in their communications with others with regards to fellow members and their dogs. The GSDCV views this seriously and disrespect will not be tolerated.

We have also implemented Twitter and Instagram accounts for the GSDCV, continuing our push to broaden our and complement our communication pathways.

Check out our social media accounts:

[www.facebook.com/GSDCV](http://www.facebook.com/GSDCV)



[www.twitter.com/GSDVic](http://www.twitter.com/GSDVic)



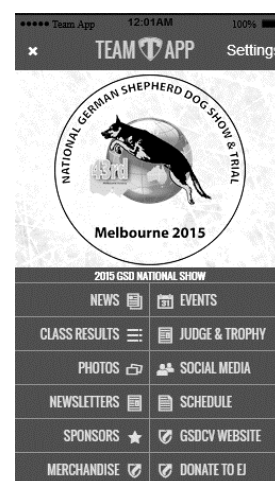
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Our Club ENews newsletter was again popular in 2015, and an event specific ENews for the National Show was utilised extensively in communicating to members and exhibitors. This email communication link for club and event communications provided the opportunity to link to various video and web offerings that cannot be reached via the hard copy Shepherd News. It's a less formal and more interactive way of delivering news.



With our hosting of the National Show came the opportunity to try something different and more targeted. Everyone with a smartphone utilises apps of some sort, so it was a great chance for us to do the same for our showcase event. We built an event app that provided information and notifications in the lead up. During the event the app came into its own, as class results were promptly posted, meaning those around the ring had full results at their fingertip. The bonus was all those around the country also had access to the same information in real time, without sitting in front of a computer. The app was a real hit and was another step forward in Victoria leading the way.



Live streaming video of an event can be a challenge at the best of times, but we set out to provide a live feed of the Open Dog and Bitch classes at the National. Despite only 4G access, we provided reasonable quality video of the classes over nearly 3 hours, and these were viewed from all over Australia and New Zealand by those interested and unable to attend. Some said it was better than being at the show! Enormous thanks to Grant Milne for his assistance in set up and filming during the event. Another very successful innovation.

Online payments for a variety of club aspects are one of the core components of our website and we now could not manage our club efficiently without this capability. Membership renewals are quick and streamlined online. Online entry capability for shows and trials is now the norm, and our service is very popular and convenient. We expanded this during the lead up to the National, where we also took payments for merchandise orders and social events. Almost \$50,000 was transacted online for the National alone. We also used our online payment system for two seminars which were held during the year. A popular and simple method of ticket sales which streamlined the organisation of the events. All credit card payments are handled by a secure processing facility with the NAB bank.



The club absorbs the transaction fees that are incurred. We believe this is a valuable service for our members which we'll continue to improve and expand.

In our electronic world, pictures and videos provide enormous opportunity for promotion, education and communication to both our members and the general public, which is the main role of our website. Pictures and videos provide an insight to our club events, activities and members. Picture slideshows enhances our show and trial results and for exhibitors also a memory of the event. Images are freely provided by the GSDCV webmaster when available. Using videos for education and promotion is always beneficial and receives good feedback.

Many branches actively maintain their websites, in addition to branch facebook pages. The websites are important as not all members are comfortable on social media, and we must ensure we communicate to all. Branches are encouraged to make the most of the communication opportunity for their members, as well as potential members seeking information on their local branch. Keeping the information current is the most critical aspect, and branches have direct access to manage their sites themselves. Thank you to all the branch webmasters for their efforts.

The GSDCV website had over 150,000 visitors during 2015. Our puppy listings page, for those looking for a new friend is our most popular page. Most contact with the GSDCV puppy listing officer is via the website. Most importantly many have read the information pertaining to purchasing a puppy so are better informed and knowledgeable buyers. Breeders have also commented on the importance of this information when buyers come to them. The most read articles continue to be those on feeding and exercising puppies, the growth charts for GSD's and some of the other veterinary articles. Many people are seeking knowledge about GSD's and caring for them and it's important that we can provide that. In 2015 many visitors also followed the National Show and all its information provided via the website. Image slideshows of events are very popular with exhibitors, a service appreciated by all involved.

Thankyou in particular to Puppy Listings Officer Judy Eppinger for her posting and managing of the litters on the Puppies Available page. Show and trial results and critiques are also some of the most keenly awaited information we can provide. Our continued efforts to provide results quickly after events have been successful and appreciated. Thank you to Show Secretary Vicki Dobson for the provision of results and critiques so quickly and to OTC provision of trial results. Thank you to Jenny Yuen for her regular breed updates and articles provided and Thank you to Amanda Vasiliou for provision of the Points Score result updates.

flexAnswer Solutions Pty Ltd, owned by members Grant and Lin Milne provide the software to power the FAQ's area of the website. Thank You to Grant and Lin for their ongoing support with this useful software tool. flexAnswer iFAQ is an Intelligent FAQ service generously provided since 2009. flexAnswer iFAQ has answered over 50,000 questions and averages about 600 per month. The use of flexAnswer iFAQ allows us to expand the FAQs we provide based on the questions users actually type in and ask, so we hope we are helping teach GSD owners about our dogs and our club. FAQs are generally restricted to answers covering the GSD and the GSDCV.

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Mid 2015 saw us migrate our website to a new hosting provider. Thanks to Ben Murphy from BMF Computing, who were our hosts for the previous 8+ years. Ben was extremely helpful as our website host, and provided excellent support to email accounts holders at numerous times over the years. BMF Computing ceased their web hosting services in June 2015. We are now hosted by netVirtue. With the change in website host we also took the opportunity to move our club email hosting to Google Apps for Work, which is a free service for non-profit organisations. This has provided us with much greater flexibility and capacity for our email communications.

Thank you to Daryl Bourke who provided technical expertise when required for host server issues. Daryl was heavily involved in the web and email host migration process to ensure it occurred smoothly and seamlessly for users.

In 2016 we will continue to develop our website and review and refresh our online presence to ensure we can provide the best and most accessible information to members and the wider public about the GSD.

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All feedback and suggestions welcome at anytime to [webmaster@gsdcv.org.au](mailto:webmaster@gsdcv.org.au)

## Training Records for 2015

Each training week, branches of the GSDCV record the number of dogs trained at their branch and the instructors available, across both obedience and show classes. The table below reflects that collated data for the 2015 year. The training data provides a valuable overview of each branch's activities, but more importantly it displays the size of the GSDCV, the breadth of training we provide and the number of GSD's and their owners who benefit directly from our training efforts, across both obedience and show classes.

We can accurately report that the GSDCV had at least 16,488 dog units involved in training over the 2015 year and a total of 2,727 instructor hours were provided to train GSDCV members and their dogs. The corresponding total data for 2014 is below. This indicates that our training numbers have grown over the last 12 months, with obedience numbers increasing by 15% and instructor hours increasing by 13%. Show dog training numbers increased by 11%.

Our branches were open for training on average 40 weeks of the 2015 year. This accounts for closures due to summer break and closures for club events, public holidays, heat policy effects or other reasons determined by each branch.

	Total obed dogs trained	Ave obed dogs per week	Obedience Instructor hours for year	Total show dogs trained	Ave show dogs per week	Show Instructor hours for year	Total dogs trained at branch	Total Instructor hours for year
Ballarat	468	10	69				468	69
Bendigo	473	11	159				473	159
Eastern	2336	51	375	125	3	23	2461	398
Geelong	1163	28	163				1163	163
Gippsland	751	19	175				751	175
Malvern	2693	63	322				2693	322
Northern	1590	40	195	239	6	35	1829	230
Skye	2812	64	474				2812	474
SSB				557	16	62	557	62
Western	2308	51	504	216	5	33	2524	537
Wodonga	662	14	138	95	2		757	138
<b>2015 Totals</b>	<b>15256</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2574</b>	<b>1232</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>16488</b>	<b>2727</b>
<b>2014 comparison data</b>								
<b>2014 Totals</b>	<b>13171</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2242</b>	<b>1111</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>14282</b>	<b>2408</b>

\*\*\* The data is as accurate as possible and is based on the information provided by each branch. Averages were calculated based on the number of weeks open for each branch.

**GSDCV BY NUMBERS** 2015 Year

**ONE Club**

**2,489 Members**

**11 Training branches**

Managed by

160 administrators

98 obedience instructors

29 show instructors

7 breed surveyors

9 specialist judges

[gsdvc.org.au](http://gsdvc.org.au)

**16,500 dog units trained**

**2,730 instructor hours**

We entertained

3,000 facebook friends

100,000 unique website visitors

★ Achieving

15,000 dog units obedience trained

1,200 dog units show trained

34 dogs breed surveyed

'Happy owners, happy dogs!'



We conducted

5 obedience trials

1 endurance trial

1 tracking trial

1 track & search trial

4 conformation shows

6 breed surveys



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**Breed Specific Legislation Officer – Mrs. Louisa Rodger**

Having taken on this position in November, there is little to report at this stage.

The submissions from various bodies into the amendments of the Dangerous Dog Legislation is still before the Victorian Parliament and at this stage there are several more submissions to be heard once Parliament resumes. At this stage, there appears to be a decided shift towards penalising "Deed" not "Breed" and it hoped that this will continue.

To date, submissions have come from groups including the RSPCA, Dogs Victoria, The Lost Dogs Home, City of Casey, City of Melbourne, Knox city Council, Mitchell City Council, Animals Australia and several independent people. Once all submissions have been presented, and a possible outcome put forward for consideration for legislation, I will forward the details to all branches.

As this proposed legislation will be of utmost importance to the future of our breed, I urge all members to be vigilant and report to me any items they may see/hear in the media, both electronic and written. We MUST make sure that our ability to bring breeding animals in from overseas countries without the harsh penalties imposed on dogs declared a "dangerous breed" does not apply to our breed.

I ask all Branch Managers to please inform members of the need for vigilance and for any item they find on GSD's to please forward me a copy.

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## OTHER EVENT REPORTS FOR 2015

### **GSDCA 43<sup>rd</sup> National GSD Show & Trial**

*Hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria.*

#### **43<sup>rd</sup> National in Melbourne 2015 - Conformation.**

Entries for the National were very good with 470 Stock Coats and 83 Long Stock Coats representing the Show side of the event.

Due to the increasing numbers consideration will need to be undertaken in reviewing the time constraints and allowing exhibitors the appropriate time allotted to each class event. As the numbers increase and we only have so many light hours in the day at some stage a 3<sup>rd</sup> judge may need to be introduced.

At this show we were able to ensure the smooth operation of the classes where possible and thus were not required to use artificial lighting. This was a priority and it was a constant battle to ensure the stewards/judges moved things along.

Official presentations are a lengthy process which takes precious time away from exhibitors – need to review the appropriate timing and length of the proceedings. What is the aim and what is the relevance of items covered? We had a large committee which ensured everyone had a designated job which in the main was completed as expected however it was still evident that at times of need they were missing or jobs not quite completed to expectation. It is very difficult to cover it all and we were grateful to some interstate and non-committee members who assisted our team along the way.

As a club we decided that our membership should be viewing and participating in the event as opposed to providing servicing in the catering arena- we therefore enlisted a number of vendors to come on site and provide the event catering. We had a small group who ran the egg and bacon and did the drinks/ alcohol which proved a great success. One vendor who did very well was the coffee van so a commission was paid to the club which assisted our revenue base.

The Social events are definitely on the decline as more people prioritise things and skip the events and make their own arrangements. Our Saturday night event was disappointing with most people eating and running. Whilst this is fine a lot of work goes into preparing and cleaning up after an event and it is evident that the social mingling of years past may have run its course. The Friday night dinner, whilst smaller in numbers still proved that some people enjoy the more dressed up function. This event also provided a wonderful opportunity to listen to Lothar Quoll's lecture. He passed on some very informative and relevant information which should be of interest to our GSD enthusiasts.

It is important that our judges arrive to AU some days prior to an event so they can get over jetlag and be fresh and ready to judge our premier event. When judges get in late on the Thursday and have to judge on the Friday not enough time is available to rest and prepare for the concentration necessary to perform their job. A stop-over and premium economy might also be advantageous to ensure they are on their A game when they get to AU. Having done the Germany to AU trip myself it is not any easy haul.

The GSDCV were able to run a very successful and smooth event that ensured our exhibitors attended and participated in the Premier Event for 2015.

Committees make it happen through the hard work and dedication of the select few. We thank them for their sacrifices and pride they showed in being a part it.

We wish NSW all the best with their event and look forward to the next National in Melbourne.

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### **43<sup>rd</sup> National in Melbourne 2015 - Obedience and Rally Trial**

The National Obedience/Rally Trial became a highlight of the obedience calendar for 2015 with the biggest audience seen in many years watching the competitors compete over the two days (Friday Rally, Saturday Obedience) of the trial, culminating with an awesome attendance of spectators at the obedience place getter sash/card presentation on the Saturday afternoon with senior officials of the GSDCA and GSDCV taking the time to come across and attend. As well, the GSDCV Patron Mr. Tom Luxton and GSDCA Patron Ms. Dawn Fraser watched part of the class judging and then came back to participate in the presentations, giving handlers a wonderful photo opportunity with the official party when they received their awards.

This 'event to remember' weekend didn't just happen on the day. Melbourne really turned it on as a competitor/spectator experience. Admittedly, the rings were picturesque thanks to the ground crew and with the perfect weather each day what more could be asked for. Brilliant Judges of course! The GSDCV had brought in the highly regarded Jill and Amanda Houston from Western Australia as judges for the senior classes for the obedience classes Utility and Open and the Rally Advanced and Excellent level classes; we utilized two highly regarded Victorian judges (Ross Carlson and Dawn Ayton) for the lower classes. The opportunity for the local and interstate competitors to have the chance to be adjudicated by the judging panel was too good to miss. Those that entered had friends and supporters coming to watch them compete. Some of the interstate competitors are top handlers in their own states, so the local spectators got to see some of the best handlers (both local and interstate) working their dogs. Remember too that obedience/rally trial competitors sometimes find themselves in a situation where they cannot compete because an animal is not ready for a particular competition level, or females being in season automatically excludes attendance. Usually, competitors stay home if they have not entered, but they came to watch, learn and in some instances openly say they wish they had been able to enter. Because of the WA judges we even had a large contingent of local non GSD obedience people attending as spectators just to see and hear these judges in action.

Overall, we had 94 entries for the Obedience/Rally Trial component of the National. This was a new "high" level of entries not seen for many years at a National Trial. There were 59 exhibitors giving 68 entries in the Obedience trial (which was still a higher entry when compared to previous years that only had obedience classes) and 26 entries in the inaugural National Rally trial. There were 14 competitors from interstate, coming from Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales respectively. It was notable that 12 of the interstaters competed in the Rally classes as well as show or obedience. So provision of Rally at the National was appreciated by those competitors. Yes, Melbourne did it first. The GSDCV held the inaugural National Rally Obedience Trial as part of the National Obedience Trial, and for the four handlers/dogs who were lucky enough to obtain excellent grade scores – congratulations. The GSD is a working dog and it was terrific to see there were a total of 23 dogs entered as dual exhibits for conformation /obedience, of these, 9 dogs were also entered in the Rally competition as well; meaning tri discipline dogs. A further 4 dogs were entered as Conformation/Rally dual exhibits. Congratulations to all those handlers for making the commitment to show the dogs working ability in more than one discipline at the same event.

The Obedience Dual Performance trophy was awarded, the Obedience Team competition won by a Victorian team (and yes there were other states in the running) There was a Gold, Silver and Bronze medallion run off held on the Sunday. All major Obedience awards were presented at the official Show presentations which was a wonderful finish for the National Obedience and Rally Trial. My thanks to the people involved behind the scenes before, during and after the trial for the administration, set up and pull down, as well as those who took on stewarding positions each day.

I'm not naming individuals, just saying straight out, you are all worth your weight in gold.

For those interested in the details, the class breakdown information is below.  
 Dearne Jackson, National Obedience & Rally Trial Manager, 2015.

Class	Number entered	Number competed on day	Number passes achieved	Number of Excellent medallions achieved	Dual entry++ with Conformation	Dual entry with Rally
CCD	19	13	4	0	8	5
Novice	20	16	6	4	10	7
Open	24	21	5	1	5	2
UD	5	4	1	0	0	0
UDX	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Obedience Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>
Rally Novice	13	10	6	3	10	0
Rally Advanced A	3	3	2	0	1	0
Rally Advanced B	4	4	4	0	1	4
Rally Excellent A	2	2	0	0	1	0
Rally Excellent B	4	4	4	1	1	4
<b>Rally Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>

++ 9 dogs were entered in all three disciplines available.

## 43<sup>rd</sup> GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial - Financials

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GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB VIC INC

### Job Profit & Loss Statement

January 2015 To December 2015

PO Box 369  
 RINGWOOD VIC 3134  
 ABN: 78 395 029 707

Account Name	Selected Period	Year To Date
<b>35 National</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Canteen income	\$8,543	\$8,543
Catering - Vendor Commission	\$2,352	\$2,352
Donations - National 2015	\$11,105	\$11,105
Donations -Branches EJ Whitten	\$1,550	\$1,550
Raffles & special efforts	\$2,214	\$2,214
Show & Trial entries	\$21,995	\$21,995
Catalogue Sales with entries	\$582	\$582
Catalogue Sales at the event	\$473	\$473
Catalogue Advertising	\$4,227	\$4,227
Marquee Hire	\$10,882	\$10,882
Merchandise Sales	\$26,359	\$26,359
Social functions	\$10,795	\$10,795
Sponsorship	\$3,318	\$3,318
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$104,395</b>	<b>\$104,395</b>
<b>Cost Of Sales</b>		
Canteen	\$5,837	\$5,837
<b>Total Cost Of Sales</b>	<b>\$5,837</b>	<b>\$5,837</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Catering	\$1,748	\$1,748
Chicken & Champagne Breakfast	\$432	\$432
Life Members Lunch	\$3,755	\$3,755
Donation -EJ Whitten	\$3,100	\$3,100
Fees, Licences, Registrations	\$196	\$196
Flowers, Memorials & Gifts	\$300	\$300
Grounds Maintenance expenses	\$1,454	\$1,454
Clubhouse Maintenance Expenses	\$582	\$582
Meet & Greet BBQ	\$913	\$913
Postage & Stationery	\$770	\$770
Trophies & Plaques	\$5,432	\$5,432
Medallions	\$2,473	\$2,473
Ribbons & Sashes	\$1,968	\$1,968
Clearance Fees - VCA*/ANKC/SV	\$629	\$629
Judges' Airfares	\$5,234	\$5,234
Judges' Accommodation	\$2,071	\$2,071
Judges' Entertainment Expenses	\$3,290	\$3,290
Judges' & stewards' expenses	\$448	\$448
VCA Levy	\$2,130	\$2,130
GSDCA Levy	\$3,030	\$3,030
Catalogue Printing	\$4,072	\$4,072
Merchandise Purchases	\$22,609	\$22,609
Marquee Rental (for hire)	\$10,904	\$10,904
Schedule Publication	\$1,309	\$1,309
PA & other Equipt Hire	\$2,201	\$2,201
Print & Photocopying	\$632	\$632
<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Selected Period</b>	<b>Year To Date</b>
Purchases Small Items of Equip	\$1,234	\$1,234
Social functions	\$8,937	\$8,937
Sundry expenses	\$103	\$103
Telephone Expenses	\$36	\$36
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$91,994</b>	<b>\$91,994</b>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$6,565</b>	<b>\$6,565</b>

### Face on a Tram – Ms. Jacinta Poole

Once again in 2015 the GSDCV had our 'Face on a Tram'. This was a promotion run by Yarra Trams to raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, of which we are heavily involved in supporting and raising funds. The promotion ran for one month in the lead up to Good Friday. Great publicity to see our tram on the tracks.

Our tram face was installed on tram 2082. This tram operated out of the East Preston Depot, and travelled on Route 11 (West Preston to Victoria Harbour Docklands) and Route 86 (Bundoora RMIT to Waterfront City Docklands). Did you see it out on the tracks??

Thanks to Vince Ebejer for our tram pics.



### Junior Barkers Club – Ms. Jacinta Poole

Junior Barkers belongs to our junior club members. Those who show dogs and participate in the junior handler classes, and those who participate with their dogs in training classes and at fun days. Our younger members are those who will lead us in the future. A Junior Barkers segment is featured in each edition of the Shepherd News with any young members who have been involved in events. There is also a dedicated website for the Junior Barkers ([juniorbarkers.gsdcv.org.au](http://juniorbarkers.gsdcv.org.au)).

Thank you to Karen Cordell who has kept the website going and provided the Shepherd News content for many years, especially with photos of our young handlers. Also thanks to Jacinta Poole for her provision of photos. Thank you to those young handlers who've provided interviews on their activities with dogs.

We are hoping a younger member will carry on as the Junior Barkers website and magazine editor – afterall, they know what they want to see!

## Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal



2015 marked the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of the Western Branch of the GSDCV co-ordinating the collection and was assisted by members from Northern and Eastern Branches and family members from those branches who assisted on the day. This year we collected \$26,568.95 bringing our overall total to \$545,654.65.

In 2016 the date is 25 March 2016 being the first day of National in Sydney, and yes it will be tough, however we must remember one thing. "it's all about the kids".

**Mr. Bernie Lester, Mrs. Lyn Pickering and Mr. Dom Cafari**

## The Terry Shaw Trophy – Mr. Ian Urie



Terry Shaw was a long time member and well-loved character within the GSDCV show fraternity, and was a member of the Croydon/Eastern Suburbs Branch and later the Specialist Show Branch when it operated at Glen Waverley.

As a close friend of the Broken Hill GSD Club President Tony Lines, Terry and Pat were always heavily involved assisting Tony and his wife Donna to put on the annual GSD show at Broken Hill, and Terry could often be seen amidst a cloud of smoke tending the barbeque.

After Terry's untimely death, Dale Halling and Rachel Morgan suggested to Ian and Julie Urie that it would be fitting to instigate a trophy, to be presented at the Broken Hill show every year in memory of Terry. Dale, Rachel, Ian and Julie purchased and donated a large silver cup, and the Trophy was first presented in 2005. The "Terry" trophy is a State of Origin trophy which promotes friendly interstate rivalry between the exhibitors from Victoria and South Australia, the two clubs that were the main supporters of the Broken Hill GSDC show. (Other states are also eligible, but are heavily outnumbered so have never won the trophy). Points are awarded for all dogs placed in the annual show, based on the State in which they were bred and registered.

The Terry Shaw Trophy has been won three times by SA and six times by VIC up to 2015. Since the recent demise of the Broken Hill GSDC, the trophy will continue to be awarded annually, but is now scored on combined results from the GSDCSA championship shows held in Adelaide in June, and the GSDCV/WDC championship shows held in Sunbury in November each year.



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## BRANCH COMMITTEE & REPORTS FOR 2015

### BALLARAT

I would say that this year at Ballarat has been a little mixed as although we have attracted some new members and their dogs we have unfortunately lost some and are not sure of the reasons why this is the case. As we have a limited number of Instructors, 2 maximum and at times only one it means that we are unable to run a complete program of classes and therefore all the older dogs train together and the new arrivals do individual training earlier. Also due to a small number of regular attendees there are not many occasions when we are able to offer some of the fun things such as the tunnels, agility and weaving poles.

We have done some training at the Lake this year and also had a couple of tracking mornings which are always enjoyed.

We had the Bendigo Branch visit us one Sunday which was a very enjoyable occasion as it allowed us to train with different instructors and do a range of new things with our dogs. The weather was kind and after a lunch which our Branch provided we finished up with some games with our dogs.

A Structural Assessment day was also held and organized by Edwina giving those off us with Obedience dogs the chance to be involved in another aspect of the German Shepherd training and for those with Show Dogs they were also able to participate in Show training and other activities. I think that we all enjoyed this occasion although am not sure that our Obedience dogs were very excited at having their dentition checked and their measurements taken.

Ballarat participated at the Fun Day held at Western and some of us finished in the placings which was very pleasing as it gives an idea of how our dogs and handlers are going.

As our major fund raising we cater for the 4 dog shows held at the grounds each year and once again we have done this which, although a lot of work, is generally beneficial for the Club coffers.

The Ballarat Council removed our shade by destroying the beautiful old trees that we were so fortunate to have bordering our ground but have now bought 18 crates and mats for the dogs and are building a structure at the end of our Clubrooms which will have room for all the crates and will provide shade for the dogs on the warm days. They have also repaired the guttering at our clubrooms after it started to fall into disrepair.

Branch Manager  
Assistant Branch Manager  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Chief Instructor

Ms. Bev Hardenberg  
Mr. Matt Lee  
Mrs Marnie Lee  
Mr. Doug Ellery  
Ms. Lyn Maniz

Membership Officer  
Promotions Officer  
Equipment Officer  
Publicity Officer  
Breed Liaison Officer

Ms Joan Parrington  
Mrs. Marilyn Wrigley  
Mr. Matt Lee  
Mrs. Marilyn Wrigley  
Mrs. Edwina Neale

**Bev Hardenberg**  
**Branch Manager- Ballarat Branch.**

### BENDIGO

It is with pleasure that I bring you the Bendigo Branch Annual Report for 2015.

The year, 2015 began generally slow for Bendigo Branch with low numbers attending training for at least the months of January to March. It then seemed like all of a sudden, our numbers began to increase. We enjoyed a surge in new people joining the Branch. These people then made a commitment to the GSDCV and our memberships steadily grew throughout the year. Our instructing staff, were at times tested on the days that we saw 20 or so handlers arrive with their dogs. But their skill and professionalism ensured that quality instruction was given. On that note, it appears that Bendigo's Instructing staff could be boosted in 2016 with both Anthea Hamilton and Kyle Herrick agreeing to undertake the Aspirers Course. Good luck to them both.

I would also like to thank the general membership of Bendigo for their continued patience regarding the renovation of our club rooms. These renovations took a lot longer than first anticipated and we finally moved into them in October. Now we have a modern purpose built facility to suit our needs.



In June, Ballarat Branch hosted Bendigo in a one off dual training session which saw many of our members take the trip across. Instructors from both Branches also took classes of handlers from either Branch which created, I think, a unique training experience for all involved.

Thank you to Bev, Marilyn and Lyn, just to name a few. Bendigo Branch also attended a training session with the Bendigo All Breeds Dog Club. Other than obedience, members tried their hand at Rally-O on this day.

I must also congratulate our hard working members who in November, took the time to help out at our major fundraising event, The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. We did exceptionally well and raised some much needed funds for the Branch.



*L to R: Colleen, Shakira, Kyle & Col*



*L to R: Ken, Terry, Alex & Garon*

### **Achievements In Competition During 2015.**

A huge Congratulations to Neil & Maureen Kail and Caro Anderson with the below results for the year. Well done. Go Bendigo branch.

#### **Ballarat Championship Show 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Hayo aus Agrigento (Hayo) 1st Open Dog Ex & CC  
Debby vom Hoferweg (Debby) 4th Intermediate Bitch VG  
Volschain Elle (Elle) 3rd Puppy Bitch VP  
Ch Volschain Akira (Kira) 5th Open Bitch Ex

#### **Breed Survey at KCC Park 15<sup>th</sup> February**

Vivien van de Herdersfarm was awarded Breed survey CI 1

#### **Victorian State Breed Exhibition 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Volschain Elle placed 2nd in Puppy bitch  
Debby von Hoferweg was placed 10th in the Open bitch EX  
Hayo aus Agrigento was placed 3rd in the Open dog EX.  
Aust Ch Volschain Akira took out 1st place in the Novice trial with 197/200 and came 6th in the Open bitch EX in the show ring.

#### **The 43rd National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May**

A huge congratulations to Caro and Kira (CH Volschain Akira CCD, CD pending) for winning the Dual performance David Rourke trophy this year with Excellent in both show and trial. Kira came 17th in the Open Bitch Stock Coat and 3rd in the Novice Dog & Bitch for Obedience.

Also Neil & Maureen did very well with Volschain Elle coming 24th in the Junior Bitch Stock Coat and Hayo aus Agrigento coming 16th in the Open Dog Stock Coat.

#### **Tasmanian State Breed Show 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Well done to Neil & Maureen Kail and Caro Anderson with the great results achieved at the Tasmanian SBS. Hayo aus Agrigento won the Open Dog with an Ex Merit and Volschain Yola & Volschain Akira were 5th & 6th in the Open Bitch gaining an Ex. And Volschain Elle came 1st in the Junior Bitch Class.

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## **GSDCV Champ Show (Sunbury) 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 & Open Show (KCC Park) 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Congratulations to Brenna Bailey and her dog, Kamunyak Gemma (Alley) winning Best Long Stock Coat – Junior at both events. These were the first events that Brenna had ever entered so these wins are fantastic. Brenna's hard work during the year had paid off, so well done. I think we'll be seeing their names on the winning pages again for years to come.

The team at our Branch continues to be innovative in bringing the German Shepherd Dog to the local community of Bendigo. In doing so, we have been able to promote this excellent breed in and around the region. During 2016, Bendigo Branch plans to conduct training days and information sessions in the heart of Bendigo to further enhance people's knowledge and appreciation of the German Shepherd Dog. So well done to everyone involved with Bendigo during a strong year in 2015 and here's to 2016.



*Back Row, L to R: Tony Kekich, Ron Bailey, Terry Kennedy  
Front Row, L to R: Anthea Hamilton, Debbie Kennedy, Maureen Kail  
& Carolyn Anderson.*

Branch Manager  
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Mr. Tony Kekich  
Mr. Terry Kennedy  
Ms Carolyn Anderson  
Mrs. Debbie Kennedy  
Mr. Terry Kennedy

Breed Liaison Officer  
Membership Officer  
Publicity Officer  
Social Manager

Mrs. Maureen Kail  
Mrs. Anthea Kekich  
Mrs. Anthea Kekich  
Mr. Ron Bailey

***Tony Kekich***  
***Branch Manager- Bendigo Branch.***

## **EASTERN**

2015 was another successful year for Eastern Branch in many ways.

Our membership at the end of the year stood at 394.

A total of 2350 dogs were trained in Obedience and Show with an average of 55 dogs and their people attending each week hail, rain or shine. This was a notable increase on 2014 numbers.

Our instructors gave 375 hours of their time to train owners in the finer points of handling their dogs and we thank them sincerely for this. This commitment by instructors and owners lead to some very pleasing results in Show, Trialling, Rally-Obedience, Endurance and Tracking with a number of Titles being achieved. It was rewarding to see newer members participate alongside some of our more experienced and we hope to build on this during 2016. Congratulations to all concerned.

Our Demo team was busy again this year with appearances at the Royal Melbourne Show and Moomba and our Christmas Break-up. These were ideal opportunities for members of the public to see Shepherds in action close up.

Puppy Kinder, another initiative of the Branch, was conducted again in 2015 with small groups of pups and their people learning the ropes in the clubhouse, mid-week. Our thanks go to Rosie Garbett and Mary Hawthorne, our Kinder teachers, for conducting these sessions so successfully.

Our Education Program continued with evening presentations by Dr Allison Brown, a vet whose passion is dog behaviour, A/g Sgt. Matthew Steele and Oshi of the VicPol Dog Squad and our own resident lawyer, Amanda McAnuff, who spoke about "Your Dog and the Law" at our Special General Meeting. All speakers enthralled their respective audiences. We thank them for this and we are planning encores in the future.

Fundraising, such an integral part of our operations, continued with regular Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings and Masters along with our canteen operations, dog shop, weekly raffle and our Annual Shopping expedition. Monies raised provides equipment for our members.

2015 also saw two "retirements". Peter Garbett left the position of Branch Manager due to ill health but we still see his smiling face around the club each week as he pitches in to help where it is needed. Thank you Peter, for your service on the Branch committee over the years.

Ben Glasheen, our Fund-raising Guru, has retired after 30 years but he assures us that he will still be keeping an eye on us. Thank you, too Ben, for your service to the Club over all these years.

Finally, thank you to all of our volunteer helpers each week, to our Instructors and to our Committee without you there would be no GSDCV Eastern Branch.

Branch Manager	Mr. Peter Garbett & Mr. John Schultz	Fundraising	Mr. Ben Glasheen
Assistant Branch Manager	Mr. John Schultz	Education Officer	Ms. Jen Ornum Breigh
Secretary	Mrs. Amanda McAnuff & Mrs. Barbara Jacobs	Website Officer	Mrs. Kath McAnuff
Treasurer	Mrs. Jenny Burley	Breed Liaison Officer	Mrs. Melissa Siktars
Chief Instructor	Mr. Peter Wallbridge	Membership Officer	Ms. Trish Gough
Ass. Chief Instructor	Mrs. Rosie Garbett	Catering Officer	Ms. Jenny Burley
Grounds Manager	Mr. Andrew McAnuff	Equipment Officer	Mrs. Kath McAnuff
Merchandise	Mrs. Barbara Stewart	Shepherd News	Mrs. Barbara Stewart

**Peter Garbett & John Schultz**  
**Branch Manager – Eastern Branch**

## GEELONG

As Branch Manager I am pleased to report that Geelong had another positive and successful year. As usual throughout the year class numbers go up and down as new members arrive and leave. The challenge is to try and keep these new members and build up the branch numbers. The instructors turn up every week, but that trend is not the same for most club members.

Our small Demo Team attended three events in 2015. The Million Paws Walk held in the Eastern Gardens, the Werribee Pet Expo and the Wallington Strawberry Fair. Quite a few weeks of training before the events ensured that the Demonstration's went off perfectly. As in the past our small group of helpers were there to help set up the demonstration ring. These types of event are a great Public Relations exercise for the breed and our club.

Congratulations to the Western Branch for running a very successful Fun day. One of Geelong's members had a fantastic day, and achieved a perfect score of 200 out of 200 and also highest scoring dog in trial. Well done to those Geelong members that attended and received a placing, and also to those that just missed out. Thanks also to our Instructors and Aspirer who judged or stewarded on the day.

Our branch organised one Bunning's Sausage Sizzle's in 2015. These events are a great way to improve the finances of our branch. I must make special mention of the small, but very dedicated bunch of members who regularly attend and help at these events. It was also nice to see some of the newer members attend, and help raise funds for our branch.

Three Geelong members trailed this year, and all gained titles in 2015. One member received his CCD and CD title. Another member had success in gaining a Tracking title, and another gained her Endurance Title. Congratulations to you all, your success has encouraged others at our branch to have a go in 2016.

The Geelong Branch award presentations were held on 14<sup>th</sup> December and went off without a hitch. The food was excellent and everyone had a great time. Congratulations to those members that received an award on the day. The

Janet Henley and Dogs Memorial Award- Geelong Member of the Year went to Ray French. The Child Handler for 2015 was awarded to James Wilson.

Games such as Simon Say's, Musical chairs, Fastest Recall, Tunnel races and an obstacle course were organised for the last training day of 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee and Instructors, who have all worked extremely hard throughout the year. Without your willingness to hold a position, and your dedication and support there would be no branch at Geelong. Thanks also to all the members at Geelong for your help, attendance and support in 2015.

Branch Manager	Mr. Ashley Kendall & Mr. Dennis Gladman	Breed Liaison Officer	
Assistant Branch Manager	Mr. Dennis Gladman	Social Secretary	
Secretary	Mrs. Maureen Williams	Membership Officer	Mrs. Maureen Williams
Treasurer	Mrs. Sherry Hanley	Canteen Managers	Ms Angela Burn
Chief Instructor	Mrs. Jo Mee	Equipment Officer	Mrs. Michelle Cabel
Grounds Manager	Mr. Ashley Kendall	Publicity Officer/ Webmaster	Mrs. Veronica Filmer
Assistant Ground Manager	Mr. Mark Stevenson		

**Dennis Gladman**  
**Branch Manager – Geelong Branch**

## **GIPPSLAND**

I am pleased to be able to submit the annual report on behalf of the Gippsland Branch.

In 2015 our instructors were led by Dave Hynd, I would like to thank Dave and all of the Instructors for their outstanding efforts throughout the year. The Instructor group give up so much of their time to help out members and we could not operate without them. Gippsland also had five members commence the Obedience Aspirers course and all of them have successfully completed their written exams and will participate in practical work throughout 2016.

The year has also seen a significant increase in membership with a total of 22 new membership units signed up which is a lot for a small branch like ours. As a result, training numbers are up with an average of 25 dogs at training every week. To all of our members who turn up week in and week out to socialise their dogs and train them to be good canine citizens I would like to say congratulations for your efforts and well done. It is the people who train their dog to be able to walk down the street well behaved and under control that do the most to promote the German Shepherd in a positive way within the community. The "pet owners" and people who don't compete in trials deserve a lot more recognition than they get.

We didn't have as many people trialing this year as we did last year. However, the members that did came out with some passes and congratulations to Lyn McAlpine with Wolfie for their title in Rally Novice and Sharyn Thompson with Kali completing the Endurance test and also gaining VCA Therapy Dog Accreditation.

Our confirmation team also shared in mixed results for 2015. Dog's competed in specialty as well as in the all breeds ring and have come away with an Australian Champion and some Excellent grading's in specialty show. They are to be congratulated for their commitment and dedication especially considering the distances they travel for shows and training. Julie Jordan's Xena and Jen Eaton's Sheba also gained Breed Survey Class 1.

Thanks must go to the entire committee of the Gippsland branch who work hard to keep the branch running and make it fun for everyone. Only one person held multiple roles so special mention must go to Carol for her work as the Treasurer and also in First Aid. All Committee positions have been filled for 2016 and will again see only one double up. Another special mention goes to Julie Jordan for her work as our Breed Liaison Officer. Julie makes the long trip to Eastern for Breed Affairs meetings and it took a broken to stop her from attending every meeting for the year.

On a personal note I would like to thank my wife Carol for her support throughout the year.

Branch Manager	Mr. Ray Batchelor	Equipment Officer	Mr. Tony Murray
Assistant Branch Manager	Mrs Claire Purcell	Publicity Officer	Mrs. Alicia Hart
Secretary	Mrs Trish Taylor	Breed Liaison Officer	Mrs. Julie Jordan
Treasurer	Mrs. Carol Batchelor	Grounds Manager	Mr. Rick Bradley
Chief Instructor	Mr. David Hynd	Social Secretary	Ms. Julie Lovell
Membership Officer	Ms Anna Tyben	Assistant Equipment Officer	Ms. Anne Lee
Canteen Manager (1)	Ms. Sharyn Thompson	Canteen Manager (2)	Ms. Wilma Bates

**Ray Batchelor**  
**Branch Manager – Gippsland Branch**

**MALVERN**

Malvern had a busy and successful 2015 year. We averaged over 60 dogs at training each Sunday, an increase on last year. This made for busy classes where our instructors more often than not took shared classes to ensure that all members received the required attention, with the flexibility for individual tuition if needed. With our puppy classes continuing over the December January break, we were open for 43 weekends of the year with closures only for club, event and heat related reasons. That's a big commitment for our committee members and instructors, and one that we know all our members appreciate.

We continued to enhance our branch training capacity as we strive to offer the training and socialisation structures that

our members most want for their dogs. We increased and expanded our use of equipment during classes to challenge all handlers, from puppies through to our most mature dogs. This made each day interesting and the members could see their improvements with those around them. A generous donation from a member ensured we had lots of user friendly easy to handle equipment to use. We hope our aim to ensure all have a friendly well behaved dog both at home with the family and out in public was achieved. We saw many of our handlers and dogs make significant advancements.

Our branch is about more than training dogs, it's a social environment for our members to interact with those with a common interest, compare notes and receive support if needed. During the year our members (and their dogs) have enjoyed regular bacon & egg and/or sausage sizzles to start their mornings, adding to their opportunity to socialise their dogs in a relaxed environment. We try to ensure that we communicate with our members via regular email newsletters, our website and facebook page. These prove popular mediums for recognising our members and their participation at the branch.

The main area of activity outside of Sunday training for our members is at shows and trials. We have many members actively participating with various titles gained. Success this year in tracking for Lin Milne & Echo and Anca Tilea & Mia, in Track and Search for Ken Mackay & Nero, Lin Milne & Echo and Anca Tilea & Mia, and in obedience, rally and the show ring for Dearne Jackson & Polly. Valerie Tan & Morpheus also achieved a Rally title. Gayle Johnston & Al titled in the obedience ring. Peter and Dawn Howard have had multiple successes in tracking, obedience and showing. Rosalie Gerlach & Phoenix titled in the all breeds show ring. Our trial training on Wednesday night is strengthened by the assistance of judges Jim Begg and David Hutson, for which we are most thankful for their efforts. Of course there is also our member Merran Hamilton and her dog Kaiser, who has starred in two films recently, with the second to be released early 2016. Watch out for a long coat GSD!

Our demonstration team was also involved in a series of activities. The team attended our local Stonnington Council Pets in the Park Expo in March. Malvern represented the GSDCV to showcase our dogs and breed with activities and an information stand and tunnels for the public. The team also provided assistance at the Dogs Victoria Big Day Out for Dogs, again providing tunnel activities for the general public, which was appreciated and recognised by Dogs



Malvern 2015 Committee  
 Back L-R: Jacinta Poole, Lin Milne, Grant Milne, Dearne Jackson,  
 Ken Mackay Wayne Speck, Jim Begg  
 Front L-R: Sam Siebel (& Rollo), Judy Eppinger Jenny Lord,  
 Maggie Davis  
 Absent: Gayle Johnston, Kate Pope



Victoria. The Melbourne Pet Expo in February saw our team man our breed stand over the 2 days. Several of our members were also involved in the GSDCV team that participated in the Moomba parade. Great work on the promotion front. We thank all our demo team members, dogs and helpers who gave freely of their time to promote our club and breed. Thank you to Malvern CI Dearne Jackson for her coordination and management of the Malvern team.

Without doubt our biggest contributors are our instructors. Each week they commit and volunteer their time for the benefit of all our members. We thank them for their dedication, patience and persistence in ensuring that all members get the most out of their dogs through training. They routinely spend extra time and effort after class providing advice for those with difficult dogs or problems. This is most appreciated. This year we also had some activity based trainings prior to class for those interested in various disciplines. Thanks to Ken Mackay and Lin Milne for instigating these. Our instructors provide the foundations for our success as a branch and they teach and mentor within their own instructor group to ensure all continue to learn and develop as instructors. Our branch and club could not go on without our instructors, they are the core of our success as a branch. So a big thankyou from all at Malvern to Dearne Jackson for her leadership as chief instructor, Gayle Johnston as assistant, Jim Begg, Judy Eppinger, Keith Heale, Pam Jackson, Ken Mackay, Marg Starow, Valerie Tan and Jacinta Poole, along with our 2015 aspirers Grant Milne and Sam Siebel. We look forward to Grant and Sam finalising their practical exams in 2016.

Stonnington Council provide Malvern branch with excellent ongoing support. Our new pavilion and ground facilities are first class. Council is very supportive of our branch activities and what we offer to the broader community and their pets as a training and recreation service. We are very appreciative of Stonnington's continued support for our branch. We also thank our club sponsors Royal Canin for their support. Royal Canin product is popular amongst our branch members for their dogs.

Thank you to our dedicated committee for 2015, who have worked tirelessly making sure Malvern is always progressing and improving. Without this group of members providing the administration and organisation of our branch, we could not function. Together with our instructors, it's a great team. Our committee included Jacinta Poole, Jim Begg, Judy Eppinger, Wayne Speck, Dearne Jackson, Gayle Johnston, Jenny Lord, Ken Mackay, Grant Milne, Lin Milne, Sam Siebel, Maggie Davis and Kate Pope. We also have many other members who routinely assist with setting up or packing up on Sundays, and providing other assistance, all of which helps.

Several Malvern committee members also have very active roles with the broader GSDCV club. At times this significantly extends their individual commitments beyond what they contribute at Malvern and for that we are appreciative of their extra efforts for the broader club members and the GSD breed.

Thank you to the GSDCV Management Committee for their support during the year and a big thank you to everyone who has been involved with Malvern this past year. We look forward to the coming year and again the measure of our success will be all the happy dogs we see early each Sunday morning doing what they enjoy so much! Thank you to the many Malvern members who come to training each Sunday – we look forward to seeing your every week!

Branch Manager  
Assistant Branch Manager  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Chief Instructor  
Grounds Manager

Ms. Jacinta Poole  
Mr. Jim Begg  
Mrs. Judy Eppinger  
Mr. Wayne Speck  
Mrs. Dearne Jackson  
Mr. Ken Mackay

Breed Liaison Officer  
Social Secretary  
Membership Officer  
Canteen Manager  
Equipment Officer  
Publicity Officer  
Web Site/Media

Ms. Gayle Johnston  
Mrs. Lin Milne  
Mrs. Jenny Lord  
  
Ms. Jacinta Poole  
Ms. Kate Pope  
Mr. Grant Milne

**Jacinta Poole**  
**Branch Manager – Malvern Branch**



## NORTHERN

Hmmmm, is it just me, or did I just blink and 2015 was gone? The year rocketed along, but it must have been a good one because time flies when you're having fun.

This year congratulations do to duel winners of our annual Branch Person of the Year award. Well done to Barry Clark and Geoff Dennis for the time and effort that you both have put in around the club house getting it ship-shape with various reno-rescue projects. Also a special thank you to Alf Hodges for being our plumber when we needed one.

On the training side of things, congratulations to Andrew Bolzonello and Toshack for being awarded the President's Award, our award from the instructor pool for the best obedience dog and handler team. And congratulations to all award and title winners this year at Northern Branch.

Out on the training ground 2015 saw an increase of over 20% more dogs and people being involved in classes when compared to 2014, so numbers are growing and more people are getting involved. Thanks to our Chief Instructor Terry Taukus and our instructor team for their work conducting these classes and making sure everyone gets a positive experience and keeps on coming back.

I think all will agree that the Christmas breakup party was great this year with us trying out a new venue and a bit of a different format. 2015's party was held at the Preston Reservoir Bowls Club, just around the corner (relatively) from the branch and had the members, Santa included, out barefoot bowling on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

Well that's it from me, I'd better stop here before 2016 zooms by too. See you all out on the training ground (as in "I'll see you, you won't see me, I'll be in the shade, what do you think I am, nuts?" ☺ )

Branch Manager	Mr. Daryl Bourke	Social Secretary	Mrs. Shelley Bourke
Assistant Branch Manager	Mr. Geoff Dennis	Membership Officer	Mrs. Ros Vincent
Secretary	Ms. Zora Marko	Catering Officer	Mrs. Mary Kazakis
Treasurer	Mrs. Julie Taukus	Equipment Officer	Mrs. Helene Smit
Chief Instructor	Mr. Terry Taukus	Publicity Officer	Mrs. Melissa Bauer
Grounds Manager	Mr. Barry Clarke	Website Manager	Mr. Terry Taukus
Breed Liaison Officer	Mrs. Mary Lanfranchi		

**Daryl Bourke**

**Branch Manager – Northern Branch**

## SKYE

It is with pleasure I present the Skye Branch Annual Report for 2015.

As always the year began with our puppy classes run by Helen, Arlene and Sharon. We got off to a good start when training resumed in February. Our training numbers were again up on the previous year so thanks must go to the instructor group that put in week after week.

On the financial side of things the raffles, canteen, special efforts and seminars continue to bring in extra income which enabled us to purchase yet more new equipment for the branch.

On June 27<sup>th</sup> we held a trivia night and October 17<sup>th</sup> we held a seminar with Boyd Hooper as the guest speaker. Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of December we had our twilight break up which once again was enjoyed by everyone that attended. This year Santa arrived in an American black and white Police Car. As usual a jumping castle was there for everyone to enjoy. A big thanks must go to all the Committee, Instructors and members that work hard to make this breakup possible.

In closing I would like to thank our members for their continuing support of the branch and our committee for their tireless efforts throughout the year.

Branch Manager	Mr. Ken Smith	Publicity Officer	Mrs. Cristine Begbie
Assistant Branch Manager	Ms. Lynn Hawksworth	Promotions Officer	Mrs. Cristine Begbie
Secretary	Ms. Lynn Hawksworth	Website	Ms. Pam Anderton
Treasurer	Ms. Pam Anderton	Equipment Officer	Ms. Amanda Barr
Chief Instructor	Mr. Les Rudling	Social Secretary	Ms. Carla Srb
Breed Liaison Officer	Mrs. Julie Urie	Catering Officer	Mr. Kevin Poulter

**Ken Smith**

**Branch Manager – Skye Branch**

## **SPECIALIST SHOW BRANCH**

It is with much pleasure that I present my first annual report for the branch. I would like to thank the members for their support during my first year. Of course my role is made so much more enjoyable with the great people who have assisted me and the branch this year. Our branch is fortunate to have so many talented and experienced people who give their time to the branch and more importantly to the breed, so a huge thanks to my committee and their support staff.

Chris Auwema as my Assistant Branch Manager and Canteen Officer.

Barbara Blythe as Secretary, who ensures our members are all well informed. Barb also gives her time willing in many other areas, of not only the branch, but the Victorian Club and National Council.

Fiona Henderson as our Treasurer who not only looks after our branch financial position but also has stepped up to take on the Treasurer role of the Victorian Club.

Shirley Taylor as our Chief Instructor who ensures each week we have instructors to take our classes.

Judy Wade as our Publicity Officer who ensures items are placed in the Shepherd News.

David Berry as Ground Manager, along with others, in setting up each week.

To all our instructors, Fran, Brank, Barbara, Shirley, Jenny, Ian, Alistair, David and Mel, Amanda and Mark who have also assisted throughout the year. It is their wealth of knowledge and experience that they are willing to impart with each week that is the true heart of our branch and I believe gives our members the best possible opportunity for success in the ring.

To those that have run our canteen Chris, Fiona, Ann, Barbara, Shirley, Jeannette, Judy, Norma and Brank on the BBQ keeping us and our visitors well feed every week.

A couple of high lights for the show fraternity this year were the National held in our own State and a return of our Breed Exhibition judged by Jenny Yuen. I think sometimes the greater fraternity lose focus that we are a breed club with the responsibility and direction of our breed as our core function, so it was pleasing to see a large entry in the State Breed Exhibition. Again members of the branch were involved in the planning, set up and running of these very successful events. As a small branch dedicated to showing in the speciality rings our dedicated members consistently amaze me in assisting to ensure the whole show fraternity across the country can enjoy our shows and still have success with their own dogs.

This year has seen the continued growth in members from other branches attend our training and breed survey days. I hope this continues in the New Year.

I am extremely proud of our small branch and its members and I look forward to another successful year ahead.

Branch Manager	Mr John Carter	Chief Instructor	Mrs Shirley Taylor
Assistant Branch Manager	Mrs Chris Auwema	Grounds Manager	Mr David Berry
Secretary	Mrs Barbara Blythe	Breed Liaison Officer	Mrs Shirley Taylor
Treasurer	Mrs Fiona Henderson	Catering Officer	Mrs Chris Auwema
Membership Officer	Mrs Barbara Blythe	Publicity Officer	Mrs Judy Wade

**John Carter**  
**Branch Manager – Specialist Show Branch**

## **WESTERN**

January 2015 saw the start of Western's new lease take affect with the Brimbank City Council. There was much back and forth communication going on, we eventually reached our request of a 3x3x3year lease. Council agreed to pay the insurance on the building and to do any maintenance, we pay ground rental. If we attend a number of council run seminars we get a yearly discount. Many Thanks to Lyn Pickering, Steve Kinsman, Dom Cafari, Tony Mercieca who helped with negotiations.

Our membership has continued to rise all year making us the second largest Branch. Many of our members have come from puppy certificates as well as through the Branch web-site.

Western have attended 2 Pet Expos this year in March and October, both in the Brimbank area. All the dogs were well behaved and of course the public loved touching and moving amongst them. A number of our members also joined other branches members in the annual Moomba Parade promoting our animals and great exposure for them.

Good Friday Walk was again supported by Eastern and Northern branches on the day, disappointing though we couldn't take our dogs into the finish at Jeff's Shed this year, (no dogs allowed) therefore we couldn't do our usual demo. We raised a total of \$26,568.95 taking our grand total well over the \$500.000 mark, something we are extremely proud of. Thank you to our organisers Lyn Pickering, Bernie Lester and Dom Cafari.

Western held the 1<sup>st</sup> Funday this year and after several cancellations due to ground works and the fact that we had to have a Food Permit to operate along with alterations to our kitchen done before we would be granted the permit, this left us wondering will we ever be able to have the Funday. Common sense prevailed and the Funday went ahead although the weather wasn't kind we managed to get through and thank you to those who supported us on the day.

Financially we are doing very well we continue to top up our investment funds and still have been able to buy during the year a shipping container to give us more storage room, a new commercial hotplate for the kitchen, paper towel and soap dispensers for the toilets, a pull along cart, new agility equipment, covers for our outdoors blinds under the verandah and shelving. Also donated were some comfy chairs, filing cabinets and some shelving.

Michelle Mercieca, Lyn Pickering, Roslyn Mills, Megan and Stuart McDonald, Lorelle and David Organ have all been busy either showing or trialling or tracking. Between them they have accumulated Many Excellents, Best of Breed, Challenge Dog or Bitch, ET, Australian Champions, T. Champions, CCD, CD, Best Bitch at the NSW State Breed and 2 Grand Champions in Tracking. Quite a number of different disciplines and Congratulations to all of you!

Western held a Breed Survey in October and it proved to be most successful, 10 dogs were presented, 9 class 1 and 1 class 2. It was a great day, thank you to all that helped and supported us, Big thanks to the boys ,Arthur and Bill in the canteen they were run off their feet. It is favourable to have one this side of the city as there are 5 Branches this side. We will still support other Surveys as we have always done.

Sadly we lost 3 of our older members this year in Frank Valastro, Norman Knight and Eddie Grimshaw all had been battling illness for quite sometime  
Frank joined Eastern in January 1976, was at Geelong for a few years before he came to Western, He was an Obedience Judge, Obedience Instructor, Show Instructor, VCA Committee person, Branch Manager at 2 Branches I know of. He was also a committee person the last few years at Western.

Eddie was a GSDCV member in the very early days of the Club joining in February 1970 and eventually came to Western as he and Ursula moved house to live in Elphinstone

Norm was an Obedience Instructor at Western, he and Pauline had a short break and rejoined in March 1997. Norm was quite the character always good for a chat and a laugh. Our thoughts go out to all their families.

The 2015 Committee have been an asset to the Branch this year and I sincerely thank you all, there have been a few trying times but as always we try to make sure the Branch continues to thrive. We are all here for the same purpose the love of our Breed.

To the 2016 Committee I wish you much success in the year to follow.

Branch Manager	Mrs. Shirley Petrella	Social Secretary	Mr. Tony Lerias
Assistant Branch Manager	Mr. Steve Kinsman	Membership Officer	Mrs. Roslyn Mills
Secretary	Mrs. Lyn Pickering	Catering Officer (1)	Mr. Arthur McPherson
Treasurer	Ms. Merle Sinclair	Catering Officer (2)	Mr. Bill Hounslow
Chief Instructor	Mr. Dom Cafari	Publicity Officer	Mrs. Sue Hounslow
Equipment Officer	Mrs. Carole Osborne	Website Manager	Mrs. Michelle Mercieca
Breed Liaison Officer	Mrs. Carole Osborne	Maintenance	Mr. Tony Mercieca
Groundsman	Mrs. Lyn Pickering	Assistant Grounds Manager	Mrs. Roslyn Mills

**Shirley Petrella**  
**Branch Manager – Western Branch**

**WODONGA**

What a year, with temperatures rapidly changing throughout, in the winter months we had very cold, wet, wintery days followed by very hot, windy conditions during summer with bush fires also affecting training at one point. However during all of this our membership increased to 80 active members from 70 the previous year. We had 38 new members join us during the year, however the Branch is finding it hard to retain membership, we are finding, as I would say most other Branches are experiencing, members today join only to teach their puppies basic obedience and leave the Branch with a reasonably well trained puppy in basic obedience and find that in twelve months or so after leaving they are back with an out of control problem dog it is hard to explain to the member that they need to continually train their canine companion so it will become a better socialized, responsible, reliable, obedient member of the family and also a credit to the breed when in public.

The Branch regrets the passing of Mr Richard Mindin a foundation member of the Branch and a local well known breeder on 27<sup>th</sup> June after a short illness. He will be sadly missed by the Branch and our thoughts and best wishes go out to his wife Carol. Richard and Carol were well known throughout the Club as a breeder of many very successful Show Dogs which included Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at Nationals over the years, also a number becoming Tracking Champions and also excelling in the Obedience ring. Tracey Hill, one of our Aspiring Show Instructors, trained a puppy bitch 'Kardin Naughty but Nice' from Richard's last litter and she came 1<sup>st</sup> in a group of 42 puppies at the National in Melbourne.

Many thanks to Jenny Yuen and Nicky McDermott who visited our Branch on the 15<sup>th</sup> November to practical test three Show Aspirers, Tracey Hill, Martine and Jeff Burgess all receiving passes which now makes them Qualified GSDC Show Instructors - the first Show Instructors for the Branch since inception. Congratulations to all three.

Training concluded for the year on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015, with a Branch Fun Day and Break-Up function with competitions and lots of prizes for all. After the games etc following was a BBQ lunch and goodies which was enjoyed by everyone present. The day was very successful as it is the only time that all members can get together (due to the number of Instructors the Branch has, classes have to be split with some starting at 9am and others at 10am).

Puppy training continued over the Christmas period with a number of puppies attending Puppy Class. Puppies need the training at this early age as this minimises the bad behaviours which can develop.

The Branch held a number of Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings during the year raising funds for the Branch which can be used to upgrade training equipment and sending our Instructors to seminars during the year such as the Vicki Austin and Steve Austin seminars to update them on current methods and training techniques. These were excellent presentations with all coming away with some great ideas to increase motivation, reliability, speed and precision with the dogs at our Branch.

A couple of our members attended Tracking Trials during the year with three gaining their TD Titles and looking forward if possible during 2016 to adding to the number of Tracking Champions our Branch already has.

The Branch also included training in Rally Obedience, giving members a greater variety and interest in their normal Sunday morning training, with a number considering entering Rally Trials in the New Year.

I would like to say a special thank you to my Instructors and of course to the Branch Committee for their tireless work behind the scenes, which at time can be taken for granted.

Again this year in the *Show ring* a number of Branch members achieved Best of Breed Titles, Excellent gradings and placings in many Shows attended during the year. In the *Obedience Ring* passes in CCD, CDX, UD and Excellent in *Rally Obedience*. A number of Branch dogs also gained class 1 at Breed Survey during the year. Congratulations to all.

With such a dedicated team of Instructors and Committee Members we look forward to the challenges of 2016.

In closing I would like to wish the Executive, Management Committee and all Branches the best in their endeavours for 2016.

Branch Manager  
Secretary  
Chief Instructor  
Breed Liaison Officer  
Social Secretary  
Publicity/Website Officer

Mr. Gordon Cole  
Mrs. Marlene Cole  
Mr. Gordon Cole  
Mrs. Martine Burgess  
Mrs. Tracey Hill  
Mrs. Carol Mindin

Assistant Branch Manager  
Treasurer  
Equipment Officer  
Groundsman  
Membership Officer  
Canteen Manager

Mr. Barry Stephens  
Mrs. Marie Brew  
Mr. Barry Stephens  
Mr. Gary Brew  
Mrs. Katherine Barrett  
Marlene Cole

**Gordon Cole**  
**Branch Manager – Wodonga Branch**

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## 2015 LIFE MEMBER

*At the 2015 AGM, Life Member awards was presented to a member, in recognition of Outstanding, extraordinary service and dedication to our club and/or the breed. This award reflects a long history of service to the GSDCV and the breed and are awarded at the discretion of the GSDCV Management Committee.*

### **Mr. Andrew Saliba (Western)**

Andrew Saliba has been a member of the GSDCV since 1982, some 32 years- more than a lifetime. Not only has he had continuous membership, he has actively contributed to the Club in many ways for all those 32 years. Andrew's service to the Club is outstanding. He has contributed above and beyond the norm for his entire membership some 32 years. His dedication and service to can be best described by the positions that Andrew has performed on behalf of the Club as follows:-

- Club Instructor for 30 years
- Club Demonstration Manager for 20 years being from 1992 to 2011
- Assistant Club Training Co-ordinator for 3 years 88, 90 & 91.
- Club Training Co-ordinator (*now known as Obedience Training Co-ordinator*) for 4 years from 91, 92, 93 & 94.
- Was involved in the first Super Dog team under the late Colin Hall.
- Helped in establishing the training set up at Northern, Bendigo, Wodonga, Gippsland, just to name a few giving up his weekend to travel around for the Club.
- Always taken to speaking/presenting and demonstrating his experience with his dogs on basic training at Club Branches and other Breed Clubs.
- Branch Treasurer at Western for 3 years 85, 86, & 87.
- Branch Chief Instructor for 6 years being 88,89,90,2008,2009 & 2010.
- Branch Demo Team Leader for many years.
- Received the Club Outstanding Service Award in 1994.

He has been involved in the co-ordination of many club events (for his branch) and the club, setting up rings and tents for trials, being there to pack up as well no matter the weather conditions.

Andrew is still busy sharing his knowledge, instructing, trialling and helping out around the Club and branch when the need is called upon. He has also for the past 18 years helped out Dogs Victoria's in the promotions always putting the breed first at these events.

As for his trialling endeavours he has on many occasions during his 35 years of trialling won best in trials, won obedience events at the Royal Show and on many occasions been recognised by the club for his outstanding trial results.

Andrew's dedication to the Breed and to the Club, and the length of his continual service make him a worthy candidate for the prestigious award of Life Membership.



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## 2015 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

*At the 2015 AGM, Special Recognition Awards were presented to two members, in recognition of their extraordinary service and dedication to our club and/or the breed.*

### **Mrs. Trish Taylor (Gippsland)**

Trish has been a member of the GSDCV Gippsland branch since 1997. Since then Trish has become an obedience instructor and has achieved obedience titles with all the German Shepherds she has owned. Two of Trish's German Shepherd Dogs including her current bitch, Moroka Money Penny (Penny), have achieved VCA Accreditation as Therapy dogs and regularly work in Aged Care facilities in the Bairnsdale area boosting the morale of the residents. Trish and Penny are also accredited to attend schools to visit children.

When Trish was offered the opportunity to train her dogs for therapy work she immediately thought of it as a good way to promote the German Shepherd in a positive way to the community. Trish has also recently started taking her new German Shepherd dog Jett to nursing homes as well to prepare him for assessment to become a therapy dog.

Additionally Trish has also been the Secretary of the Gippsland Branch since 2000. Nothing is ever too much trouble for Trish. Trish is a highly regarded and valued member of the Gippsland branch.

### **Mr. Gordon Cole (Wodonga)**

Gordon Cole (Wodonga Branch Manager) is a member who has consistently shown his commitment to both the breed and the Club.

Gordon has been a member of the GSDCV since 2000 (15 years) during which time he has held the following important positions:

Wodonga Branch Manager since 2004 & Chief Instructor since 2001.

Gordon's commitment to the Branch and the breed in the Wodonga/Albury area has been outstanding. He has ensured the German Shepherd Dog has been promoted by the many community events that the members of the Wodonga branch attend.

His efforts see him as being the stalwart of this branch. Without his dedication and commitment the breed and Club would not be highlighted in this country area. Gordon's wife Marlene has been there throughout Gordon's tenure and supported him by holding many positions within the Branch herself.

## AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE 2016 AGM

(These are all awards achieved throughout the 2015 year)

### SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

#### Membership Awards – awarded to members for continuous membership

Maureen Goodwin	40 years	Will Goodwin	40 years
Mary Hawthorne	30 years	Norm Hawthorne	30 years
Ann Hammond	30 years	Melissa Hammond	30 years
Frank Grigons	25 years	Jenny Joseph	25 years
Andre Torpy	25 years	Jo Mee	25 years

#### Obedience Instructor Awards – awarded for continuous service as an Obedience instructor

Cristine Begbie	(Skye)	30 years	Julie Urie	(Skye)	30 years
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#### Show Instructor Awards – awarded for continuous service as a Show Instructor – Nil.

Chris Bohdal	(Western)	20 years	Brank Auwema	(SSB)	5 years
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#### Committee Service – awarded for continuous service to a GSDCV or Branch committee

Lyn Pickering	(Western)	25 years	Roslyn Mills	(Western)	10 years
Mary LanFranchi	(Northern)	5 years			

#### Obedience Instructor Certificates:

Ron Bailey (Bendigo)  
 Caroline Anderson (Bendigo)  
 Edwina Neale (Ballarat)

### TITLES AWARDED

NAME	DOG'S NAME	TITLE APPLICATION
Alex & Karyn Cogdell	Ch Vindel Sheeza Raynbow "A", "Z"	RN
Alex & Karyn Cogdell	Ch Vindel Rubee Tuseday "A", "Z" CD, RE	RAE
Alex & Karyn Cogdell	Ch Vindel Rubee Tuseday "A", "Z", CCD, RE	CD
Anca Tilea	T.Ch Mia Dogglycious CCD, RN, ET	TSD
Anca Tilea	Mia Dogglycious CCD, RN, TD, ET	Tracking Dog Excellent
Anca Tilea	Mia Dogglycious CCD, RN, TD, ET	Tracking Champion
Angela Little	T.Ch * Stobar Jacinta "A", "Z" CDX, RE	Track and Search Dog Champion
Bronacre Kennels	Aust Ch * Bronacre Dark Diamond "A", "Z" CCD, ET	RN
Bronacre Kennels	Aust Ch * Bronacre Dark Diamond "A", "Z" CCD, RN, ET	RA
Bronacre Kennels	* Bronacre Philadelphia Freedom "A", "Z" ET	CD
Bronacre Kennels	Aust Ch * Bronacre Dark Diamond "A", "Z" ET	CCD
Carolyn Anderson	Ch * Volscaia Akira "A", "Z" CCD	CD
Dearne Jackson	* Glenraco Golly Gosh "A", "Z" CD	RN
Gayle Johnston	Glenraco Mellow Fellow "A", "Z" CCD	CD
Geof Bagley	Ambala Nebula CCD	CD
Geof Bagley	Ambala Nebula	CCD
Gordon Cole	Grandwest Pino	TD
Greg Jones	Ch. Decklan Uttly Awesum "A", "Z"	Grand Champion

Helena Walter & John Schulz	* Schaeferhund Nelke "A", "Z" ET	RN
Helena Walter & John Schulz	* Schaeferhund Nelke "A", "Z" RN, ET	RA
Helena Walter & John Schulz	* Schaeferhund Nelke "A", "Z"	ET
Helene Smit	Samsonsmit RE, TDX	Tracking Champion
Helene Smit	Delilahsmit TDX	Tracking Champion
Helene Smit	Samsonsmit RE, TD	TDX
Helene Smit	Delilahsmit TD	TDX
Helene Smit	Delilahsmit	TD
Ian & Denise Woollard	O. Grand Ch Killara Winter Saturn "A", "Z" UDX, TD, ET	TDX
Ian & Denise Woollard	Killara Aella "A", "Z" TDX	CD
Irina Borodinova	Ch. T Ch. TS.Ch. * Kerrlane Magic Maveric "A", "Z"	Dual Champion (Tracking)
Iva Baloun	Kazkiri Janti CCD, RN	RA
Judith Strachan	T.Ch, TS Grand Ch Dellaress Dartanyon CCD, RE	RAE
Julia Tahourdin	T.Ch TS Grand Ch Killara Padraic "A", "Z" RN	Neutered Champion
Julia Tahourdin	Neut Ch. T. Ch.TS. Ch, Grand Ch Killara Padraic "A", "Z" RN	Dual Neuter Champion Tracking
Julie Urie	* Harlerose Angel "A", "Z"	CCD
Ken Mackay	T.Ch, TS.Ch Glenraco Good Fellow "A", "Z"	Track and Search Dog Grand Champion
Kim Cooper	* Kooronya In The Purple "A", "Z" CD, TD, ET	RN
Kim Cooper	* Kooronya In The Purple "A", "Z" CCD, TD, ET	CD
Kim Cooper	* Kooronya In The Purple "A", "Z" TD, ET	CCD
Lauren Brownhill	Ch Colwhip Golden Shimmer CCD, RAE, HTM.S, ET	TD
Lauren Brownhill	Phoenix Brownhill CD, RAE3, HTM.S, FS.S, ET	TD
Lauren Brownhill	Phoenix Brownhill CD, RAE2, HTM.S, FS.S, ET	RAE3
Lauren Brownhill	Ch Colwhip Golden Shimmer CCD, RE, HTM.S, ET	RAE
Lauren Brownhill	Ch Colwhip Golden Shimmer CCD, RE, ET	Heelwork To Music - Starter
Lauren Brownhill	Phoenix Brownhill CD, RAE2, HTM.S, ET	Free Style - Starter
Lin Milne	T.Ch Djenuen Triple Treat "A", "Z"	TSD
Lin Milne	Djenuen Triple Treat "A", "Z", TDX	Tracking Champion
Lindsay McPherson	Simonelli Champagne ET	RN
Lyn McAlpine	Ch Bozeeb Ultra Wolf "Z", CD	RN
Lyn Pickering	T. Ch Jayshell Wild Talia "A", "Z", RN, TSD, ET	TSDX
Lyn Pickering	T.Ch Jayshell Onya "Z" CCD, RN, TSD, ET	TSDX
Lyn Pickering	T.Ch TS.Ch Jayshell Wild Talia "A", "Z", RN, ET	Track and Search Dog Grand Champion
Lyn Pickering	T.Ch TS.Ch Jayshell Onya "Z" CCD, RN, ET	Track and Search Dog Grand Champion
Lyn Pickering	T. Ch Jayshell Wild Talia "A", "Z", RN, TSDX, ET	Track and Search Dog Champion
Lyn Pickering	T.Ch Jayshell Onya "Z" CCD, RN, TSDX, ET	Track and Search Dog Champion
Michael Simmons	Iturna Jim Dandy CD	CDX
Michelle Mercieca	Aust Ch * Schaeferhund Balleena "A", "Z", ET	RN
Michelle Mercieca	Aust Ch * Schaeferhund Balleena "A", "Z"	ET
Michelle Mercieca	Aust Ch * Schaeferhund Balleena "A", "Z", RN, ET	CCD
Peter & Dawn Howard	Dual Ch (T) TS Ch * Killara Winter Solstice "A", "Z" CD, RAE	Track and Search Dog Grand Champion

Robert Butler	Aust Ch Killara Asteria "A", "Z" CCD, TD	RN
Robert Butler	Stobar Halina "A", "Z" CDX, RAE, TDX	Neutered Champion
Robert Butler	Aust Ch Killara Asteria "A", "Z" CCD, RN, TD	CD
Robert Butler	Aust Ch Killara Asteria "A", "Z" TD	CCD
Roslyn Mills	T.Ch Barfran Galaxy Star CD, RE	TSD
Roslyn Mills	Tardel Kaddyshack "A", "Z" RA	Tracking Champion
Roslyn Mills	T.Ch Tardel Kaddyshack "A", "Z" CCD, RA	RE
Roslyn Mills	Tardel Kaddyshack "A", "Z"	RA
Roslyn Mills	T.Ch. Tardel Kaddyshack "A", "Z" RA	CCD
Sharyn Thompson	Jayshell Chloe RA	ET
Stuart Macdonald	Aust Ch * Stobar Quentin "A", "Z"	ET
Stuart Macdonald	Aust Ch * Stobar Quentin "A", "Z", ET	CCD
Tania Schumann	Awatea Jail Bait CD, RE, HT, FS.S, HTM.S	Heelwork To Music - Novice
Tania Schumann	Awatea Jail Bait CD, RE, HT, HTM.S	Free Style - Starter
Therese and Urs Rhyn	T.Ch, TS Grand Ch * Killara Volcanic Lava "A", "Z" CDX, RE, ET	RAE
Therese and Urs Rhyn	T.Ch, TS Grand Ch Awatea Loven Missy UD, RE, HT	RAE
Therese and Urs Rhyn	T.Ch, TS Grand Ch Awatea Loven Missy UD, RAE, HT	Neutered Champion
Therese and Urs Rhyn	Neut Ch, T Ch, TS Grand Ch, Awatea Loven Missy UD, RAE, HT	Dual Neuter Champion (Tracking)
Therese and Urs Rhyn	T.Ch, TS Grand Ch, Ch * Killara Volcanic Lava "A", "Z" CDX, RAE, ET	Dual Champion (Tracking)
Tracey Hill	Kardin Igor CCD	TD
Tracey Hill	Khayem Genevieve "A", "Z"	TD
Veronica Filmer	Macklin Mighty Azz	ET
Wendy Seng Hpa	Aust Ch Ramara Totally Wicked "A", "Z", RE	TD
Wendy Seng Hpa	Aust Ch Ramara Totally Wicked "A", "Z", RA	RE
Wendy Seng Hpa	Aust Ch Ramara Totally Wicked "A", "Z", CCD, RE, TD	RAE
Wendy Seng Hpa	Aust Ch Ramara Totally Wicked "A", "Z", RE, TD	CCD

#### GSDCA AWARD OF MERIT

*(These plaques are awarded to the breeder of an animal that has been graded "Excellent" in the conformation or obedience rings for the first time during 2015.)*

#### Excellent in Obedience

Gayle Johnston

Glenraco Mellow Fellow "A", "Z" CD

#### Excellent in Obedience (Rally)

Bronacre Kennels

Aust Ch \* Bronacre Dark Diamond "A", "Z" CCD,

Alex & Karyn Cogdell

Ch Vindel Rubee Tuseday "A", "Z" CD, RAE

Gayle Johnston

\* Glenraco Golly Gosh "A", "Z" CD

Peter & Dawn Howard

Ch Killara Asteria "A", "Z" TD

#### Australian Champion

Alanna Smith

Morekos Bejewelled "A", "Z"

David & Lorelle Organ

\*Zandrac Duchess Satine Kryze "A", "Z"

Decklan Kennels

Decklan Undaraps "Z"

Decklan Kennels

Decklan Time Travla "A", "Z"

Decklan Kennels  
 Ian & Denise Woollard  
 Irina Borodinova  
 Julie Jordan  
 Michelle Mercieca  
 Robert Butler  
 Rosalie Gerlach  
 Stuart Macdonald  
 Therese and Urs Rhyn

Decklan Vision N Dreams  
 Killara Aella "A", "Z" CD, TDX  
 T Ch, TS.Ch, \* Kerrlane Magic Maveric "A", "Z"  
 \* Bozeeb Vanilla Brandy "A", "Z"  
 \* Schaeferhund Balleena "A", "Z"  
 Killara Asteria "A", "Z" TD  
 Killara The Green Mill Murder  
 \* Stobar Quentin "A", "Z"  
 T.Ch, TS Grand Ch \* Killara Volcanic Lava "A",  
 "Z" CDX, RAE, ET

#### Excellent in Show

Angela Bohdal  
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 Debra Colson  
 Frank Grigons  
 George Rizkalla  
 Jean Colenso  
 Jenny Joseph  
 Margaret Raftopoulos  
 Mary LanFranchi  
 Maureen & Will Goodwin  
 Maureen & Will Goodwin  
 Peter & Dawn Howard  
 Peter & Dawn Howard

\* Schaeferhund Xitta "A", "Z"  
 Aust Ch \* Schaeferhund Balleena "A", "Z"  
 \* Schaeferhund Zollie "A", "Z"  
 \* Schaeferhund Enya "A", "Z"  
 \* Vanharley Castro "A", "Z"  
 \* Awatea Nighttime Hussy "A", "Z"  
 \* Blukristall Bronte "A", "Z"  
 \* Dellaress Quicksilver "A", "Z"  
 \* Bodecka Zensation "A", "Z"  
 \* Ramara Totally Trashed "A", "Z"  
 \* Cleyelda Kimiko Lady "A", "Z"  
 \* Willmaurs Romford Reggie "A", "Z"  
 \* Willmaurs Oxley Olive Oil "A", "Z"  
 \* Killara Aella "A", "Z" TDX  
 Ch \* Killara Summer Heights "A", "Z"

#### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

<b>Neil Cousins Memorial Trophy</b>	–	None for 2015	Nil.
<b>Pam Lewis Memorial Trophy</b>	–	None for 2015	Nil.
<b>Gwen Ibbott Shield (2014)</b>	–	Western	
<b>Ian Williams Perpetual Tracking Trophy</b>		2013 – Urs & Therese Rhyn - T.Ch TS Ch. Killara Volcanic Lava AZ CD ET 2014 – Rob Butler - Stobar Halina AZ CDX RAE TDX 2015 – Not awarded	
<b>Margot Haines Puppy of the Year</b>	Male (Stock Coat): Female (Stock Coat): Male (Long Stock Coat): Female (Long Stock Coat):	Tanveld Truman Bodecka Cracked Pepper Meljenka Golden Nugget Vanharley Promiscuous Girl	(V & F Tantaró) (J. Joseph) (S Petrella) (D. Colson)
<b>Eric Orschler Annual Breeders Trophy</b>		Jayshell Kennels	
<b>Schneider Trophy</b>		*Ch. Jayshell Winona "A", "Z" (P & N McDermott)	
<b>Best Dual Performance Trophy</b>		*Volscairn Akira "A", "Z"	

### Specialist Dog of the Year

(Stock Coat) 2015

**\*Xaro ven der Plessenburg "a" ED (Imp Deu)**  
(A. & R. Jones)



### Specialist Bitch of the Year

(Stock Coat) 2015

**\* Ch. Jayshell Winona "A", "Z"**  
(P & N McDermott)



### Specialist Dog of the Year

(Long Stock Coat) 2015

**\*Ch. Jayshell Glasgow "A", "Z" ET**  
(D & L Organ)



### Specialist Bitch of the Year

(Long Stock Coat) 2015

**Ch. Zandrac Duchess Satine Kryze**  
(D & L Organ)





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## JUNIOR HANDLER AWARDS - CONFORMATION

Junior Handler of the Year  
(7 – 9 years)

**Ayden Jones**



Junior Handler of the Year  
(10 to 12 years)

**Stephanie Jones**



Junior Handler of the Year  
(13 – 17 years)

**Trinity Jones**



## YOUNG HANDLER ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*(This conformation award is presented to young handlers under 20 years of age who handle dogs in the regular classes.)*

### 2015 Achiever Trinity Jones

*(Shown handling at the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Championship Show, November 2015,)*



## SCHNEIDER TROPHY RECIPIENTS

*The Schneider Trophy, donated by the Schneider Family and Mrs. B. Ryan, is annually awarded to the highest scoring dog or bitch over 12 months at designated specialty shows. (This trophy is open to Victorian members only).*

1949	Dennerstein Flika	KCC Ch.			
1950	Prince Kazan		1987	*Karlrach Wyoming Belle 'A'	Aust. Ch.
1951	Willunga Baron		1988	*Hasenway Putz 'A'	Aust. Ch.
1952	Weldenfels Bedwolf	KCC Ch.	1989	None awarded	
1953	Helenbryan Patricia CDX	KCC Ch.	1990	*Quincito Awol 'A'	Aust. Ch.
1955	Kombrack Prince		1991	*Elvarado Super Star	Aust. Ch.
1956	Kombrack Prince	KCC Ch.	1992	*Iniff Tapestry 'A' 'Z' CD	Aust. Ch.
1957	Whelker Fram Beau	KCC Ch.	1993	*Iniff Vagrant 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1958	Macron Marita	KCC Ch.	1994	*Iniff Vagrant 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1959	Bramcourt Barleena	KCC Ch.	1995	*Denargun Flying Colours 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1960	Rosenthal Jelda		1996	*Hasenway Wild Knight 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1961	Yram Prince Amin	Aust. Ch.	1997	*Hasenway Wild Knight 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1962	Lardo Pretty Shanee	Aust. Ch.	1998	*Hasenway Wild Knight 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1963	Lardo Pretty Shanee	Aust. Ch.	1999	*Iwan vom Lechtal 'a' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1964	Lardo Pretty Shanee	Aust. Ch.	2000	*Hasenway Wild Knight 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1965	Kohinoor Kazan	Aust. Ch.	2001	*Winbirra Elegance 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1966	Kohinoor Kazan	Aust. Ch.	2002	*Denargun Brownd Off 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1967	Liebestraum Leader	Aust. Ch.	2003	*Spellbinda High Society 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1968	Kohinoor Kazan	Aust. Ch.	2004	*Bodecka Grandslam 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1969	Hagenstolz Kismet	Aust. Ch.	2005	*Zandrac Rivendell 'A' 'Z'	
1970	Hagenstolz Kismet	Aust. Ch.	2006	*Peshar Inga 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1971	Hagenstolz Cicero	Aust. Ch.	2007	*Sannjesa Crusty Demon 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1972	Tanaba Amonasaro	Aust. Ch.	2008	*Sannjesa Crusty Demon 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1973	Trievon Rajah	Aust. Ch.	2009	*Lashadas Ace of Hearts 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1974	Kaznora Kommandant		2010	*Freevale Crazy In Pink 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1977	Willmaurs Fondawn		2011	*Orrinshir Elton John 'A' 'Z' ET	Aust. Ch.
1979	Edinsmuir Liz's Girl of Bedwin	Eng/Aust.Ch.	2012	*Orrinshir Elton John 'A' 'Z' ET	Aust. Ch.
1980	*Von Roland Axel		2013	*Bronacre Dark Diamond 'A' 'Z' ET	Aust. Ch.
1981	Glenawly Kenner	Aust. Ch.	2014	*Bronacre Dark Diamond 'A' 'Z' ET	Aust. Ch.
1982	Wantepich Asta	Aust. Ch.	2015	*Ch. Jayshell Winona 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1983	Volscaia Navita	Aust. Ch.			
1984	*Bedwins Finnigan	Aust. Ch.			
1985	*Karlrach Satans Rites	Aust. Ch.			
1986	*Landrina Majic Melody	Aust. Ch.			

#### CHALLENGE SASHES DONATED BY THE GSDCV INC. FOR 2015

<b>Ballarat Dog Club Inc</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> February	Mr. A Henderson
<b>Kilmore Kennel Club</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> April	Mr. I. Urie
<b>GSDC of SA Champ Show</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr. V. Tantaró
<b>Southland GSDC (NZ)</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr. I. Urie
<b>GSDCT Champ Show</b>	19/20 September	Mr. A. Jones Mr. I. Urie
<b>Working Dog Club of Victoria</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> November	Mr. R. Wenham (Qld.) Herr Erich Bosl (Ger.)

#### CLUB 13 AWARDS

<b><i>(Awarded to animals that have reached the grand old age of 13 years! Whilst not an actual award presented at an AGM, due recognition is given to these "oldies"!)</i></b>	
*Glenraco Wild Orchid "A", "Z"	Owner – Judy Eppinger
Sektor Ma Barker	Owner – Keith Heale
Vonbismark Glitter	Owner – Theresa Pilkington
Ch. Glenraco Remember Me "A", "Z" CD	Owner – Gayle Johnston
TS Ch. T. Ch. *Stobar Jacinta "A", "Z" CDX, RE	Owner – Angela Little
Strawnana Tyzu "A", "Z"	Owner – Graeme & Barbara Jacobs
Blythedale Fancy Free	Owner – Pettina Folkes and family

## HISTORY OF OFFICE BEARERS OF THE GSDCV

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	B/AFFAIRS ADMIN	TRAINING ADMIN
1945	Cap. H. Taylor	Mr. Ryan/Mr. Simmons	Mrs. Wilson	Mrs. Ryan	N/A	N/A
1946	Cap. H. Taylor	Mr. Simmons/Mr. Nicholls/Mr. E. Ryan	Mrs. Malcolmson/ Mrs. Ryan	Mr. Kitchell	N/A	N/A
1947	Cap. H. Taylor	Mr. McPherson/Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. J. Nicholls	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. Kitchell	N/A	N/A
1948	Cap. H. Taylor	Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. Nicholls/Mr Press	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. Clarke	N/A	N/A
1949	Cap. H. Taylor/ Mr. Nicholls	Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. J. Nicholls/Mr. G. Press	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. Clarke	N/A	N/A
1950	Mr. Schellenberger	Mr. J. Nicholls/Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. W. Kerr	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. Clarke	N/A	N/A
1951	Mr. Schellenberger	Mr. J. Nicholls/Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. E. Schneider	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. Clarke	N/A	N/A
1952	Mr. Schellenberger	Mr. J. Nicholls/Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. G. Lane	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. Clarke	N/A	N/A
1953	Mr. G. Lane	Mr. Ryan/Mr. Siggins/Mr. Bushnell	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. Clarke	N/A	N/A
1954	Mr. Schellenberger	Mr. Bushnell/Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. C. Siggins	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. Clarke	N/A	N/A
1955	Mr. K. Stubbs	Mr. G. Bushnell/Mr. Ryan/Mr. C. Siggins	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. Clarke	N/A	N/A
1956	Mr. K. Stubbs	Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. A. Davies/Mr. Buchanan	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. J. Caldwell	N/A	N/A
1957	Mr. S. Rowe	Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. A. Davies/Mr. S. Gilchrist	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. J. Caldwell	N/A	N/A
1958	Mr. S. Rowe	Mr. K. Stubbs/Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. S. Gilchrist	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. J. Caldwell	N/A	N/A
1959	Mr. S. Rowe	Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. K. Stubbs/Mr. M. McKerchar	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. W. Burnell	N/A	N/A
1960	Mr. S. Rowe	Mr. K. Stubbs/Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. W. Henderson	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. W. Burnell	N/A	N/A
1961	Mr. T. Fitzgerald	Mr. K. Stubbs/Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. W. Henderson	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. W. Burnell	N/A	N/A
1962	Mr. T. Fitzgerald	Mr. K. Stubbs/Mr. E. Ryan/Mr. W. Henderson	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. K. Stubbs	N/A	N/A
1963	Mr. T. Fitzgerald	Mr. E. Ryan/Mrs. D. Carter/Mr. W. Henderson	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. E. Fitzgerald	N/A	N/A
1964	Mr. W. Henderson	Mr. T. vd Ryst/Mr. K. Stubbs/Mr. T. Fitzgerald	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. W. Kinsman	N/A	N/A
1965	Mr. W. Henderson	Mrs. D. Carter/Mr. E. VanBael/Mr. E. Ryan	Mrs. B. Ryan	Mr. W. Kinsman	N/A	N/A
1966	Mr. E. VanBael	Mr. W. Henderson/Mr. H. Herter/Mr. K. Stubbs	Mrs. B. Ryan/ Mrs. J. Kinsman	Mr. W. Kinsman	N/A	N/A
1967	Mr. E. VanBael	Mr. K. Stubbs/Mr. G. Gillan/Mr. H. Herter	Mrs. J. Kinsman	Mr. W. Kinsman	N/A	N/A
1968	Mr. E. VanBael	Mr. K. Stubbs/Mrs. J. Mason/Mr. G. Moody	Mrs. J. Kinsman	Mr. W. Kinsman	N/A	N/A
1969	Mr. E. VanBael	Mr. Adams/Mrs. J. Mason/Mr. G. Moody	Mrs. J. Kinsman	Mr. W. Kinsman	N/A	N/A
1970	Mr. P. Tyrrell	Mr. G. Moody/Mr. W. Kinsman/Mrs. J. Kinsman	Mrs. C. Pilgrim	Mr. E. VanBael	N/A	N/A
1971	Mr. E. VanBael	Mr. G. Moody/Mr. D. Gardner/Mr. E. Pilgrim	Mrs. C. Pilgrim	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	N/A	N/A
1972	Mr. E. Pilgrim	Mr. K. Patterson/Mr. H. Brunner/Mr. K. Moore	Mrs. V. Moore	Mr. H. Brunner	N/A	N/A
1973	Mrs. V. Moore	Mr. R. Poole / Mr. H. Brunner / Mr. G. Moody	Mrs P. Savage/ Mrs. C. Pilgrim	Mr. K. Moore	N/A	N/A
1974	Mr. G. Moody	Mr. E. Pilgrim	Mrs. K. Chapman	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer		Mr. E. VanBael
1975	Mr. G. Moody	Mr. H. Brunner/Mr. B. Anderson	Mrs. S. Anderson	Mr. N. Watts	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mr. H. Brunner



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YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	B/AFFAIRS ADMIN	TRAINING ADMIN
1976	Mr. G. Moody	Mr. B. Anderson	Mrs. A. Watts	Mr. N. Watts	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mr. K. Heyne
1977	Mr. B. Anderson	Mr. E. Pilgrim	Mrs. A. Watts	Mr. N. Watts	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mr. K. Heyne
1978	Mr. B. Anderson	Mr. B. Gilham	Mrs. S. Anderson	Ms. F. Eastgate	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mr. K. Heyne
1979	Mr. K. Heyne	Mr. W. Reimann	Mrs. M. VanWeel	Mr. P. Bloomfield	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mrs. E. Nowak
1980	Mr. K. Heyne	Mr. W. Reimann	Mrs. M. VanWeel	Mr. W. Edmonds	Mrs. F. Moody	Mr. T. vd Ryst
1981	Mr. K. Heyne	Mr. P. Westwood	Mrs. M. VanWeel/ Mrs. M. Haines/ Mrs. Westwood	Mr. W. Edmonds/Mrs. S. Westwood/Mr. J. Rodger	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mr. E. Fink
1982	Mr. J. Rodger	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Haines	Ms. F. Eastgate	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mr. K. Heyne
1983	Mr. J. Rodger	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Haines	Ms. F. Eastgate	Mrs. F. Moody	Mr. K. Heyne
1984	Mr. J. Rodger	Mr. V. Tantaro	Mrs. L. Cooper	Ms. F. Eastgate	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mr. K. Heyne
1985	Mr. J. Rodger	Mr. V. Tantaro	Mrs. L. Cooper	Mr. T. Leverett	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mr. K. Heyne
1986	Mr. J. Rodger	Mr. V. Tantaro	Mrs. L. Cooper	Mr. T. Leverett	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mr. K. Heyne
1987	Mr. V. Tantaro	Mr. B. Newson	Mrs. M. Wrigley	Mr. T. Leverett	Mrs. F. Farley	Mr. K. Heyne
1988	Mr. V. Tantaro	Mr. B. Newson	Mrs. M. Wrigley	Mrs. B. Gascoigne	Mrs. J. Haase	Mr. F. Valastro
1989	Mr. V. Tantaro	Mrs. J. Haase	Mrs. M. Wrigley	Ms. K. Combes	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mr. F. Valastro
1990	Mr. V. Tantaro	Mrs. J. Haase	Mrs. M. Wrigley	Ms. K. Combes	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mr. F. Valastro
1991	Mr. V. Tantaro	Mr. F. Moody	Mrs. M. Wrigley	Ms. K. Combes	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mr. A. Saliba
1992	Mr. V. Tantaro	Mr. F. Moody	Mrs. M. Wrigley	Ms. K. Combes	Mrs. A. Pettenhofer	Mr. A. Saliba
1993	Mr. V. Tantaro	Mr. F. Moody	Mrs. M. Wrigley	Ms. K. Combes	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mr. A. Saliba
1994	Mr. V. Tantaro	Mr. F. Moody / Mr. D. Eames	Mrs. M. Wrigley	Ms. K. Combes	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mr. A. Saliba
1995	Mrs. M. Wrigley	Mr. D. Eames	Mrs. F. Tantaro	Ms. K. Combes	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. A. Kerr
1996	Mrs. M. Wrigley	Mr. I. Cameron	Mr. F. Moody	Mr. R. Petrella/ Ms. K. Combes	Mr. L. Donald	Mrs. A. Kerr/ Mrs. L. Holden
1997	Mrs. M. Wrigley	Mr. F. Moody	Mrs. N. Loos	Ms. K. Combes	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mr. J. Speers
1998	Mr. V. Tantaro	Mr. D. Hynd	Mrs. N. Loos	Ms. N. Clark	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Wrigley
1999	Mr. V. Tantaro	Mr. D. Hynd	Ms. C. Poole	Mr. D. Cafari	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2000	Mr. D. Hynd	Mr. P. Vincent	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. D. Cafari	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2001	Mr. D. Hynd	Mr. P. Vincent	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. D. Cafari	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2002	Mr. D. Hynd	Mr. P. Vincent	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. D. Cafari	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2003	Mr. P. Vincent	Mr. F. Moody	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. D. Cafari	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2004	Mr. P. Vincent/ Mr. F. Moody	Mr. F. Moody	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Wrigley



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YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	B/AFFAIRS ADMIN	TRAINING ADMIN
2005	Mr. F. Moody	Mr. I. Urie	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2006	Mr. F. Moody	Mr. I. Urie Mr. D. Cafari (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2007	Mr. F. Moody	Mr. D. Cafari Mr. I. Urie (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	Ms. V. Dobson	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2008	Mr. D. Cafari	Mr. I. Urie Mr. J. Rodger (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	Ms. V. Dobson	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2009	Mr. D. Cafari	Mr. I. Urie Mr. J. Rodger (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	Ms. V. Dobson	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2010	Mr. D. Cafari	Mr. V. Ebejer Mr. J. Rodger (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2011	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mr. I. Urie Mrs. V. Moody (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	Mrs. R. Vincent	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2012	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mr. I. Urie	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2013	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mr. G. Jacobs Mrs. L Rodger (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	Mrs. N. Meaney	Mr. M. Simmons	Mr. I. Urie	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2014	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mr. I Urie Mrs. L Rodger (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	Mrs. N Meaney	Mr. M Simmons	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2015	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mrs. N. McDermott Mrs. L. Rodger (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	Mrs. Val Moody	Mrs. J. Jacobson & Mrs. F. Henderson	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley





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YEAR	BRANCH	MANAGER	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CHIEF INSTRUCTOR
<b>1977</b>	Ballarat	J. Rodger	L. Rodger	J. Barnett	H. Stehlik
	Eastern	G. Moody	M. Haines	R. Herzog	B. Poole
	Malvern	W. Eastgate	B. Gascoigne	F. Eastgate	B. Ninartawicz
	Western	I. Pilgrim/G. Ninartawicz	C. Ellis/F. Tantaró		
<b>1978</b>	Ballarat	J. Rodger	L. Rodger	W. Hawksworth	H. Stehlik/G. Barnett
	Eastern	G. Moody/Dunn	M. Haines	J. McNeal	H. Nowak
	Malvern	P. Bloomfield	B. Gascoigne	N. Watts	G. Ninartawicz
	Western	T. Bracken	F. Tantaró	M. Giertolla	I. Goodman
<b>1979</b>	Ballarat	J. Hodges/J. Rodger	O'Flaherty/L. Rodger	W. Hawksworth	G. Barnett
	Eastern	W. Szillat/Dunn	M. Haines	J. McNeal	H. Nowak
	Malvern	C. Downing	B. Gascoigne	Dynan/Evans	N. Watts
	Western	T. Bracken/V. Tantaró	F. Tantaró	M. Giertolla	I. Goodman
<b>1980</b>	Ballarat	J. Hodges	O'Flaherty/M. Wrigley	W. Hawksworth	H. Stehlik/G. Lowe
	Eastern	Valastro/Thompson/Watkins	M. Haines	M. Galley	P. Laland
	Malvern	M. Guillot	Dimtscheff/Gascoigne	J. Andray	H. Silverman
	Western	V. Tantaró	F. Tantaró	M. Giertolla	U. Giertolla
<b>1981</b>	Ballarat	J. Hodges	M. Wrigley	W. Hawksworth	G. Lowe
	Eastern	F. Valastro	L. May	B. Donald	P. Laland
	Malvern	B. Newson	B. Gascoigne	J. Mills	N. Watts
	Western	V. Tantaró	F. Tantaró	R. Schnoor	D. Conners
<b>1982</b>	Ballarat	J. Hodges	M. Wrigley	W. Hawksworth	G. Lowe
	Eastern	F. Valastro	I. Grimshaw	B. Donald	P. Laland
	Malvern	B. Newson	B. Gascoigne	A. Watts	N. Watts
	Waverley	G. Hliwa	E. Hliwa	E. Hliwa	C. Humphrys
<b>1983</b>	Ballarat	J. Hodges	M. Wrigley	W. Hawksworth	G. Lowe
	Eastern	J. Tenkaten	J. Howell	L. Cooper	P. Laland
	Malvern	B. Newson	B. Gascoigne	A. Watts	M. Nelson
	Waverley	R. Orchard	M. Walsh	M. Walsh	C. Humphrys
<b>1984</b>	Ballarat	A. Boyd	M. Boyd	Summerhays/Boyd/Burton	J. Vance
	Eastern	J. Hodges	M. Wrigley	W. Hawksworth	G. Lowe
	LaTrobe Valley	M. Valastro	Saddington	B. Donald	G. Donald
	Malvern	Wiltshire	C. Bennett	J. Jordan	McAlpine
	Waverley	T. Van d. Ryst	B. Gascoigne	A. Watts	M. Nelson
	Waverley	R. Orchard	M. Walsh	M. Walsh	C. Humphrys
	Western	A. Boyd	M. Boyd	G. Burdon	J. Vance (Railton)



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YEAR	BRANCH	MANAGER	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CHIEF INSTRUCTOR
<b>1985</b>	Ballarat	J. Hodges	M. Wrigley	W. Hawksworth	G. Lowe
	Eastern	M. Valastro	G. Saddington	D. Taylor	J. Tenkaten
	LaTrobe Valley	H. v Rysbergen	C. Bennett	I. Bennett	L. McAlpine
	Malvern	M. Sharp	B. Gascoigne	P. Lewis	M. Nelson
	Waverley	R. Orchard	D. Westwood	F. Eastgate	C. Humphrys
	Western	A. Boyd	M. Boyd	A. Saliba	B. Lester
<b>1986</b>	Ballarat	J. Hodges	M. Wrigley	W. Hawksworth	
	Eastern	M. Valastro	A. Franklin	G. Saddington	E. Pilar
	Geelong	N. Sterzenbach	H. Whiteford	C. Christiaans	
	LaTrobe Valley	C. Wells	I. Bennett	C. Bennett	L. McAlpine
	Malvern	D. Bell	B. Gascoigne	P. Lewis	R. Staley
	Northern	G. Harding	K. Howell	F. Harding	
	Waverley	D. Dowell	F. Henderson	K. Dowell	C. Humphrys
	Western	A. Boyd	M. Boyd	A. Saliba	B. Lester
<b>1987</b>	Ballarat	J. Hodges	M. Wrigley	I. Kelly	C. Hawksworth
	Eastern	M. Valastro	A. Franklin	G. Saddington	E. Pilar
	Geelong	C. Christiaans	H. Whiteford	D. Jenkins	R. Nation
	LaTrobe Valley	C. Bennett	D. Wells	L. Goodge	L. McAlpine
	Malvern	D. Bell	J. Begg	R. Jones	R. Staley
	Northern	G. Harding	K. Howell	C. Humphries	K. Humphries
	Skye	L. Holden	N. Meaney	G. Green	B. Dunn
	Western	A. Boyd	M. Boyd	A. Saliba	B. Lester
<b>1988</b>	Ballarat	J. Hodges	M. Wrigley	W. Hawksworth	G. Lowe
	Eastern	M. Valastro	A. Franklin	G. Saddington	E. Pilar
	Geelong	C. Christiaans	S. Lea-Wood	P. Savickas	
	LaTrobe Valley	C. Bennett	I. Bennett		
	Malvern	R. Atyeo	J. Begg	R. Jones	J. Begg
	Northern	G. Harding/P. Waldhauser	J. Waldhauser	C. Humphries	K. Humphries
	Skye	L. Holden	N. Meaney	G. Green	B. Dunn
	Waverley	T. Shaw	L. McDermott	S. Humphrys	
	Western	F. Moody	V. Watt	R. Petrella	A. Saliba



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<b>1989</b>	Ballarat	J. Hodges	M. Wrigley	W. Hawksworth	C. Hawksworth
	Eastern	M. Valastro	U. Grimshaw	A. Franklin	D. Berry
	Geelong	L. O'Toole	S. Lea-Wood	P. Savickas	L. O'Toole
	LaTrobe Valley	L. Goodge	G. Calway	C. Bennett	I. Bennett
	Malvern	L. Scandar	A. Maddox	R. Jones	P. Lewis
	Northern	P. Waldhauser	L. MacDonald	C. Humphries	K. Humphries
	Skye	L. Holden	N. Meaney	I. Holden	B. Dunn
	Waverley	G. Green	L. McDermott	K. Green	
	Western	F. Moody	V. Watt	R. Petrella	A. Saliba
<b>1990</b>	Ballarat	J. Hodges	M. Wrigley	I. Kelly	G. Goldsmith
	Eastern	M. Valastro	U. Grimshaw	A. Franklin	D. Berry
	Geelong	C. Christiaans	S. Lea-Wood	P. Savickas	
	LaTrobe Valley	G. Calway	L. Goodge	C. Bennett	I. Bennett
	Malvern	L. Scandar	A. Maddox	R. Jones	M. Garcia
	Northern	P. Waldhauser/C. Humphries	L. MacDonald	C. Humphries	K. Humphries
	Skye	C. Brook/A. Adams	G. Carr	I. Holden	B. Elsley
	Waverley	T. Shaw	E. Neale	K. Green	
	Western	F. Moody	V. Watt	R. Petrella	A. Saliba
<b>1991</b>	Ballarat	J. Harding-Smith	M. Wrigley	I. Kelly	J. Hodges
	Eastern	M. Valastro	U. Grimshaw	A. Franklin	P. Flynn
	Geelong	C. Christiaans	S. Lea-Wood	P. Savickas	M. Raftopoulos
	Malvern	S. Cousins	A. Maddox	H. Neff	M. Garcia
	Northern	C. Humphries/P. Vincent	K. Donaldson	A. Solarz	K. Humphries
	Skye	A. Adams	N. Meaney	I. Holden	A. Kerr
	Waverley	T. Shaw	L. Holden	K. Green	G. Green
	Western	J. Jordan	V. Watt	R. Petrella	R. Dyer
<b>1992</b>	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	M. Wrigley	P. Conte	J. Hodges
	Eastern	M. Valastro	U. Grimshaw	A. Franklin	J. Smith
	Geelong	H. Whiteford	S. Lea-Wood	Q. Drew	M. Raftopoulos
	Malvern	A. Maddox	D. Jackson	H. Neff	J. Speers
	Northern	P. Vincent	K. Donaldson	A. Solarz	B. Donaldson
	Skye	A. Adams	N. Meaney	I. Holden	A. Kerr
	Waverley	L. Rodger	K. Green	N. Clark	C. Humphrys
	Western	V. Moody	E. Old	D. Cafari	B. Lester



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1993	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	M. Wrigley	P. Conte	J. Hodges
	Eastern	M. Valastro	N. Wharmby	A. Franklin	J. Smith
	Geelong	H. Whiteford	P. Saunders	Q. Drew	L. Wright
	Malvern	D. Eames	C. Rhoden	R. Jones	J. Speers
	Northern	P. Vincent	J. Niall	A. Solarz	B. Donaldson
	Skye	A. Adams	N. Meaney	I. Holden	A. Kerr
	Waverley	N. Clark	E. Neale	L. Bainbridge	C. Humphrys
1994	Western	V. Moody	R. Harris	D. Cafari	B. Lester
	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	M. Wrigley	P. Conte	J. Hodges
	Eastern	M. Valastro	L. Goodes	A. Franklin	B. Thompson
	Geelong	C. Christiaans	P. Saunders	L. Wright	L. Wright
	Gippsland	I. Cameron	V. Purcell	C. Bennett	M. White
	Malvern	D. Eames/Y. Cooney	C. Roden	P. Eames	J. Speers
	Northern	P. Vincent	J. Niall	A. Solarz	R. Donaldson
1995	Skye	A. Adams	N. Meaney	C. O'Sullivan	A. Kerr
	Waverley	N. Clark	E. Neale	L. Bainbridge	C. Humphrys
	Western	R. Petrella	B. Frantzeskos	D. Cafari	B. Lester
	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	C. Rowlands	P. Maggi	J. Hodges
	Eastern	B. Glasheen	C. Srb	A. Franklin	B. Thompson
	Geelong	C. Christiaans	P. Saunders	M. Giertolla	L. Wright
	Gippsland	I. Cameron	V. Purcell	C. Bennett	M. White
1996	Malvern	Y. Cooney	J. Speers	P. Davies	G. Johnson
	Northern	P. Vincent	J. Niall	A. Solarz	A. Dordevic
	Skye	J. O'Sullivan	J. Maynard	C. O'Sullivan	N. Meaney
	Waverley	N. Clark	U. Grimshaw	M. Scrivens	D. Berry
	Western	R. Harris	B. Frantzeskos/T. Mercieca	T. Frantzeskos/R. Petrella	D. Pook/S. Petrella
	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	C. Rowlands	P. Maggi	S. Bacon
	Bendigo	D. Trickey	A. Adams	M. Dix	J. Smith
	Eastern	B. Glasheen	C. Srb	A. Franklin	L. Wright
	Geelong	C. Gardner	P. Saunders/T. Ball	P. Saunders	M. White/J. Moorey
	Gippsland	A. Purcell/D. Hynd	V. Purcell	C. Bennett	B. Jackson
	Malvern	Y. Cooney/J. Speers	A. Hunt	P. Davies	A. Dordevic
	Northern	P. Vincent	R. Walton	A. Solarz	N. Meaney
	Skye	A. Adams	J. Maynard		
	Waverley	J. Haase	L. McDermott	N. Clark	
	Western	R. Harris/D. Cafari	T. Mercieca	S. Kovacic	S. Petrella/C. Wood



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1997	Ballarat	K. Rowlands/W. Drever	C. Rowlands	P. Maggi	J. Hodges/P. Cooper
	Bendigo	D. Trickey	R. Robson	M. Dix	S. Bacon
	Eastern	B. Glasheen	P. Duffy	L. Marston	J. Smith
	Geelong	C. Gardner/D. Bourke	T. Ball	A. Vella	
	Gippsland	D. Hynd	P. Pendlebury	P. Wiseman	J. Moorey
	Malvern	P. Davies	L. Satherley	M. Fajdiga	S. Kelly
	Northern	P. Vincent	R. Walton	A. Solarz	A. Dordevic
	Skye	A. Adams	J. Maynard	D. Winter	N. Meaney
	Waverley	I. Urie	L. McDermott	N. Clark	T. Shaw
1998	Western	D. Cafari	T. Mercieca	S. Kovacic	C. Wood
	Ballarat	G. Lowe	C. Rowlands	P. Maggi	P. Cooper
	Bendigo	T. Kennedy	R. Bailey	A. Hassell	S. Bacon
	Eastern	A. Franklin	C. Srb	L. Marston	D. Berry
	Geelong	M. Valastro	S. O'Connor	N. McDonald	F. Valastro
	Gippsland	J. Morrey	P. Pendelbury	C. Bennett	A. Purcell
	Malvern	T. Poole	J. Eppinger	J. Bendall	J. Speers
	Northern	P. Vincent	R. Walton	A. Solarz	T. Taukus
	Skye	A. Adams	J. Maynard	I. Holden	F. Spinelli
1999	Waverley	I. Urie	N. Clark	T. Leverett	
	Western	D. Cafari	D. Sturgess	C. Sturgess	P. Lazaric
	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	M. Maggi	P. Maggi	J. Hodges
	Bendigo	T. Kennedy	R. Bailey	A. Hassell	S. Bacon
	Eastern	A. Franklin	C. Srb	B. Jacobs	D. Berry
	Geelong	M. Valastro	J. Henley	M. Sinclair	F. Valastro
	Gippsland	C. Hynd	N. Pancutt	S. Pancutt	J. Morrey
	Malvern	G. Johnston	J. Eppinger	T. Poole	J. Speers
	Northern	R. Walton	C. Cawsey	A. Solarz	T. Taukus
	Skye	A. Adams	J. Maynard	I. Holden	F. Spinelli/P. Aarons
	Specialist Show	I. Urie	V. Ainslie	T. Leverett	C. Humphrys
	Wangaratta	D. Pollard	C. Rice	A. Pirie	
	Western	F. Moody	S. Petrella	C. Sturgess/R. Petrella	P..Lazaric/E.Pasqua/S.Petrella



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<b>2000</b>	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	C. Rowlands	D. Ellery	B. Wilson
	Bendigo	R. Schnoor	U. Grimshaw	A. Hassell	S. Bacon
	Eastern	G. Jacobs	C. Bird/B. Jacobs	B. Jacobs	J. Atken
	Geelong	M. Valastro/A. Smith	J. Henley	M. Sinclair	F. Valastro
	Gippsland	C. Hynd	T. Taylor	C. Bennett	J. Morrey
	Malvern	G. Johnston	J. Eppinger	T. Poole	J. Speers / G. Johnston
	Northern	R. Walton	C. Cawsey	A. Solarz	T. Taukus
	Skye	J. Maynard	B. Blythe	B. Duyvestyn	P. Aarons / H. Dunn
	Specialist Show	J. Yuen	J. Haase	T. Leverett	C. Humphrys
	Western	F. Moody	S. Petrella	R. Petrella	S. Petrella
	Wodonga	D. Norgate	C. Rice	P. Rice/K. Pol	F. Veletovski
<b>2001</b>	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	C. Rowlands	D. Ellery	B. Wilson
	Bendigo	R. Schnoor	R. ASchnoor	A. Hassell	S. Bacon
	Eastern	G. Jacobs	L. Marston	B. Jacobs	J. Atken/D. Berry
	Geelong	A. Smith	J. Henley	M. Blunt	F. Valastro
	Gippsland	P. Pendlebury	T. Taylor	C. Bennett	D. Hynd
	Malvern	D. Hopgood	J. Eppinger	T. Poole	G. Johnston/D. Jackson
	Northern	I. Hipworth	J. Pound	A. Solarz	R. Walton
	Skye	J. Maynard	B. Blythe	B. Duyvestyn	H. Dunn
	Specialist Show	M. Robson	J. Yuen	T. Leverett	C. Humphrys
	Western	F. Moody	S. Petrella	R. Petrella	S. Petrella
	Wodonga	D. Norgate/J. Greskie	C. Rice/P. Smith	K. Pol/C. Heathcote	F. Veletovski/G. Cole
<b>2002</b>	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	C. Rowlands	D. Ellery	B. Wilson
	Bendigo	R. Schnoor	C. Whyte	M. Phillips	S. Bacon
	Eastern	G. Jacobs	L. Marston	B. Jacobs	D. Berry
	Geelong	K. Heyne	J. Henley	M. Blunt	J. Mee
	Gippsland	P. Pendlebury	T. Taylor	C. Hynd	P. Wiseman
	Malvern	D. Hopgood	J. Eppinger	J. Graham	G. Johnston/D. Jackson
	Northern	I. Hipworth	J. Pound	A. Solarz	I. Woodhill
	Skye	I. Holden	B. Blythe	S. Hargreaves	H. Dunn
	Specialist Show	M. Robson	L. Rodger	T. Leverett	C. Humphrys
	Western	F. Moody	S. Petrella	R. Petrella	S. Petrella
	Wodonga	J. Greskie	P. Smith	C. Heathcote/K. Pearce	G. Cole





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2003	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	C. Rowlands	D. Ellery	B. Wilson
	Bendigo	C. Whyte	R. Gerrish/C. Whyte	M. Phillips	R. Bailey
	Eastern	G. Jacobs	L. Marston	B. Jacobs	P. Comatas
	Geelong	K. Heyne	J. Henley	M. Blunt	J. Mee
	Gippsland	I. Naughton	T. Taylor	C. Hynd	P. Wiseman
	Malvern	D. Hopgood	J. Eppinger	J. Graham	G. Johnston/D. Jackson
	Northern	I. Hipworth/F. Grigons	J. Pound	A. Solarz	T. Taukus
	Skye	I. Holden	B. Blythe	S. Hargreaves	D. Winter
	Specialist Show	J. Rodger	L. Rodger	S. Humphrys	J. Haase
	Western	S. Petrella	R. Petrella	S. Sorrell	B. Lester
	Wodonga	J. Greskie	M. Cole	K. Pearce	G. Cole
2004	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	C. Rowlands	D. Ellery	B. Wilson
	Bendigo	C. Whyte	C. Anderson	M. Phillips	R. Bailey
	Eastern	A. Marston	R. Garbett	J. Burley	L. Marston/A. Franklin
	Geelong	K. Heyne	J. Henley	M. Blunt	J. Mee
	Gippsland	J. Jordan	T. Taylor	C. Hynd	P. Wiseman
	Malvern	D. Hopgood	J. Eppinger	J. Graham	K. Mackay
	Northern	F. Grigons	L. Brass	A. Solarz/J. Taukus	T. Taukus
	Skye	K. Smith	Y. Stickland	S. Hargreaves	D. Winter/S. Hargreaves
	Specialist Show	J. Rodger	L. Rodger	S. Humphrys	J. Haase
	Western	S. Petrella	R. Petrella	C. Konidaris	B. Lester
	Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	K. Pearce	G. Cole
2005	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	C. Rowlands	N. Goudey	S. Osbrough
	Bendigo	A. Phillips	C. Anderson	M. Phillips	R. Bailey
	Eastern	A. Marston	M. Siktars	J. Burley	L. Marston/A. Franklin
	Geelong	K. Heyne	W. Blunt	M. Blunt	J. Mee
	Gippsland	J. Jordan	T. Taylor	C. Hynd	P. Wiseman
	Malvern	D. Jackson	J. Eppinger	J. Graham	K. Mackay
	Northern	T. Taukus	L. Brass	J. Taukus	R. Vincent
	Skye	K. Smith	A. Smith	S. Hargreaves	S. Hargreaves
	Specialist Show	A. Adams	L. Rodger	B. Duyvestyn	F. Farley
	Western	A. Geddes	T. Renaud	C. Konidaris	B. Lester
	Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Wilson	K. Pearce	G. Cole



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2006	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	C. Rowlands	V. Stocks	P. Maggi
	Bendigo	M. Phillips	C. Anderson	L. Lawson	R. Bailey
	Eastern	P. Garbett	A. Marston	J. Burley	L. Marston/A. Franklin
	Geelong	J. Henley	J. Henley	C. Gissing	J. Mee
	Gippsland	J. Jordan	T. Taylor	C. Hynd	P. Wiseman
	Malvern	J. Begg	J. Eppinger	R. Jones	M. Gilmore
	Northern	V. Ebejer	L. Ebejer	J. Taukus	A. Quinn
	Skye	K. Smith	R. Meyers	P. Birti	S. Hargreaves
	Specialist Show	A. Adams / M. Goodwin	A. Hammond	B. Duyvestyn	D. Berry
	Western	S. Petrella	R. Petrella	S. Cordner	B. Lester
	Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	K. Pearce	G. Cole
2007	Ballarat	R. Beere	C. Rowlands	B. Wilson	P. Maggi
	Bendigo	M. Phillips	K. Cordell	R. Hall	D. Lund
	Eastern	P. Garbett	D. Owen	J. Burley	A. Franklin
	Geelong	P. Brown	K. Spark	C. Gissing	J. Mee
	Gippsland	J. Jordan	T. Taylor	C. Hynd	P. Wiseman
	Malvern	J. Begg	J. Eppinger	R. Jones	G. Bobbin
	Northern	V. Ebejer	L. Ebejer	J. Taukus	A. Quinn
	Skye	K. Smith	R. Meyers	P. Birti	C. Srb
	Specialist Show	M. Goodwin	A. Hammond	B. Duyvestyn	D. Berry
	Western	S. Petrella	R. Petrella	C. Napl/S. Cordner/R. Petrella	B. Lester
	Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	K. Pearce	K. Pearce
2008	Ballarat	R. Beere	C. Thomas	B. Wilson	R. Beere
	Bendigo	M. Phillips	K. Cordell	R. Hall	D. Lund
	Eastern	P. Garbett	P. Gough	J. Burley	L. Goodes
	Geelong	P. Brown	M. Williams	C. Gissing	J. Mee
	Gippsland	J. Jordan	T. Taylor	N. Binotto	A. Purcell
	Malvern	J. Poole	J. Eppinger	R. Jones	D. Jackson
	Northern	V. Ebejer	L. Ebejer	J. Taukus	A. Quinn
	Skye	K. Smith	A. Smith	P. Birti	C. Srb
	Specialist Show	L. Rodger	S. Taylor	A. Hammond	N. McDermott
	Western	B. Lester	L. Pickering	Merle Sinclair	A. Saliba
	Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	K. Pearce	G. Cole



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<b>2009</b>	Ballarat	D. Ellery	S. Walsh	H. Parojarvi	
	Bendigo	M. Phillips	K. Cordell	R. Hall	D. Lund
	Eastern	D. Nicholson	M. Siktars	J. Burley	R. Garbett
	Geelong	C. Gissing	M. Williams	K. Shearer	J. Mee
	Gippsland	J. Jordan	T. Taylor	N. Binotto	
	Malvern	J. Poole	J. Eppinger	R. Jones	D. Jackson
	Northern	V. Ebejer	L. Ebejer	J. Taukus	A. Quinn
	Skye	K. Smith	A. Smith	P. Birti	C. Srb
	Specialist Show	D. Yuen	F. Farley	F. Henderson	N. McDermott
	Western	B. Lester	L. Pickering	M. Sinclair	A. Saliba
	Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	K. Pearce	G. Cole
<b>2010</b>	Ballarat	D. Ellery	D. Zammit		
	Bendigo	B. Crutchfield	M. Phillips	R. Hall	J. Gaw
	Eastern	B. Jacobs	M. Siktars	J. Burley	R. Garbett
	Geelong	C. Gissing	M. Williams	K. Shearer	J. Mee
	Gippsland	J. Jordan	T. Taylor	N. Binotto	A. Purcell
	Malvern	J. Poole	J. Eppinger	A. Watson	D. Jackson
	Northern	M. Stedwell	A. Rawlings	J. Taukus	A. Quinn
	Skye	K. Smith	C. Srb	J. Robertson	D. Berry
	Specialist Show	D. Yuen	J. Wolk	F. Henderson	N. McDermott
	Western	B. Lester	L. Pickering	M. Sinclair	F. Valastro
	Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	K. Pearce	G. Cole
<b>2011</b>	Ballarat	T. Hassett	K. Kordell	P. Brown	K. Cordell
	Bendigo	B. Crutchfield	V. Jackson	R. Hall	B. Crutchfield
	Eastern	B. Jacobs	M. Siktars	J. Burley	M. Simmons
	Geelong	D. Gladman	M. Williams	C. Gissing	J. Mee
	Gippsland	J. Jordan	T. Taylor	N. Binotto	A. Purcell
	Malvern	J. Poole	J. Eppinger	A. Watson	D. Jackson
	Northern	M. Stedwell	A. Rawlings	J. Taukus	A. Quinn
	Specialist Show	D. Yuen	J. Wolk	F. Henderson	N. McDermott
	Western	F. Valastro	R. Petrella	M. Sinclair	B. Lester
	Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	K. Pearce	G. Cole



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<b>2012</b>	Ballarat	T. Hassett	K. Kordell	P. Brown	K. Cordell
	Bendigo	B. Crutchfield	V. Jackson	R. Hall	B. Crutchfield
	Eastern	B. Jacobs	M. Siktars	J. Burley	M. Simmons
	Geelong	D. Gladman	M. Williams	C. Gissing	J. Mee
	Gippsland	J. Jordan	T. Taylor	N. Binotto	A. Purcell
	Malvern	J. Poole	J. Eppinger	A. Watson	D. Jackson
	Northern	M. Stedwell	A. Rawlings	J. Taukus	A. Quinn
	Skye	K. Smith	C. Srb	J. Robertson	D. Berry
	Specialist Show	A. Henderson	J. Wolk	F. Henderson	N. McDermott
	Western	F. Valastro	R. Petrella	M. Sinclair	B. Lester
	Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	K. Pearce	G. Cole
<b>2013</b>	Ballarat	T. Hassett	L. Maniz	D. Ellery	K. Cordell
	Bendigo	B. Crutchfield	B. Simpson	R. Hall	B. Crutchfield
	Eastern	P. Garbett	A. Vasiliou	H. Simmons	M. Simmons
	Geelong	D. Gladman	M. Williams	C. Gissing	J. Mee
	Gippsland	R. Batchelor	T. Taylor	C. Batchelor	A. Reynolds
	Malvern	J. Poole	J. Eppinger	A. Watson	D. Jackson
	Northern	M. Stedwell	Z. Marko	J. Taukus	J. Tahourdin
	Skye	K. Smith	C. Srb	B. Stockton	L. Rudling
	Specialist Show	A. Henderson	F. Farley/J. Yuen	F. Henderson	N. McDermott
	Western	S. Petrella	L. Pickering	M. Sinclair	D. Cafari
	Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	M. Brew	G. Cole
<b>2014</b>	Ballarat	B. Tobin/L. Maniz	J. Gant/M. Lee	D. Ellery	L. Maniz
	Bendigo	B. Crutchfield/T. Kekitch	D. Young/C. Anderson	S. Murphy/D. Kennedy	B. Crutchfield/T. Kennedy
	Eastern	P. Garbett	A. Vasiliou	R. Garbett	P. Wallbridge
	Geelong	A. Kendall	M. Williams	S. Hanley	J. Mee
	Gippsland	R. Batchelor	T. Taylor	C. Batchelor	A. Reynolds
	Malvern	J. Poole	J. Eppinger	A. Watson	D. Jackson
	Northern	D. Bourke	Z. Marko	J. Taukus	T. Taukus
	Skye	K. Smith	L. Hawksworth	B. Stockton	L. Rudling
	Specialist Show	N. McDermott	B. Blythe	F. Henderson	F. Farley
	Western	S. Petrella	L. Pickering	M. Sinclair	D. Cafari
	Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	M. Brew	G. Cole



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2015	Ballarat	B. Hardenberg	M. Lee	D. Ellery	L. Maniz
	Bendigo	T. Kekich	C. Anderson	D. Kennedy	T. Kennedy
	Eastern	P. Garbett/J. Schultz	A. McAnuff/B. Jacobs	J. Burley	P. Wallbridge
	Geelong	A. Kendall/D. Gladman	M. Williams	S. Hanley	J. Mee
	Gippsland	R. Batchelor	T. Taylor	C. Batchelor	D. Hynd
	Malvern	J. Poole	J. Eppinger	W. Speck	D. Jackson
	Northern	D. Bourke	Z. Marko	J. Taukus	T. Taukus
	Skye	K. Smith	L. Hawksworth	P. Anderton	L. Rudling
	Specialist Show	J. Carter	B. Blythe	F. Henderson	S. Taylor
	Western	S. Petrella	L. Pickering	M. Sinclair	D. Safari
	Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	M. Brew	G. Cole