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Presents to its members

The 2023 GSDCV Annual Report

This annual report presents to the members the actives and involvement of the Club, including the audited financial statements, for the year ending December 31, 2023.

On behalf of the Executive and Management Committee of the GSDCV, I congratulate all the members who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. 2023 continued to be another difficult year for members, the floods in regional locations, closed grounds due wet conditions in others. The new "normal" for our member's daily lives included frequent event/training cancellations due to the weather and this again stretched individuals' commitment as well as our Branches. Our Club membership and our training numbers remain stable, even with members conflicting interests, less personal time available with changes to employment, and dare I say it more opportunity to do different activities with our dogs away from the traditional show or obedience disciplines. Getting out there in the community as Branches and as individuals with a GSD beside you and doing "whatever" with your dog(s), has continued to shine a light on our beautiful breed and we thank you. Because your commitment is what makes *us* the "GSDCV".

I would like to thank all the Committees and the Instructors. The time and effort you put in week after week to assist the general members often goes unthanked. It is important to remind you that the members *are* grateful for all the time *you* put in, week after week to assist them and their GSDs.

I would also like to thank our major sponsor Royal Canin and the Monash Vet Clinic for continuing their support of the GSDCV in 2023.

Finally, I would like to thank all the contributors to this Annual Report and Maroondah Printing for once again producing this report with such fantastic and friendly service.

Dearne Jackson
Honorary Secretary – GSDCV

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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
Patrons Mr. R. Jackson – both as Chief Commissioner & Retired Chief Commissioner of the Victorian Police Force	1984 to 1993
Patron In Chief Mr. K. Glare, Chief Commissioner of the Victoria Police Force	1988 to 1993
Patron T. R. Luxton, Esq.	1984 to 2017



LIFE MEMBERS

NAME	LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED	NAME	LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED
Mr. Schellenberger		Mrs. Val Moody	2000
Mr. S.A. Rowe		Mr. Ian Urie	2004
Mr. Norm Watts	1983	Mr. Ian Holden	2006
Mrs. Anne Watts	1983	Mrs. Louisa Rodger	2006
Mr. Karl Heyne	1984	Mr. Dom Cafari	2008
Mr. Wally Szillat	1988	Mr. Bernie Lester	2009
Mrs. Fran Farley	1989	Mr. Andrew Saliba	2014
Mrs. Marilyn Wrigley	1994	Mrs. Jenny Yuen	2016
Mrs. Fran Tantaro	1995	Ms. Jacinta Poole	2017
Mr. Vince Tantaro	1995	Mr. Vincent Ebejer	2019
Mr. Chris Hollingworth	1997		
Mr. Frank Moody	1998		

LIFE MEMBERS - (Deceased)

NAME	LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED	DECEASED
Mr. Walter Reimann		1982
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
Mr. Graeme Jacobs	2009	2016
Mr. Tom Luxton (<i>GSDCV Patron 1984-2017</i>)	1983	2017
Mr. Ron Orchard	1997	2017
Mr. James Rodger	1988	2018
Mr. Ian Cameron	1996	2018
Mrs. Reese Hayman	1972	2018
Mrs. Anita Pettenhofer	1983	2020
Mr. John Hodges	1994	2020
Mr. David Berry	2010	2022
Mr. Ben Glasheen	2008	2023

GSDCV MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2023

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Executive)

Presidents
Vince Ebejer & Tony Mercieca



Treasurer Fiona Henderson



Vice President
Tony Mercieca



Breed Affairs Administrator
Vince Tantaro



Secretary Dearne Jackson



Obedience Training
Administrators
Craig Whitford
& Sharon Hargreaves



OFFICE BEARERS

President

Mr. Vince Ebejer / Mr Tony Mercieca

Vice President

Mr. Tony Mercieca

Secretary

Mrs. Dearne Jackson

Treasurer

Mrs. Fiona Henderson

Breed Affairs Administrator

Mr. Vince Tantaro

Obedience Training Administrator

Mr. Craig Whitford / Ms Sharon Hargreaves

BRANCH MANAGERS

Ballarat Mrs. Marilyn Wrigley
Bendigo Mrs. Debra Mill
Eastern Ms. Rhonda Snijders
Geelong Mr. Paul Stynes
Gippsland Mr. Ray Batchelor
Malvern Ms. Jacinta Poole

**Northern
Skye
Specialist Show Branch
Western
Wodonga**

Ms. Diane Page
Mrs. Cristine Begbie
Mr. Alastair Henderson
Mr. Tony Lerias
Mrs. Carol Mindin

POSITION HOLDERS

Membership Officer
Shepherd News Editor
Website Chairman
Minutes Secretary
Trial Manager
Demo Team Manager
Promotions Officer

Mrs. Lin Ebejer / Mrs Judith Strachan
Ms. Jacinta Poole
Ms. Jacinta Poole
Mrs. Barbara Blythe
Mr. Les Rudling
N/A
N/A

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr Vince Ebejer / Mr Tony Mercieca

On behalf of the Management Committee of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria, I would like to welcome you all to our 2023 Annual General Meeting. It is an honour and a privilege to present my report as your President.

I would like to start by thanking our major sponsor, Royal Canin for their support through 2023, we are grateful for their support of our events, our competitors are truly grateful for the product they get to take home, and of course the furry friends get an extra reward for their hard work. Royal Canin sponsorship has grown to even include Dogs Victoria and some of our sister GSD organisations. What I believe makes us special in this regard, is our ability to sell to our members, a premium product at a very competitive rate, better even than the best 'special' price at major outlets, something that is a substantial benefit for our members. Royal Canin has agreed to continue our decade plus long relationship for the 2024 year. Truly a benefit for both sides.

Our pinnacle event for 2023 was the GSDCA National Show and Trial. Each year the 'National' as it is known is hosted by a different GSDCA Affiliate Club. Traditionally it rotates between the GSDLNSW (Sydney), GSDSA (Adelaide) and the GSDCV (Melbourne). In the past the GSDQ (Brisbane) was part of the roster, though they have pulled out at times, the most recent at short notice in 2020 for the 2021 event. The GSDCV took 2021 on as no one else was prepared to take on with such a short time frame to get organised. Luckily covid intervened. The National has also been hosted by NHRGSD (Newcastle). The GSDQ has only just returned to the roster on a provisional basis. As it turns out the 'covid years' provided a break and 2023 was the GSDCV's turn. This break turned out to be both a blessing and a curse. Rising costs and organisations we had dealt with over decades forced to close meant we needed to look to different suppliers, forging new relationships, explaining what a 'National' was and the expectations that we have, not an easy task. As always, we wanted to do things a little differently, raise the bar and make the 'Victorian National' something to remember. In this I believe we succeeded, the 'Vic' merchandise is always a hit, usually starting a new trend till our next turn, with the 2023 'merch' no different. The technology we use and (the National app' is a Vic innovation) and many other factors make the GSDCV National a success.

While the National was large event, it was a 'single' event, albeit a large and long planned one. The 'regular' business of the GSDCV still had to take place. 2023 brought about a return to normalcy with regular training, Shows, Trials, meetings and social events. Training occurred almost weekly at our eleven branches. Large Branches trained over 90 dogs on any given Sunday on a regular basis (sometimes over 100), while others trained 40-60 dogs each week. Even our country branches trained 20+ dogs each week. While this may seem commonplace, to put in perspective, in some instances, this is more members at training at a *single* Branch than the entire membership of what is considered a state/territory club in other parts of Australia. Many of our larger Branch's have 'memberships' larger than most of the other states. Your Club, the GSDCV is larger than all the other States combined. During 2023 we held our 3 SGMs and AGM, Champs Shows, Trials; Obedience, Rally and Endurance, Open, Restricted to Breed and Restricted to Group, 6 Breed Surveys, Structural Assessments, Zap assessments, Management Meetings, Breed Affairs Meetings, Obedience Training Meetings and of course our Branch Committee meetings, all while providing training each and every week.

To ensure that our organisation is able to function effectively, comply with legislation and requirements of both Federal and State laws as well as Dogs Victoria we have systems in place. Our systems and procedures, constitution and regulations are all well thought out, discussed thoroughly by the various committees or at Special General Meetings. Decisions that affect every one of our members are discussed and voted on at the GSDCV Management Committee held each month (except January) where you are represented by your Branch Manager. Each procedural *rule* we make is a fine balance between complying and providing a work life balance. We highlight these to remind everyone that our entire organisation is run by volunteers, they are the life blood of our organisation. Without the members each and every week that give up their time, there would be no GSDCV, nowhere for you to train. Each rule or procedure is designed to be easiest we can make it. Whether it be financial reporting or membership or some other procedure, you can be certain that if you have to follow it, then the other Branches do as well. WE are ONE Club. With this in mind, we introduced the ability to hold Branch, OTC, Breed Affairs and Management meetings via

technology such as Zoom or Teams, though with some restrictions on frequency so as to maintain that social contact. Unsurprisingly, this has been fully embraced at all levels. We also introduced changes to how financial reports were submitted and membership badges were processed.

There are times when the changes we make are not about us, not about making things easier for our members, sometimes they are things we must do whether we want to or not. We still try and make this easy and as simple as possible, though we are not always able to make everyone happy. Early this past year we were required to introduce a Code of Conduct for Working with Children for members of the Management Committee, Branch Committees and Instructors as well as a Working With Children Check for specific members of our organisation. This will expand to all officials that may come into contact with Children (remember a 'child' is someone who is under 18 years of age), and all instructors will be required to hold a valid Working With Children Check, (it is free to apply as it is for a volunteer organisation). Unfortunately, there are those that believe this, and other rules do not apply to them (or that they know better), they are being unfairly treated, the work is too much as they are volunteers, and we shouldn't make them do so much. We are all volunteers. If you have to do it, then be certain that your counterpart at another Branch, one possibly much bigger than yours has to do it, other instructors and officials have to obtain a WWCC. WE ARE ONE CLUB. We are only as strong as our members, no one member or Branch is targeted or singled out for a special rule, though at times procedures have to be put in place to ensure compliance. We are all equal, we have the same rights. Everything we do applies equally to all, whether it is the newest member who joined this week or me as President, our rules are designed by us and apply to us all.

Our Club has a long and proud history. All that it has achieved has been through a willingness to work together, a belief that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, that no one part is more important than the other and that each contribution to the mission and vision of the GSDCV is as valuable as any other. Continuing in this way will ensure our growth, strength and reputation that we believe is the envy of the canine fraternity.

VALE

Unfortunately, as occurs every year, we lost a number of dear friends, while we do not list them in this report, each and every one of them is missed.

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.

No matter what a year brings, our organisation 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 than I, bringing to light the roles they hold:

Vice President: Tony Mercieca

As has often been said, the vice-president's role is as all-encompassing as the Presidents. Not only taking a global view, putting the best interests of the breed, the Club and the membership and the decisions of the Management Committee over and above personal preference and wishes. Tony is well suited to this role, not only assisting as needed, often acting as sounding board for ideas and issue that arise as well as framing our thoughts and ideas in a more tactful manner. Tony has provided valuable counsel over the years, and I am grateful that he has agreed to stay on for the 2024 year.

Vince would like to extend a special thanks to Tony for taking on the role of President over the last few months when he stepped down for personal reasons. Tony took on the role without flinching or question. Something to be commended.

Secretary: Dearne Jackson

One of the most time-consuming roles in the organisations is that of Club secretary. The amount of administration

required for an incorporated Club the size of ours would be staggering to the uninitiated. Not only does Dearne deal with the overall Club administration, there is quite a bit of assistance given to the numerous Branch Secretaries (and a number of Branch Mangers as well we don't doubt). Dearne's experience both in her professional life and that gained through the past few years as Club Secretary has served us well. As a valued member of the Club Executive and extensive knowledge and relationship with Dogs Victoria, Dearne's opinion and counsel is invaluable on the numerous issues that we constantly face. We are thankful that Dearne is continuing for 2024.

The role of Club Secretary would be infinitely harder without the assistance that Barbara Blythe provides as assistant secretary and minute secretary. We extend the Clubs and my personal thanks to Barbara for all the help that she provides, not only to Dearne, also across the many facets of the Club.

Treasurer: Fiona Henderson

The financial reporting requirements for an incorporated association is something that cannot be taken for granted, add in the size and complexity of our organisation and you can see that it is quite a task. Thankfully we had the very capable Fiona in the role during the 2023 year (as we have had for many years) to steer us through the requirements of our financial responsibilities.

As part of the Club Executive and leadership group, Fiona brings her own special style to decision making and problem solving regarding the issues that face us on an ongoing basis.

The assistance of Dom Cafari and Pam Anderton as assistant treasurers cannot be understated or undervalued. They are both extremely capable in their own right, together they deal with our fiscal responsibilities providing assistance and advice to all Branch Treasurers, Fiona and through her to the management committee, helping us meet our legal and moral responsibilities.

We are thankful that Fiona is continuing in the role for 2024.

Breed Affairs Administrator: Vince Tantaro

Breed Affairs, a term that covers so much of what we do. Conformations Shows, Judges, Breed Surveys, Zap Tests and Structural Assessments are some of the items that fall under the portfolio as well as leading and guiding the Breed Affairs Committee and serving on the Management Committee of our Club as part of the Executive. We are extremely lucky to have Vince in the role. Being a Past president of both the GSDCV and GSDCA, as well as long time Breed Surveyor and Judge, the knowledge and expertise as well as the relationships that Vince has were a valuable contribution to the role.

Vince is thankfully continuing in the role for 2024.

Obedience Training Administrator: Craig Whitford / Sharon Hargreaves

The obedience portfolio covers the vast majority of our membership; we would say some 95% of our membership. Craig Whitford took over the Obedience Chair, though unfortunately was unable to continue in the role due to personal reasons. The mantel was taken up by Sharon Hargreaves, a long term and experienced instructor and Chief Instructor. Sharon quickly made the role her own and has some plans to reinvigorate the position moving forward. A well-behaved German Shepherd is the best advertisement for our wonderful breed there can be. Many of our Branches have more dogs on the ground individually *each and every week* than some interstate Clubs have numbers, the importance of the Obedience Training Committee and the service the instructors provide cannot be undervalued.

Branches:

The GSDCV has the largest membership base of all the German Shepherd Dog Clubs in Australia and the Branch Structure is the face of the GSDCV. To be honest, we must accept that many members see 'their' branch as the 'Club', which is fine as it is the nurturing at the Branch level that develops into a commitment to the breed and a desire to help, first at a 'local' level then hopefully in a more global aspect.

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 or Branch size. We would like to thank the Branch Managers for your commitment and dedication to the Club as a whole, as well as your own Branch.

There are numerous people and groups of people within each Branch that we wish to thank. The Obedience and Show Instructors, without which there would be little reason for the members to turn up or be a part of our organisation, 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. Upcoming challenges will not only be in developing future Judges and Surveyors, but it will also be in providing direction in a world where information is available in an instance from across the globe and everybody believes they know best, a challenge we all face. Not only do they provide direction to the members at Breed Survey, the knowledge they also bestow at a Breed Affairs meeting is essential to the decision-making process we follow, through their experience and the peer group they provide a connection to the Breed throughout Australia.

Alastair Henderson has again led the Victorian Surveyor Panel, together with Gillian Cafari, organising the various aspect that go into making a survey day as well as the behind the scenes work that goes into co-ordinating the survey panel. We thank him for his work and dedication. Gillian Cafari was the Breed Survey Registrar for 2023, a job held for a considerable length of time, and one that no doubt requires many hours of work behind the scenes, not just what we see on Survey Day. Thank you, Gill, for the effort and dedication.

Show Manager: Tony Mercieca

In addition to his obligations as Vice President, Tony took on the role of Show Manager for 2023. Tony leads the Show Committee, a small group of dedicated members who plan and conduct these events on behalf of the Club, often in consultation with the Obedience Chair as most shows have an Obedience Trial / Rally Trial attached, something for everyone. After the last few years, the 2023 year was in full swing with the pinnacle being the GSDCA National Show and Trial. A 3-day extravaganza of a Conformation Show and Trial. Nothing quite matches the excitement of a 'National', none more so than a Victorian National.

We cannot mention the Show Committee without acknowledging Cristine Begbie, who in her role as Show Secretary is the backbone of the Show Committee, as with most things, quite a bit of work goes on behind the scenes by Cristine to make the 'day' seem effortless.

There is another group of dedicated members while not on the Show Committee are essential to these events. Setting up and pulling down the rings, tents and all the other bits and pieces that go into making our shows great, often while others stand around and watch, we would not be able to hold these events if it were not for these members. Thank you.

Trial Manager: Les Rudling

Les Rudling took this position for 2023, Obedience & Rally Trials were conducted in conjunction with our Championship Shows. While other disciplines like Endurance and Tracking and Track & Search Dog ran independently. Les still had an overall responsibility for these events on behalf of the GSDCV. We must again also acknowledge and thank all those members, while not part of any specific committee who helped in some way either by setting up and removing the trial rings each time, or acted as bike marshals at the Endurance Test or were stewards and helpers at the Tracking events, the administration that goes into making every event happen and all the little things that if were missed would cause problems, Thank you.

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

As we know Jacinta wears many hats within the GSDCV: Webmaster, Shepherd News Editor, Facebook Administrator, Photographer, and all-round technical expert. Our Club keeps Jacinta busy on so many levels, it is near on impossible to quantify and properly thank Jacinta for the sheer volume of effort put into our Club. We are extremely lucky to have someone of her calibre willing to assist in the many ways that she does.

Membership Officer: Lin Ebejer / Judith Strachan

The Club Membership Officers role is in line with the positions of Club Secretary and Club Treasurer for the sheer volume of work encompassing a single position within the organisation. Lin dealt with the complexities and demands of the role, Branch access, dealing with the numerous issues that arise, often liaising with the Branch Membership officers to seek a quick resolution. Providing valuable information to the management committee which we can use as one metric to gauge the 'health' of the Club. Unfortunately, Lin had to step down during the year due to personal reasons. Thank you Lin, for the great work over the year. The role was taken on by Judith, who had a very steep learning curve, thankfully with the assistance of Jacinta Poole. Judith took to the role quite well and from all accounts is mastering the many complexities of memberships across 11 Branches and all that entails. Thank you, Judith and Jacinta.

Promotion Officer: No Position Holder

There was no specific promotion done. Some branches have maintained public exposure by doing group walks within their local areas that have proven a hit with members and drawn general public admiration of our beautiful dogs. Further details can be read in the respective Branch reports

Demo Team Manager: No Position Holder

There were no demonstrations conducted by the GSDCV.

Publicity: No Position Holder.

During 2023, there was no specific member filling the role of Publicity Officer, and the various stories were handled by numerous members. We thank you to all that contributed.

Royal Children's Good Friday Appeal:

The Good Friday appeal is the largest non-dog related event that we support, with members collecting for the Royal Children's Hospital for the past 40 years. Thankfully we were able to take up collections and managed to collect \$27,155.10 for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal, bringing the overall total to \$732,678.50 a great effort from everyone that took part. I'm certain Bernie Lester, Lyn Pickering and Dom Cafari are already getting things organised for 2024.

Congratulations to everyone receiving an award today. These awards are the recognition for your hard work, dedication and long service . You should be proud of your achievements.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Dearne Jackson for compiling the 2023 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; 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.

In closing, we would like to thank our wives Lin and Michelle for the tremendous support they have provided to us over the past twelve months. There have been times when decisions have weighed heavily, and their steady support enabled us to get through.

Vince Ebejer & Tony Mercieca

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr Tony Mercieca

I'm happy to present this brief annual report to the GSDCV membership in my capacity of Vice President. Thankfully we had another full year of branch training and club events in 2023, and we even managed to host the 49th GSD National Show and Trial, and as has been our style, it was well planned and executed.

As I have said previously, as Vice President my duties are quite specific – to support the Club President, when and where needed. Again, this is a function which I hope that I was able to perform during 2023. As I write this however, my support of our Club President has extended itself into stepping up into the role of President while Vince takes a much needed break to attend to important personal duties.

We should all be aware that this club does not run on the word and actions of one or even a handful of people – we do it on the strength of our many, many volunteers including the various club and branch committees, our amazing instructors and the club management committee. Importantly our success may also be linked to those who have come before us as it is the established systems that allow us to run the club well.

It would be an impossible task to recognise and thank each person individually; however I'd like to single out a few groups. At the coalface are our instructors who look our members and their dogs in the eye week after week after week imparting knowledge come rain, hail or shine in order to create good community citizens of our dogs and their owners. Also, I must recognise our 11 Branch Managers. They turn up to their branch week in and week out and usually well before training starts to ensure the smooth and safe running of their branch. They are generally across all facets of the branch business and are absolutely key to our success. In addition to these two groups, we have many others who all perform vital roles to ensure The GSDCV Branches run as well as possible – Thanks to you all.

2023 saw our club embrace the regular process of electronic / video meetings in line with our constitutional amendments of a couple of years ago which has understandably increased meeting attendance, in particular of our regional branches. I see this as a positive. Having said this, the process of quarterly face to face meetings in the case of Management Committee is important to ensure connection and allow discussion which is not generally possible via video. This is also true for some of our other meetings too. I think that we have largely got this part of our club right, and I look forward to it continuing to be successful in 2024.

As mentioned earlier in this report, I am currently performing the roles of both President and Vice President of this club while Vince is on leave. My intention is to continue to support the club and Vince to the best of my ability, and time availability while my service is needed. Ultimately however, I have made no secret that my aim is to step aside once Vince is able to return, and we are able to identify a Vice President succession.

Many thanks for your time and support

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mrs Dearne Jackson

Another year of being Honorary Secretary that has gone so fast that I wonder how the days have passed.

My thanks again to the members of the Management Committee and the Executive for responding to requests as I worked through what needed to be done throughout the year. 2023 has been a busy year with the implementation of the Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and the corresponding requirements of introducing the Code of Conduct and

Working With Children Check compliance for identified positions within the GSDCV that do have contact with children. While some may believe that the GSDCV focus should not be about children it's all about dogs, some branches do have young people (U18) attending classes and while other branches do not, all branches have children present on most training days. The GSDCV is one club and the policy is there to provide direction and compliance with Legislation surrounding child safety when attending GSDCV branches or events.

The GSDCV maintained tradition and held the AGM in March 2023 reverting to an afternoon event. Again, the year was business as usual. Branch Committees changed and annual returns were done in normal timeframes. I must again thank the 2023 Branch Managers and Secretaries who kept the information flowing as to what was happening at their branch each month. As always, the Branch Secretaries are the quiet achievers and without them, my role would be much harder.

The above said, I have also been fortunate to again have the services of Barbara Blythe throughout the year as Assistant Secretary and Minutes Secretary. Thanks Barb!

My thanks also go to Jacinta Poole (Shepherd Editor and Webmaster) who has helped again with ensuring important notices etc. appeared at the right time in the Shepherd News and on the Club Website. The background help Jacinta provides me (and others) is gratefully received.

In conclusion, this has been another interesting year to be the Honorary Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mrs Fiona Henderson

Once again it is my pleasure to submit my report as Honorary Treasurer of the Club for 2023

I report that the total club surplus for the year was \$5,570 (2022 \$25,932) of which the Branches contributed \$21,868 (2022 \$23,740) and the other club activities represented by Shows, Trials and general operating contributed a loss of \$16,298(2022 surplus \$2,192).

The \$23,869 loss incurred by hosting the National show & trial contributed to most of the deterioration.

During the year the Treasurers procedures were updated and commencing in January 2024 the majority of Branch Treasurers have taken up the offer to provide their monthly reporting in the cloud.

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

Also a thank you to Judith Strachan who has taken over the role of Membership officer.

I also thank the Executive and Management of the Club for their continued support. The Branch Treasurers and Committees continued to follow the guidelines and procedures for which I thank them.

I refer you to the auditor's report and financial statements for 2023 in the following pages.

Fiona Henderson

Financials & Auditors Report



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc ("the Entity"), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023, the income & expenditure statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and statement by members of the management committee.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraphs, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Revenue

It is impracticable to establish controls over all monies received prior to entry into the financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to audit regarding revenue was limited, our audit procedures were restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records and we are therefore unable to express an opinion on whether the recorded revenue is free of material misstatement.

Stock takes of inventory not undertaken

As it is not practical for audit to observe the physical stock takes of inventories and equipment held by the entity, and we were

unable to undertake alternative verification procedures, we are unable to determine the existence of these assets and their aggregate value.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of Management and the Committee of Management for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to



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continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.



Rochelle Wrigglesworth
Director
Forefront Pty Ltd
Place: Sale
Date: 8 March 2024

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.
(Registered Number: A0018463W)

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your Management Committee is pleased to submit the financial report of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc. (the "Club") for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

Management Committee Members

The members of the Management Committee at the date of this report are:

Executive:

Mr. Tony Mercieca - President
Mr. Tony Mercieca –Vice President
Mrs. Fiona Henderson – Treasurer

Mrs. Dearne Jackson - Secretary
Mrs.Sharon Hargraves– Obedience Training Chairperson
Mr. Vincenzo Tantaro – Breed Affairs Chairperson

Branch Managers

Mrs. Marilyn Wrigley(Ballarat)
Mrs. Rhonda Snijders (Eastern)
Mr. Ray Batchelor (Gippsland)
Mrs. Diane Page (Northern)
Mr. Alastair Henderson (Specialist Show)
Mrs Carol Mindin (Wodonga)

Mrs. Deborah Mill (Bendigo)
Mr. Paul Stynes (Geelong)
Ms. Jacinta Poole (Malvern)
Mrs. Cristine Begbie (Skye)
Mr. Tony Lerias (Western)

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Club during the financial year were to provide various forms of dog training, dog events and dog education, and other activities to members of the Club via the individual geographic branches, including Club functions and events.


Significant Changes


No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the financial year.

Operating Result

The surplus (deficit) from ordinary activities was:	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Main Club	(16,298)	2,192
Branches	<u>21,868</u>	<u>23,740</u>
Total surplus	<u>5,570</u>	<u>25,932</u>

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Management Committee.


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Anthony Mercieca - President


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Fiona Henderson - Treasurer

Dated this Eighth day of March 2024.

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee has determined that the Club is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Management Committee, the financial report as set in this Annual Report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc. at 31 December, 2023 and its performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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



.....
President: Anthony Mercieca



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Treasurer: Fiona Henderson

Dated this Eighth Day of March 2024

BREED AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATOR – Mr Vince Tantaro

Breed Affairs Administrator's Report 2023 – Mr Vince Tantaro

2023 saw more focus regarding Breed Affairs in our Club. Unfortunately, we could not fill the position of Assistant Breed Affairs Administrator. The introduction of holding Zoom meetings definitely encouraged far more attendance and participation from all members of the Breed Affairs Committee.

The highlight of the year was our club hosting the 49th GSDCA National Show & Trial on behalf of the German Shepherd dog Council of Australia (GSDCA). The clubs National Show & Trial Committee along with the Show Committee must be congratulated once again organising a most memorable event. With regard to the GSDCA National event, I urge breeders, exhibitors and enthusiasts to make this the "must go to" event every year. We have noted many sister Clubs shows like ours sees numbers exhibited on the decline and reality is there is very little competition in any class.

The doomsdayers have been proved wrong: The acceptance of the Long Stock variety for breeding and showing has (as with shows I attended overseas during 2023) proved the saviour of our shows and breeding. Noting the falling numbers of animals shown should we be cutting the number of shows that offer GSDCA Grading's. Some sister clubs have up to 9 shows a year. -Having so many sees no need to travel resulting in little competition and the value of GSDCA gradings diminished.

We will as of 2025 cut our shows where GSDCA gradings can be awarded from 6 to 5: State Breed Exhibition, Double headers on Labour Day & Melbourne Cup weekends.

Another worrying trend are the number of animals that went through Breed survey. This continuing decline will see only see 4 Breed Surveys conducted in 2024. The members that do breed are ageing and again the lack of the next generation of enthusiasts will impact greatly on all things we do in our chosen sport. A possible solution is that breeders form their own team and mentor and encourage their puppy buyers to participate in activities the club conducts- I know its hard work but IMO it is the only way we will see participation improve and a future guaranteed for whatever we do.

What is a most satisfying development is the acceptance of the GSDCA ZAP Character assessment by not only our members but most importantly by our sister Clubs. - This is unique, as previous attempts to introduce the Temperament & Instinct Assessment and Character and Working Assessment nationally failed miserably. Alastair Henderson must be thanked for continuing to promoting this around Australia after it was for all intents and purposes scrapped by the GSDCA, Australia It is hoped that this assessment will become a pre requisite for breed Survey in the near future.

I again urge you to please read the reports as provided by the position holders of the BAC. Our ability to serve the needs of GSD owners and the GSD depend on many members freely giving their precious time for the breed and our club. I- thank all of you!

Special mention and thanks for Tony Mercieca who not only as Vice president and more lately stepped up as President (Vince Ebejer stepped down for personal reasons) was also Show Manager for quite a number of years. Tony has a great love for our club but has decided to stand down, His work has indeed been appreciated by all, I would also like to thank Ian Urie and Judy Eppinger who both stood down as Rehoming & Puppy Listings Officers respectively.

In closing, I wish to thank Jacinta Poole, Secretary, BAC who was most valuable to the BAC and me. Jacinta has a number of roles within our Club and I sincerely thank her for stepping up yet again when we could not fill the position.

Looking forward to 2024!

BREED AFFAIRS LIAISON OFFICERS	
BRANCH	NAME
BALLARAT	Vacant
BENDIGO	Carolyn Anderson
EASTERN	Rhonda Snijders
GEELONG	Margi Raftopoulos
GIPPSLAND	Jen Eaton
MALVERN	Gayle Johnston
NORTHERN	Deb Colson
SKYE	Julie Urie
SPECIALIST SHOW	Barbara Blythe
WESTERN	Aaron Robinson
WODONGA	Jeff Burgess

Breed Affairs Position Holders' Reports

2023 GSDCA State Breed Survey & ZAP Character Assessment Co-ordinator: Alastair Henderson

Breed Survey's were held 6 times this year plus one before the 49th National Show and Trial held in Melbourne. In 2024 there will only be 4 Breed Surveys held due to the reduced number of dogs being presented. The number of breeders in Victoria and dogs being shown is dropping off.

This year's Breed Surveyors:

Greg Green
 Alastair Henderson
 Vince Tantaró
 Ian Urie
 Jenny Yuen

During 2023 we conducted 3 Zap assessments with a good number of dogs participating We thank everyone for their support.

A Zap assessment demonstration video was completed. Special thanks to Jacinta Poole for putting it together and placing on the GSDCA and GSDCV websites.

The Zap assessors this year were Alastair Henderson, Vince Tantaró, Ian & Julie Urie & Jenny Yuen.

A thank you to Cristine Begbie, John & Judith Strachan and Lisa Pretty who assisted greatly on the day with the various equipment and play. Also, to the members of SSB who set up and take down the equipment.

Lastly and most importantly the biggest thank you must go to Gill Cafari our Registrar for both Breed Surveys and Zap assessments. Gill takes all the phone enquiries, ensures the correct paperwork is provided and Coordinates the Surveyors and Assessors.

Looking forward to 2024.

Show Manager Report – Tony Mercieca

GSDCV 2023 Show Calendar

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|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • January 29, | Ballarat Champ Show | Jessica Kada (NSW) |
| • March 11 & 12 | SBE Show & Trial | Robyn Knuckey (WA) |
| • April 28,29,30, | 49th National | Heather MacDonald (UK) (Dogs and LSC) |
| | | Malcolm Griffith (UK) (Bitches) |
| • August 12, | GSDCV Exhibition 1 | Jo Cathie (NSW) |
| • August 13, | GSDCV Exhibition 2 | Mr Hery Lau (Indonesia) |
| • November 4, | 108th Champ Show | Vincenzo Tantaró (Vic) |
| • November 5, | WDC Champ Show | Sanjit Mohanty (India) |
| • December 3, | Open Show | Clare Van Der Wolde |

2023 was once again a big year of shows for the show committee to organise, set-up, execute and pack-down. Noticeably our usual March Champ Show was replaced by our State Breed Exhibition due to the fact the GSDCV hosted the 49th National Show and Trial at the end of April. A departure from previous events, the 2023 National was planned by a small team headed by the NST Show Manager – Vince Ebejer. This smaller team met when needed and planned and arranged the event drawing on additional manpower when needed in the week before, during and after the event. Notwithstanding a small number of hiccups, the event went off well with many comments of satisfaction, and yes a small number of learning's to take away

As may be noted in the list above, the Lilydale Kennel Club has decided to end its partnership with the GSDCV for its annual "Pot of Gold" Championship Show which is generally held in August. The GSDCV planned and executed 2x Exhibitions during the same weekend in August. As it turns out, events in August are declining in attendance due to a number of real factors, not least of which are the number of usual exhibitors travelling to the EU at that time, as well as the unreliable weather during Aug putting off a number of exhibitors. Please keep an out for the 2024 show schedule for a few exciting changes.

I'm sure that I can cut and paste most of my comments from 2022 into the thanks and recognition part of this 2023 report as it tends to be the same people who stand up time and time again to ensure that the GSDCV's reputation for running excellent shows and trials lives on. Again, this reputation is not the doing of any one person, but is a team effort. Thanks must go to a number of people who always seem to be putting their best foot forward to ensure the smooth running of our events.

First and foremost, Cristine Begbie, GSDCV Show Secretary who completes so many jobs, generally behind the scenes. Cristine works tirelessly to get everything squared away and in order with very little fuss and fanfare. Thanks also Barb Blythe manages to be our Stenographer at most events and manages to arrange an able replacement for the rare times that she is not. Thanks to Vince Tantaro who is often seen stepping up to assist the smooth running of many of our shows with his stewarding experience and often hosts or Judges pre/post our events when needed. Social Media is the public face of our events. The speed and accuracy of posting of results, critiques as well as the literal hundreds and thousands of quality photos posted after the event are tangible highlights of this media presence – this thank you goes to Jacinta Poole for her many hours of effort take, sort, select and post the images for all to enjoy. Also, many, many thanks to Set-up and Pack down crews who volunteer their time to set up the rings, tents, PA system etc the day before the show as well as those who take the time to pack away all the gear immediately after the judging has concluded.

A general thank you to the other members of the 2023 Show Committee – Ian Urie, Fiona Henderson, Jenny Yuen, Hannah Kelly, Rhonda Snijders and Sharon Hargreaves.

Particular mention and thanks to John Shultz who resigned from the committee in 2023 and welcome to Michelle Rovetto who has taken on the Trophy manager role.

I have advised the both the Show & Breed Affairs Committees that I will be unable to continue on in this role in 2024, however I will always assist when possible.

Show Training Administrators Report 2023- Alastair Henderson

This year saw three aspiring instructors enrol however they are yet to complete their theory lectures. Hopefully the theory will be completed, and they complete as many stand instructors as possible to qualify by this time next year. Thank you to the current instructors who continue to make themselves available when rostered on and I hope to see everyone back in 2024

It would be appreciated if instructors at branches not holding show classes could make yourselves available to instruct at SSB or other branches occasionally.

Victorian Breed Survey Registrar's Report 2023: Gillian Cafari

I would like to congratulate Alastair Henderson, our State Breed Survey Coordinator, together with all the Victorian Surveyors on another Survey year. Our Survey Panel give their time freely in the interest of further improving the GSD through the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme.

Despite holding seven Surveys in 2023 only 22 animals were presented compared with 37 in 2022. This is obviously a concerning trend and based on the fewer numbers of active breeders and the keeping of dogs for breeding and showing. Here in Victoria, I believe the post-Covid cost of living is a major factor contributing to decreased participation.

Congratulations to the breeders and owners of animals that gained Breed Survey Classification during the year. Please remember to provide a photo of your dog to complete the survey, which is added to the GSDCA Database.

Following is a table showing the results by classification of animals presented at Victorian surveys for the year ended December 2023.

	CLASSIFIED IMPORT	BREED SURVEY CLASSIFIED (BSC)	FAIL	TOTAL
DOGS	1	2	-	3
DOGS (LSC)	-	1	-	1
BITCHES	-	13	-	13
BITCH (LSC)	-	5	-	5
TOTAL	1	21	0	22

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

Mr Ian Urie – 8 Mrs Jenny Yuen – 5 Mr Greg Green – 4
Mr Vince Tantaró – 3 Mr Alastair Henderson – 2

I would like to thank Alastair, Greg, Ian, Jenny and Vince for their continued support throughout the year.

My thanks to the Speciality Show, Geelong and Western Branches for hosting our Surveys this year 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 2024.

Victorian HD/ED Registrar's Annual Report 2023 – Gillian Cafari

In 2023 there were 60 Hip and Elbow Dysplasia (HD/ED) Control Scheme contracts issued with all forms except one for x-raying of hips and elbows, the other for hips only. This number of forms is consistent compared with the previous year where 61 forms were issued.

I would like to thank the GSDCA National Hip and Elbow Control Scheme Registrar, Doug West for his support and friendly assistance during the year. When I have a few contracts left Doug is quick to send more ensuring a consistent supply when our members need them.

I would also like to thank Jacinta Poole for her assistance and ongoing support giving our members the choice of online payments when purchasing their HD/ED contract. Thank you, Jacinta, for your time and effort, your expertise and willingness to help are very much appreciated. While most forms are ordered online I still receive requests by mail with paper payments.

In 2023 the GSDCA appointed Dr Anastasia Hayes to the Hip and Elbow Control Scheme Reader Panel, joining Dr Roger Lavelle and Dr Jennifer Richardson. Members now have a third choice when having their HD/ED x-rays read and scored.

There is no doubt that the support breeders and owners have demonstrated for the GSDCA HD/ED scheme in the past is now reflected in the excellent hip/elbow results today's members are now 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 support their selection of better hip and elbow producing sires.

Good luck with your X-raying during 2024. Even if you don't intend to show or breed your German Shepherd Dog, by x-raying and submitting through the GSDCA HD/ED Scheme you are providing valuable information to improve the soundness and health of the breed we all love.

Puppy listing Officer:

Our Puppy Listing Officer Judy Eppinger stepped down from the role during 2023 leaving the calls diverting to the Club Secretary from dog lovers wishing to choose a German Shepherd as their dog of choice.

Online shopping has a lot to answer for callers often believed that the Secretary had a magic kennel which just produced a puppy when requested. The disbelief that the caller would have to make phone calls directly to the breeders with available puppies meant lots of conversations about anything and everything about living with a GSD puppy. I would average three calls a week, but not always about German Shepherds!

I thank the breeders who regularly utilise the Puppy Listings service to advise of available puppies, expected puppies and/or ones that have arrived.

I thank the Webmaster for assisting breeders with any issues that they might have had utilising the Online Puppy Listings.

Rehoming officer: Ethel Thompson

Re-homing report

A total of 5 dogs were re-homed successfully during 2023. I did do a follow call after a month or so to see how things were going and they were really happy with their new family member.

Took a lot of phone calls with people making enquiries about re-homing service, but the dogs were not de-sexed and the owner said they couldn't afford to pay to get it done.

The month of December has been very quiet.

OBEDIENCE TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Ms Sharon Hargreaves

After taking over as OTC Administrator following Craig Whitford resignation on the 26th October 2023, it has taken me a while to get everything in order so I can start fresh for 2024. It has been a very full and busy year for our committee. We started off the year with our GSDCV State Breed Exhibition RTB Trial 11th March. Then the big one the 49th National Show & Trail 28-30th April. The National was another very successful event for the club. We received many great comments on the setup, organization, presentation and overall friendly atmosphere of the Rally and Obedience trials. We had a great selection of judges and Stewards, which also contributed to a very professional and well-organized weekend. Then there were the following Trials Scheduled for 2023:

GSDCV Open Tracking Trial	10-12 th June
GSDCV Endurance Test	24 th June
GSDCV Track & Search Dog Trial	15-17 th September
GSDCV RTG5 Obedience & Rally Trial	4 th November

Thanks to the efforts of our experience team the year was very successful and a credit to the volunteers that have work so well to ensure our success.

All branches have run smoothly for the year providing our members will assistance and information to help their members train their dogs.

Our trainee instructor course started in March 2023 at Skye which we had 6 Obedience trainees and 3 Show trainee participating in the seven theory lectures and practical lessons. Two Trainees from Western will be ready for testing early February 2024 as they are from the 2022 group of Trainees. Those that have not completed all units of the course during 2023 will be able to finish their final components of the course during 2024. I would like to make a special mention of the efforts by members of the Western branch for volunteering to be available on a Saturday with their dogs to enable us to setup classes for our trainees to practice some of the techniques they have learnt through

the year while the information is fresh in their minds. We had a great team of experienced lecturers throughout the year which is an important asset to our club with their ability to pass on their knowledge and experience to future Obedience Instructors. Well done to all the trainees for their commitment and efforts to travel to the monthly lectures. Thank you to our dedicated and committed team of Instructors who give so freely of their time to help our members achieve their needs and goals. Our club has the benefit of an extremely experienced and knowledgeable group of people.

On closing, I would like to thank Dearne Jackson, Jacinta Poole and Les Rudling for all their help with the hand over to take on the role as OTC Administrator. Also, would like to thank the committee for all their help in making the change to OTC Administrator that much easier. This year I will be making sure that I visit branches which wasn't done last year. OTC have a massive job, and with our dedicated and thoughtful group of instructors, it makes my job a little easier.

Sharon Hargreaves
OTC Administrator

GSDCV AGM Trial Report on Performance Trials held in 2023

Welcome to my 2023 trial report, where we successfully conducted six trials throughout the year

We began the year with the SBE on the 11th of March at KCC Park, starting with 42 entries. Despite some scratching's, we had 33 dedicated competitors who successfully completed the trial. Then came the big one, we organized The National on April 29th at KCC Park. The National was another very successful event for the club. We have received many great comments on the setup, organization, presentation and overall friendly atmosphere of the Rally and Obedience trials. We had a great selection of judges and Stewards, which also contributed to a very professional and well-organized weekend. Many thanks to all our teams involved in the setup. Our administration team had setup a mobile office with three laptop computers and two printers which proved to be very handy in keeping up with the printing of certificate's, scores and gradings, and the recording of critiques. Thanks Rosie, Jenny and Pam. We had 16 qualifying scores for Obedience and 12 qualifying scores for Rally. 3 gained their Obedience titles and 2 their Rally titles.

On the Kings birthday weekend, we hosted the traditional Ballarat tracking trials with 58 competitors daring to deal with the cold crisp days at Haddon. The team had a great weekend. A big thank you to Dawn & Peter Howard and their dedicated team for helping to organise the long weekend trial.

In June the Malvern branch team organised and ran the Endurance Test at Tatterson Park in Keysborough. An Endurance test is a demonstration of resilience and capabilities of participants. There were 18 entries initially, but as often happens there were 3 scratching prior to the day of the test. It was a great morning to run an endurance test, cool, a slight wind and a sunny morning, all riders did a great job on the day with an excellent support team to ensure everything went well. 7 GSDs started the test and passed, unfortunately two dogs were withdrawn during the test, all remaining competitors completed and passed the test. I totally enjoyed the morning and it was a great effort from everyone involved in the organisation and preparations.

On the weekend of the 15th, 16th and 17th of September we held the Track & Search trial from KCC Park. and I'm pleased to report that the team performed exceptionally well, as usual. Over the course of the three-day trial, we had an impressive turnout, with 91 entries, and a significant number of participants achieved very good passes. Notably, we had nine German Shepherds entered in the trial, I'm delighted to share that the entire trial ran smoothly and successfully. Great work everyone.

On the Melbourne Cup weekend, the 4th of November we concluded our trial year with the RG5 obedience and rally trials at KCC Park. There were initially 45 entrants but due to some unfortunate scratching's we completed the trial with 35 competitors. It was a very good day overall with several excellent achievements and very good weather. In reflecting on the year, it's evident that our success is the result of a substantial team effort, there are many people to thank for the success we have achieved over the year, from Judges, stewards, administration teams, ring setups and many others, we thank each and every person who contributed, be it in a substantial or modest capacity. It is the collective dedication and collaboration of all involved that have enabled us to achieve success in our trials.



Below is the breakdown of the events held.

Les Rudling Trial Manager

2023 Restricted to Breed and Restricted to Group 5 Obedience Trials held:

Obedience RTB trials	2019							Increase over 2018		2021							Increase over 2019		2022							Increase over 2021		2023							Increase over 2022						
	Obedience Trial Entry by class							Act	%	Obedience Trial Entry by class							Act	%	Obedience Trial Entry by class							Act	%	Obedience Trial Entry by class							Act	%					
Class	CCD	CD	Open	UD	UDX	Total			CCD	CD	Open	UD	UDX	Total			CCD	CD	Open	UD	UDX	Total			CCD	CD	Open	UD	UDX	Total			CCD	CD	Open	UD	UDX	Total			
March	29	11	11	3	1	55	-13	-19%	14	1	5	1	1	22	-33	-60%	4	7	2	2	1	16	-6	-27%	12	11	14	3	1	41	-14	-25%									
State Breed	5	8	4	0	1	18	-16	-47%	10	5	7	2	1	25	7	39%	10	5	3	1	1	20	-5	-20%	11	7	7	1	1	27	7	35%									
Nov Champ (RTG5)	5	7	8	3	3	26	-16	-38%	8	4	5	6	4	27	1	4%	15	9	10	6	4	44	17	63%	7	6	6	6	2	27	-17	-39%									
Total for Year	39	26	23	6	5	99	-7	-7%	32	10	17	9	6	74	-25	-25%	29	21	15	9	6	80	6	8%	30	24	27	10	4	95	15	19%									

March data is National Trial and compared to 2015 2020 not shown as only 1 event conducted due to Covid

March data is National & compared to 2019

2023 Restricted to Breed and Restricted to Group 5 Rally Trials held:

Rally Trial Entries	2019							Increase over 2018		2021					Increase over 2018		2022					Increase over 2021		2023					Increase over 2022									
	Rally Trial Entry by class							Act	%	RN	RA	RE	RM	Total	Act	%	RN	RA	RE	RM	Total	Act	%	RN	RA	RE	RM	Total	Act	%								
Class	RN	RAA	RAB	REA	REB	RM	Total			RN	RA	RE	RM	Total			RN	RA	RE	RM	Total			RN	RA	RE	RM	Total			RN	RA	RE	RM	Total			
March	14	6	6	8	5	5	44	18	69%	8	1	1	1	11	-7	-39%	6	2	0	2	10	-1	-9%	14	9	1	7	31	-13	-30%								
State Breed	4	3	4	5	3	4	23	1	5%	9	2	1	2	14	-8	-36%	10	4	0	3	17	3	21%	3	7	0	5	15	-2	-67%								
Nov RTG5	1	4	3	4	2	15	29	-14	-33%	7	4	3	8	22	-21	-49%	9	13	4	13	39	17	77%	6	4	3	5	18	-21	-54%								
Total for Year	19	13	13	17	10	24	96	13	16%	24	7	5	11	47	-36	-43%	25	19	4	18	66	19	40%	23	20	4	17	64	-2	-11%								

March data is National Trial and compared against 2015

March data is compared to 2018 as 2019 was National event data

March data is National & compared to 2019

National event data

2020 SBE and Nov RTG5 cancelled due to COVID

2019

June Inaugural Kings Birthday Weekend Tracking Trial

OPEN Tracking Trial	2022 Entry by Class										Diff to 2019		2023 Entry by Class										Diff to 2022	
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	T8	Total	Act	%	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	T8	Total	Act	%		
Total for Year	13	18	14	13	9	8	4	4	83	15	22%	8	6	11	14	5	2	7	5	58	-25	-30%		

Not held in 2020 or 2021 due to Covid

June Endurance Test:

Open Endurance Test June	2021		Diff to prev		2022		Diff to prev		2023		Diff to prev	
	Venue	Total	Act	%	Venue	Total	Act	%	Venue	Total	Act	%
Total for Year	KCC Park	21	4	24%	Tatterson Park	15	-6	-29%	Tatterson Park	18	3	20%

September Track & Search Dog Tests

Track & Search Dog	2022 Entry by Class										Diff to 2019		2023 Entry by Class										Diff to 2022			
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	T8	T9	T10	Total	Act	%	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	T8	T9	T10	Total	Act	%
Total for Year	10	10	5	6	10	9	5	8	5	1	69	-8	-10%	17	11	13	8	9	7	1	7	10	8	91	22	32%

Not held in 2020 or 2021 due to Covid and No track ons in 2022

No Track ons in 2023

GSDCV POSITION HOLDERS

Membership Officer – Mrs Judith Strachan

I stepped into the role of Membership Officer in October with some very big shoes to fill. My sincere thanks to Lin for having the system in such great order.

It is very encouraging to receive new members each week from the branches and I would like to thank all the branch membership officers and treasurers for their support and understanding as I eased into the role.

I also wish to thank Jacinta for all her help and advice to me since I have taken over, the speed at which my questions are answered is phenomenal, she truly is 'wonder woman'! My sincere thanks to the executive committee and position holders also for all their help, I truly feel part of the team and I love giving something back to the club that I have been a member of for a long time.

The year finished with the eleven branches enrolling 1171 new members, compared with 1549 in 2022. Overall memberships were 2876 members spread over 1547 units compared to 3443 members spread over 1776 units in 2022. The Branch breakdown is as follows.

BRANCH NUMBERS OF GSDCV MEMBERS ON 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Branch Name	Number of Members	Number of Units (Inc. Life Members)	Number of New Members the Year to Date
Ballarat	106	58	33
Bendigo	113	65	55
Eastern	339	194	123
Geelong	264	145	117
Gippsland	102	55	29
Malvern	459	249	177
Northern	341	180	136
Skye	486	261	225
SSB	60	38	3
Western	531	253	257
Wodonga	55	28	18
Others	28	26	0
Total	2884	1552	1173

Judith Strachan
Membership Officer

Shepherd News Editor – Jacinta Poole



Eight editions of the '**German Shepherd News**' Club magazine carried all our club news for 2023. The Shepherd News is still our best and most formal method to communicate with all members no matter their location. It's not hard to open and read, does not require 'online' or finding an email to open and arrives in a timely manner. It's important in such a large and diverse club (even just location wise) that we communicate and share information.

In 2023 we had many Club activities to report on which added some great articles and interviews to the magazine. Show and trial successes, member highlights and club events are all important records of activities for members, part of our history too. Interesting training articles and useful breed information hopefully added to the value of each edition.

The efforts of Branch publicity officers is much appreciated in submitting news and pics from local members, also providing great recognition at branch level. We know how much the branch news means to those only involved at branch level. It showcases the core of our clubs' activities at each training location and recognizes members everyday efforts with their dogs. That's the best promotion we can get. Thank you to all the branch publicity officers, sometimes it's an onerous task to get it all into words, but its worth it when in print for the members, that is shared with all members across our vast club.

Thank you to our regular contributors of articles. To Vince Ebejer for his President's reports. Thank you to Secretary Dearne Jackson for proofreading each edition in a timely manner. Thanks to members who sent articles and provide pics for spotlights. Much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who supported and provided content or ideas. We rely on members contributions for the variety of stories provided. Our aim is to continue putting pen to paper for a while yet, so please keep up that support !

I hope everyone has enjoyed the 'Shepherd News' magazine this year and that each edition provides a worthwhile read to keep up to date with our Club happenings and kept you in contact and across the breadth of activities

occurring with your Club and training branch. Please email me anytime with articles of interest via sheped@gsdcv.org.au.

Jacinta Poole
Editor

Website & Electronic Media Co-Ordinator – Jacinta Poole

The GSDCV website and our social media accounts form the first port of call in communicating with club members and indeed the general public. Its not the only way, but it is a very important way. Its instant and ever present as a way to communicate about our breed and Club. The website provides a repository for all our club information that can be quickly linked via social media to highlight news and events. Puppy listings is an important page for our breeders, as is dogs we offer for rehoming and our branch training locations for contact. Show and trial results are in high demand 'instantly' these day and our website shop for membership renewals, purchase of contracts and other sales makes life online easy.

Thank you to the branch website and facebook administrators for their efforts during the year. The use of Social media for Club's must now be tightly monitored for a variety of reasons (including legal), so our administration and moderating of our Club and Branch facebook pages is a high priority. But, as social media is used by so many for easy communication and can have a very positive impact for our club, we must use to our advantage.

Our online payment environment is a high priority, online payments now being 'the norm' for many who don't carry cash! Membership Renewal payments are fast and easy online, making the process simple for both the member and the Club. Purchasing Hip and Elbow Contracts and paying for Breed Survey has been popular as owners and breeders can take advantage of the ease of online transactions and the processes are swift and clean. My thanks to Gillian Cafari who manages the contract paperwork after the transaction.

Our online payments are all processed via the NAB Transact website for security. In 2023, approximately \$117,000 was transacted via our online shop. Of this, \$58,000 was attributable to the National – merchandise and tent sales, sponsorship and donations etc. Of the remainder, 66% was due to membership renewals and 8% being for HDED contracts, Breed survey and ZAP fees.

The club absorbs the transaction fees that are incurred for online services.

Thankyou to those who contribute event information for the website. Barbara Blythe for show critiques and results, Rosie Garbett and Dearne Jackson for trial results and Judith Strachan for monthly Point Score results updates.

Our website virtual assistant "Ask Max" is provided by flexAnswer Solutions (part of Sabio group) as a community service, in conjunction with members Grant and Lin Milne. Thank you to Grant and Lin for their ongoing support with this useful software tool. "Ask Max" is an intelligent virtual assistant service generously provided since 2009. "Ask Max" has answered over 140,000 questions and averages about 400 per month. The presence of "Ask Max" on the home page is helping tailor our answers to be more specific and accurate as he continues to learn and accrue knowledge. The answers are restricted to covering the GSD and the GSDCV.

Follow our social media accounts to keep up with all the latest:

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Visit our website

www.gsdcv.org.au

We will continue to improve our website to ensure it remains as current, useful and informative as possible. All feedback and suggestions welcome at anytime to webmaster@gsdcv.org.au

Jacinta Poole
Webmaster

Demonstration Team Manager – No position holder for 2023

Promotions Officer – No position holder for 2023

Publicity officer – No position holder for 2023

Training Records for 2023

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 the collated data for the 2023 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, year on year.

Activity Hub

Our branches use an electronic app to record member and dog attendance at training. The barcode scanning makes check in simple, and the connection to our membership database which cross references financials readily assists branches to ensure member status is up to date. The ease of recording and reporting attendance, vaccinations for dogs, class pass ups etc is of great use to branches. Thank you to Rob Filardo for his ongoing programming assistance with the activity hub.

We can report that the GSDCV had at least 14,679 dog units involved in training over the 2023 year and a total of 3,106 instructor hours were provided to train GSDCV members and their dogs. The corresponding total data for 2014-22 is below. This indicates that our training numbers continue to be strong and consistent year on year.

Our branches were open for training on average 43 weeks of the 2023 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.

GSDCV BY NUMBERS *2023 Year

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GERMAN SHEPHERD
DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA

ONE Club

2,881 Members

14,679 dog units trained

11 Training branches

3,106 instructor hours

<u>Managed by</u>	7,150 facebook followers	<u>We conducted</u>
160 administrators	93,500 unique website visitors	6 obedience trials
102 obedience instructors	★ <u>Achieving</u> ★	1 endurance test
21 show instructors	14,017 dog units obedience trained	1 tracking trial & 1 TSD trial
5 breed surveyors	662 dog units show trained	6 conformation shows
6 specialist judges	22 dogs breed surveyed	6 breed surveys
	'Happy owners, happy dogs !'	2 ZAP assessments



	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	431	10	174				431	174
Bendigo	737	17	204				737	204
Eastern	1486	35	359	0	0	0	1486	359
Geelong	1322	32	265	103	2	23	1425	288
Gippsland	415	11	133				415	133
Malvern	2664	58	509				2664	509
Northern	1835	40	351	2	0	1	1837	352
Skye	2530	60	399				2530	399
SSB				434	11	41	434	41
Western	2450	58	513	32	1	11	2482	524
Wodonga	147	3	101	91	2	22	238	123
Totals	14017	32	3008	662	4	98	14679	3106
Comparison Totals								
2022 Totals	15590	36	3046	832	5	151	16422	3197
2021 Totals	11583	42	2117	854	6	105	12437	2222
2020 Totals	No data due to covid-19 interruptions							
2019 Totals	15059	33	2800	583	3	131	15642	2931
2018 Totals	17297	38	2773	668	3	140	17965	2913
2017 Totals	16536	36	2820	882	4	149	17418	2969
2016 Totals	16145	35	2717	1094	5	172	17239	2889
2015 Totals	15256	35	2574	1232	6	153	16488	2727
2014 Totals	13171	32	2242	1111	6	166	14282	2408

*** 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.

BRANCH COMMITTEE & REPORTS FOR 2023

BALLARAT

Branch Manager	Marilyn Wrigley	Ass. Branch Manager	Dean O'Keefe
Secretary	Bron Kennon	Treasurer	Jenny Wood
Chief Instructor	Marilyn Wrigley	Ground Manager	Marcus Kennon
Membership Officer	Keryn Leggett		

Our 2023 year commenced with our training ground in excellent condition, with good instructor numbers and good attendance by handlers even with school holidays in progress.

Our AGM proceeded with familiar faces again stepping up and holding committee positions, enabling our branch's continued running. I thank all our committee for their tireless work throughout the year. I thank our Assistant Branch Manager Dean for stepping in with the week-to-week running of the branch when I was absent for an extended time after knee replacement surgery. I thank Keryn for assisting me to log into some Zoom meetings, technology is not my strong suite as many will agree, and then while I was absent taking the time to attend the Zoom Management meetings as a branch representative when no one else was available.

We have had a steady stream of new members throughout the year and welcome them to the G.S.D.C.V. family. The Ballarat weather provided quite a few challenges throughout the year, 2023 proved particularly wet and extremely cold. Safety concerns due to our wet waterlogged ground caused training to be cancelled quite a few weeks throughout the long, cold winter, we utilised the rear training ground as many weekends as possible but eventually, the weather beat us off that ground as well.

We held 2 BBQ's at Bunnings Delacombe during 2023, Thanks to all members and committee who contributed to the successful running of these fundraising days. These BBQ's and the increasing Royal Canin sales continue to provide funds used towards branch operations and replacement of equipment. Thanks to Jeff and Jenny Wood for your tireless work to make these days run as smoothly as possible.

Throughout 2023 we had issues with vandalism to our crate shed, Installation of security cameras resulted in Super Sleuth Bron Kennon achieving successful identification of the culprits. Then, Marcus Kennon after many months of discussions and negotiations with Ballarat City Council, resulted in B.C.C completing repairs at their own cost. We now have a secure, safe, usable area for the branch. Thanks to Bron and Marcus Kennon for their tireless work towards achieving this fantastic result.

I wish to thank all the dedicated Committee holders and Instructors for their input to the branch this year. For all those members who during their off-work time provided specialist services to the upkeep and safety of our building. Special mention to Bryan Thomas and Shannon Coutts for going above and beyond. To all the handlers who attended Ballarat branch throughout the year, your dedication to your dogs' training and the betterment of the German Shepherd Breed is to be commended.

Marilyn Wrigley
Branch Manager- Ballarat Branch.

BENDIGO

Branch Manager	Deb Mill	Grounds Manager	Peter Neale
Secretary	Howard Mill	Breed Affairs Officer	Carolyn Anderson
Treasurer	Deb Brown	Membership Officer	Edwina Neale
Chief Instructor	Howard Mill	Website Manager	Heather Snell
Equipment Officer	Debbie Kennedy		
Committee	Ros Vincent	Committee	Brendan Hamilton

Congratulations to all the members who have worked hard over the last year with their GSDs. It's fantastic seeing all the successes big and small. Members have competed in a wide range of events and activities over the year, across endurance, obedience, show and tracking. Some journeys just started others gaining Titles. One journey to Queensland Championships resulted in Best in Show for Edwina Neale with Salted Peanut. Pippa Murphy was awarded Victorian Junior Handler of the year and came second in the National Junior Handler of the year for her age range. Well done.



Two instructors, Deb and Terry Kennedy, received well earned recognition for an amazing 25 years of membership with the GSDCV. Thank you for all your work keeping the branch running over the years. Thank you too, to all the committee members and instructors who have made a great team throughout the year, especially filling the gaps when position holders have been out of action.

Bendigo has continued to see a regular influx of new members. Class four has been busy, heading into town for a walk and a coffee. We are grateful to the local cafes making us so welcome. Towards the end of the year the class 4 worked on a team demo, under Terry's able instruction, presenting this at the Christmas break up.

Our whole branch outings into Bendigo city center have proven a hit with members and drawn general public admiration.

Branch members support for our successful Bunnings sausage sizzle fundraiser was much appreciated. As is the assistance given for the set up and pack up each week.

A suggestion for instructor uniforms with loud shirts and a new take on sun protection appeared at the Christmas break up. Looking forward to further innovation in 2024.

Deb Mill
Branch Manager- Bendigo Branch.



EASTERN

Branch Manager	Rhonda Snijders	Breed Liaison Officer	Rhonda Snijders
Assistant Branch Manager	Ian Woodhill	Grounds Manager	Ian Woodhill
Secretary	Jenny Burley	Social Secretary	Dennis Simpson
Treasurer	Peter Wallbridge	Shepherd News / Merchandise	Barbara Stewart
Chief Instructor	Rosie Garbett	Canteen Manager	Peter Garbett
Membership Officer	Trish Gough	Equipment Stall	Peter Gough

I am pleased to present my first Annual Report as Eastern Branch Manager.

Firstly I would like to thank the 2023 elected committee. Each of you stepped up in your roles and took on more responsibility with a reduced committee, however, you all accepted the challenge and excelled.

Our focus this year has been on our members and creating a social atmosphere at the branch. Members have enjoyed a free BBQ every last Sunday of the month which has become very popular allowing members to connect over a quick chat and a sausage.

Eastern faced an extremely wet year with the oval being unusable for almost 6 months with council ordering no training on the oval for 4 months. The instructors and the members learnt to be adaptable and made use of the carpark and the natural environment for training. The puppies were happy training indoors in the clubrooms. Unfortunately, with the grounds being very wet there was a noticeable decrease in members attending each week which also affected our revenue from the canteen and Royal Canin dog food sales. Numbers picked up again once the ground dried out and we could resume training on the ground with numbers returning to normal in October.

In addition to Sunday training, Eastern held Wednesday night training from November to March which was very popular especially with the puppies and younger dogs.

Tracking and Track and Search Dog classes continued in 2023 on Sunday mornings and due to interest in Nosework we held an information session with Jo Bates (Crazy Canines) and commenced weeknight Nosework training in the clubrooms. We look forward to more dogs trialling in both disciplines in the near future.

A member information/demonstration session on Grooming was also enjoyed by approximately 25 members after class presented by Jen OB which generated a lot of interest and questions from members.

I would like to thank Rosie Garbett as the Chief Instructor for managing all of the instructors and the training program for 2023 and Andrea Cornwall for arranging the information sessions. I would also like to thank all of the instructors for all of your hard work and dedication that you provide to our members and your ability to think on your feet for delivering alternate yet valuable training. The 2023 instructors were: Rosie Garbett, Andrea Cornwall, Michael Simmons, Peter Wallbridge, Ian Woodhill, Barbara Stewart, John Masci, Justin Morton, Lois Goodes, Marg Starrow, Paul Willoughby and Rhonda Snijders.

Eastern had numerous dogs presented at Specialty Shows both in Victoria and interstate, Breed Survey and ZAP tests and Dog Sports. Eastern appreciate the support that the Specialty Show Branch have offered this year while Eastern do not have a Show Instructor. Congratulations to all the members who received awards and recognition for their achievements in 2023 both in the show ring and in Dog Sports.

The clubrooms have been maintained well by Maroondah Council, repairing the roof and replacing the carpet in the social room. Committee and member volunteers have ensured that the toilets, kitchen, social and storage areas have been well maintained and clean.

Eastern was fortunate to obtain a \$4,180 grant from Aston Department of Industry to purchase laptops and audio visual equipment. Eastern also obtained a grant from Knox City Council for \$819.00 to purchase a printer, toner and storage cabinet. All items have been greatly received by the branch which will assist to deliver training, information sessions and day to day operation of the branch.



The membership hub has ensured that all member activity has been captured each week and has been a great tool for running reports and week to week class numbers and instructor allocation. Vaccination and membership status has also ensured that all members are financial and dogs are vaccinated. We look forward to being able to print off member badges in 2024.

I would like to thank the volunteers on the registration table each Sunday; Peter Gough, Peter Wallbridge and Alfred Zommers and Trish Gough as the membership officer. In addition Jenny Burley initiated a monthly newsletter to be collected on the membership table to keep members informed of important dates, club matters and dog training information.

Outside of the branch activities Eastern have been involved in The Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal, Bunnings BBQ’s, and assisting the GSDCV Obedience Trials.

Sadly, Eastern lost one of GSDCV Life Members – Ben Glasheen. Ben was a valuable member to the Eastern and GSDCV branch and will be remembered for his great fundraising and raffle achievements amongst many other great achievements and memories among members and life long friends.

Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers who have assisted with the jobs required to allow us to train the dogs that come every week and to the members for training your dogs and being the best owners you can be for your dogs. Together we achieved great things in 2023, we look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Rhonda Snijders
Branch Manager – Eastern Branch

GEELONG

Branch Manager	Paul Stynes	Secretary	Edwina Davis
Treasurer	Michelle Cabel	Chief Instructor	Marg Raftopoulos
Breed Liaison Officer	Marg Raftopoulos	Equipment Officer	Stephanie Staub
Membership Officer	Stephanie Bassett	Shepherd News	Deb Wynd
Grounds Manager	Paul Stynes	Social Media & Website	Stephanie Basset
Social Secretary	Jo Mee	General Committee	Loretta Smart

The year 2023 has been such a relief following on from the turmoil of Covid 19 interrupted previous years. My second year as Branch Manager has allowed me to promote my wish for the branch to have more of a real club feel about it. With the kitchen and club room floor having been repaired and replaced we finally have our canteen up and running with no small effort by the committee and club members. As a Branch we have gone from strength to strength with increased numbers at both our Obedience Training and our Show training and for the first time since I’ve been a member our class 3-4s are now out numbering our class 2s. This is testament to the efforts put into their dogs by our members and the branch’s member retention., Trials training moved to Sundays at 11.30 as the nights became too dark to train mid-week. Social walks have continued led by senior instructors as a way of members getting to know each other away from the formality of Sunday training. It is testament to the commitment and determination of the Geelong Committee and Instructors and members who all made it all possible.

As a result of this we have also attracted members and breeders from other branches and are growing a reputation in the region as a friendly and welcoming branch of the GSDCV.

Through the year we have had several member’s dogs pass the Breed Survey and have had wonderful results in the Show Ring and at Trials and the Endurance Test. Members exhibited at the 49th National with some having a very rewarding show.

As an aside can I say well done and congratulations to the organising committee of the National you did the GSDCV proud.

Once again Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fund raising has seen our members step up and support the branch by giving their valuable time to staff the stall. Teamwork saw the Geelong branch run a very smooth and efficient fund raiser with the Bunnings management amazed at how professionally run our day was.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our instructors and committee members for the work that they have put in this year and for the help they have given me in my role as Branch manager.

Many thanks to Ash Kendall, Veronica Filmer and Margi Raftopoulos for providing one on one training and advice our new members with Rescue GSDs. An often-difficult task with sometimes inexperienced owners and reactive dogs. This Branch quite simply cannot function without the commitment of its volunteers. So well done all.

A special thank you and recognition to our retiring Treasurer Michelle Cabel who has done an amazing job over the years.

I look forward to seeing continuous growth through 2024 in membership numbers, engaging in both Obedience and Show Training.

2024 will also see us complete some work on the club rooms ensuring the branch meets all requirements of the Geelong City Council. New equipment will be purchased, and more social walks will be organised. The canteen will expand its menu and members encourage to remain after class to relax and chat about our favourite breed.

Paul Stynes
Branch Manager – Geelong Branch

GIPPSLAND

Branch Manager	Ray Batchelor	Secretary	Trish
Assistant Branch Manager	Paul Wiesman	Equipment Officer	Frank Cullen
Treasurer	Rick Bradley/Ray Batchelor	Chief Instructor	Anne Lee
Breed Liaison Officer	Jen Eaton	General Committee	Katrina Binotto
Membership Officer	Ray Batchelor		Esther Dekkers
Grounds Manager	Frank Cullen		Karen Kilpatrick
Maintenance	Daniel Binotto		Alan Purcell
Canteen	Deb Cullen		Ina Schneiders
	Willma Bates		Leonie Taylor
			Amanda Van Osta
			Tania Waixel

2023 is a year that many Gippsland members will look back on with mixed emotions. To call it turbulent would be an understatement, we've had our challenges and finished the year under a suspension of all activities.

Under the leadership of Chief Instructor Anne Lee, our instructors delivered a combined total of 122 hours of service to our members which given the size of our branch and instructor numbers is a pretty good effort. An average of 13 dogs per week is down a bit on previous years but again for a branch our size is still good to see. Anne made sure that where possible we offered as many different things as possible, so we included community walks around the port of Sale, Rally, ZAP exercises and a bit of show stuff in preparation for a structural assessment that sadly didn't end up being held.



Outside the branch activities we had small group of people participate in shows, trials, ZAP and Breed Survey. It was great to see another two Gippsland dogs added to the list of successful ZAP assessments and also another dog pass Breed Survey. Congratulations to everyone who entered the competitions and assessments. Hopefully in 2024 we can have more members getting out competing and participating in breed schemes with their dogs.

As I say every year, we are proud of the people who compete and represent the branch in the various activities offered by the club and broader dog community such as shows and trials. But the most important people to our branch are the ones who turn up each week and train their dogs to be good canine citizens and companions. Shows and trials are a great way to demonstrate how great our breed is but they have a limited audience. A well-behaved German Shepherd Dog on it's daily walk around public streets is the best advertisement we can possibly get. Remember our instructors are always available for advice if you are having trouble with anything.

To our wonderful committee who as always worked hard all year, thank you. Considering that we are a small country branch it is always great to see so many people willing to put their hand up and be part of the committee. Some people and organisations try to restrict the size of their committees for various reasons. I have always believed that having so such a large portion of our membership willing to be involved in the running of the branch is our greatest strength. Sometimes it may work against us, but the way Gippsland members band together and support each other is something that we should all be very proud of and something I have always tried to promote as the Branch Manager.



And the people who hide when the camera comes out:
 Karro Kujatich
 Tania Wronel
 Amanda Van Osta
 Isa Schouder
 Katarina Dekkers
 Aliso Pavell

2024 will see some big changes in the leadership of the Gippsland branch. Our Secretary Trish has decided to step down from the role she has held for an amazing 23 years. To put that into perspective if you take every member who has attended the Gippsland branch within the last 12 months. Only 3 have been her longer than Trish has been Secretary. Trish has trained, guided, and endured 5 Branch Managers, 6 Treasurers and 7 Chief Instructors during her time as Secretary. Without doing the job yourself it's impossible to understand the workload of the Secretary even for a small branch like ours, but Trish has done the job and kept us and especially me in line with the many phone calls and reminders of the things I was supposed to do but haven't done yet. On behalf of all the members a huge Thankyou for all you have done.



As most already know, after 11 years in the job this is my last Annual Report as the Branch Manager of Gippsland. It has been a great privilege to have been the longest serving Branch Manager in the history of our Branch and I'd like to thank everyone who has supported me over the years, especially Carol, Taylah and Lachlan who have had to put up with me being distracted by dog club stuff during the week that doesn't get done at club on Saturday.

Hopefully 2024 will be a much better year for our branch once we reopen and get our focus back on the important stuff, The dogs, The training and The friendships.

Ray Batchelor
Branch Manager Gippsland

MALVERN

Branch Manager	Jacinta Poole	Assistant Branch Manager	Dearne Jackson
Secretary	Sam Siebel	Treasurer	Wayne Speck/Gwen Tyquin
Membership Officer	Vanessa Wisdom	Breed Affairs Liaison	Gayle Johnston
Media Manager	Grant Milne	Social Secretary	Lin Milne
Chief Instructor	Dearne Jackson	General Committee	Rob Oldershaw Tony Cawthorne

At the conclusion of another successful training year at Malvern, its useful to reflect back on the many achievements for our handlers and their dogs throughout the year. These may have been small behavioural gains or significant class achievements for each team during the year. The contributions of our committee and instructors to providing a well run training branch and class environment that enables help for each and every member cannot be underestimated. Thank you all. Over 2023, with some ups and downs we averaged 60 dogs attending training each week, making for a very busy environment. From young 8 week old puppies getting a great start to training to our older dogs that just enjoy coming each week, the dogs are what keep us going and striving to improve what we can provide. We also ensure we provide the best equipment we can to aid training, and in 2023 our Royal Canin sales were \$53,000 for the year as members took advantage of the offering from our sponsor.

During the year a number of Malvern members also competed in both shows and trials of all types, where great successes were had. Too many to mention, but no matter whether it was a place, a ribbon, a medal or just

competing, those members who did the extra work with their dogs were rewarded as winners. Participation is as important as achievement to your dogs. So well done and congratulations. Many members also helped at Club shows and trials in various ways, and also a large contingent assisted with running the 49th National Show & Trial. Thank you all.

Our instructors and committee are the core of our branch and its function. We are always indebted to them for their contribution to our success as a branch. Thankyou from all at Malvern to Dearne Jackson for her leadership as Chief Instructor, Judy Eppinger and Gayle Johnston as assistants, Keith Heale, Pam Jackson, Ken Mackay, Jacinta Poole, Grant Milne, Lin Milne, Sam Siebel, Julia Tahourdin, Mike Fajdiga, Donna Bradley, Max Sivinski and our first year Trainee instructor Damien Coutts. Our team works well together as multiple instructors in classes, a set up which works well to ensure large classes are well covered. All regularly go above and beyond to help difficult dogs, struggling handlers and those who need extra help, advice or guidance, often outside of core class times.

Stonnington Council provide us with excellent facilities at our training ground at Waverley Oval, East Malvern that is in first class condition almost all year round. Their support is much appreciated in providing well kept safe grounds, maintained to high standards year round. We know how lucky we are. We also acknowledge our Club sponsors Royal Canin for their support throughout the year, along with Monash Vet Clinic. Thankyou to the GSDCV Executive, Management Committee, Breed Affairs and the Obedience Training Committee for their support of the Malvern branch and members.

Our committee included Jacinta Poole, Dearne Jackson, Sam Siebel, Wayne Speck, Gayle Johnston, Vanessa Wisdom, Grant Milne, Lin Milne, Rob Oldershaw, Gwen Tyquin and Tony Cawthorne. All made key contributions with all putting branch members before their own dogs and training.

Sadly this year we lost several stalwarts of our branch and Club. Jim Begg, who was a 40 year member of the GSDCV, and an instructor for 35 years. Jim was a past Malvern Branch manager and Chief Instructor, who was also a full panel ANKC obedience judge. Late in December we were saddened by the passing of Wayne Speck, our long standing Treasurer of 7 years after a short illness. He made a great contribution to our branch. Judy Eppinger passed away in January 2024. A 27 year instructor and our branch secretary for 20 years until recently. Judy's influence will be greatly missed. All were terrific people who made a difference to our branch and helped so many handlers and their dogs. We remember all very fondly and miss them greatly.

Malvern is a large and busy training branch, and as they say, 'it takes a village'. We continuously try to improve our standards and meet all our requirements and responsibilities to both the club and our Council. Continuous improvements and change is always good, and we welcome suggestions and input at any time. In addition to our formal committee and instructors we have a number of members who assist with setting up or packing up on Sundays and providing other assistance, all of which helps. Special mention to Russell Keast and Trish Doherty who help each Sunday morning with set up and at the desk for dog food and equipment purchases and Michael Dore as our regular bbq chef.

Another year begins and so it goes. We can't wait to see the progress of our members with their dogs during the years and look forward to helping many on that road to success. Thanks to each and every member who attends Malvern, as you contribute to our goal to assist our breed and owners to be the best they can be.

Jacinta Poole
Branch Manager – Malvern Branch



NORTHERN

Branch Manager	Diane Page	Treasurer	Julie Taukus
Secretary	Angela Chul	Grounds Staff	Bill Gates & Barry Clark
Membership Officer	Christine Ingram & Heather Neilson	All Rounders	Heather Neilson, Zora Marko
Chief Instructor	Andrew Quinn		

To all our committee members volunteering each Saturday afternoon – the branch would not have been able to run without your support and great personalities.

Always a special mention to the Bill Gates and Barry Clark, every week the rooms and grounds are clean and setup for us, we serve, we train, we leave and they put everything away until then do it all again the following week.

To our members – to all that turn up rigorously rain or shine week after week, – you make our day, as they always have a smile on their face, or it is a grimace because their puppies/dogs are just not doing what they are supposed to do – it's been a joy to see you each week. We have enjoyed your laughter and pain as you have grown.

On behalf of the Chief Instructor Andrew Quinn we thank the team of instructors for their dedication because without them we would not have these classes, Jim Rose, Terry Skinner, Ethel Thompson, Terry Taukus, Zora Marko, Jeff Byron and David Powell.

Our pool of aspirers for the Northern Branch, are Beth Healy, Angela Chul, David Del Monaco and Shane Francis, we look forward to your continued guidance and support from our Chief Instructor Andrew Quinn.

Our Christmas break up fun day did not go as planned due to the unpredictable weather we have had this year – we have postponed to the 28th February.

I have enjoyed being the Northern Branch Manager for the last couple of years and a part of the GSDCV community.

Here's to 2024!

Diane Page
Branch Manager – Northern Branch

SKYE

Branch Manager	Cristine Begbie	Assistant Branch Manager	Amanda Barr
Secretary	Michelle Fenwick / Lynne Chenu	Treasurer	Sharon Hargreaves / Leigh Gordon
Membership Officer	Sharon Hargreaves / Margaret Czarka	Breed Affairs Liaison	Julie Urie
Grounds Manager	Les Rudling	Communications	Cristine Begbie
Chief Instructor	Julie Urie	General Committee	Doreen Van Ameringen
Canteen/Fundraising	John Brady		Katrina Recoche
Assist Ground Mgr	Bruce Rollins		Tony Ramsden

On behalf of the Skye Branch of the GSDCV, I have much pleasure in presenting the Skye Branch Annual Report for 2023.

I would firstly like to thank the Members for their support of the Branch over the past twelve months. The membership of Skye Branch continues to grow steadily, which is, no doubt, largely due to the quality training that we afford our members, and the encouraging atmosphere of the Branch.

Our Committee has, as always, been very committed and pro-active throughout the year. However, we did have some unexpected changes to our Committee throughout the year. Firstly, Sharon Hargreaves resigned from the roles of Treasurer, Membership Officer and Equipment Officer as of the 30th June, 2023. Sadly, our Secretary, Michelle Fenwick resigned due to a bereavement in her family in October, 2023. We were fortunate to secure the assistance of Leigh Gordon as Treasurer, Margaret Czarka as Membership Officer, Amanda Barr as Equipment Officer and finally, Lynne Chenu as Secretary. Our sincere thanks to Michelle and Sharon for their commitment and dedication to their roles, and we wish them both well in their future endeavours.

I thank the following Committee members for their ongoing support and contribution:

- Cristine Begbie, Branch Manager/Communications Officer
- Amanda Barr, Assistant Branch Manager
- Michelle Fenwick and Lynne Chenu, Secretary
- Sharon Hargreaves and Margaret Czarka, Membership Officers
- Julie Urie, Chief Instructor and Breed Liaison Officer
- Sharon Hargreaves and Amanda Barr – Equipment Officers
- Les Rudling, Grounds Manager
- Bruce Rollins, Assistant Grounds Manager
- John Brady, Canteen/Fund Raising Officer
- Doreen Van Ameringen
- Katrina Recoche
- Tony Ramsden

Sincere thanks also to the backbone of our Branch, the Instructors who never fail to contribute, week in and week out, regardless of the prevailing conditions: Without these dedicated Instructors, we would not have a Branch:

- Julie Urie (Chief)
- Carla Srb (Assistant Chief)
- Les Rudling
- Lynne Chenu
- Luke Rudling
- Arlene Kerr
- Pam Anderton
- Bob Mackay
- Helen Dunn
- Ken Smith
- Cristine Begbie

Special thanks to Ken Smith who has resigned as an instructor. Ken has been an integral member of the Instructor Group at Skye, as well as OTC, and will be missed by all. We wish him well for the future.

Training commenced over the Christmas break with Puppy Socialization, followed by the resumption of weekly training in early February. We had great numbers training early in the year, but of course this drops off a little once winter has set in. We also lose an additional 5 Sunday training sessions a year due to GSDCV shows being held at Skye. Nevertheless, all classes were well attended. There were a number of reactive dogs who, after training, were assimilated into class, and the Trial Class in particular had some great results with more Members genuinely interested in Trialling.

During the year, members of the Trial Class represented the Skye Branch at various Obedience, Rally, Endurance, Scent Work and Tracking Trials and were successful in achieving passes and/or titles with their dogs.

The 2023 49th National Show and Trial was held at the end of April, and Skye Branch ran the Egg and Bacon Breakfast Stall for the three days of the event, and also had our Equipment Stall open over the three days as well. Thank you to our dedicated members who volunteered to ensure that the National was a success.

We held a number of after class social occasions during the year, with several Coffee and Cake mornings, a Mother's Day Morning Tea, and sausage sizzles. All of these are designed to give something back to our members and encourage them to socialise with other members, Committee and Instructors. These events have been well received and are well worth the effort.

We finally held the Michelle Daniel Obedience Workshop on 9th September, after having had to cancel this event the previous year due to Michelle's ill health. The workshop was well-attended and a great success with very good feedback from the attendees.

We held our Christmas Break-Up and Presentation Day on 26th November, and this was very well supported by all. Westernport Obedience Dog Club also held their Christmas Break Up on the same day, so both clubs shared some of their resources which made for a great day for all. Everyone joined in the games, the Fancy Dress and were ready to greet Santa when he arrived bearing gifts for the children, followed by lunch for all. A great day for our Branch and our members.

In closing, I would once again like to thank the members for their continued support of the Branch, together with the Committee and Instructors for their tireless efforts during 2023.

Cristine Begbie
Branch Manager – Skye Branch

SPECIALIST SHOW BRANCH

Branch Manager	Alastair Henderson	Chief Instructor	Alastair Henderson
Assistant Branch Manager	John Strachan	Grounds Manager	Brank Awuema
Secretary	Ann Hammond	Breed Affairs Liaison Officer	Barbara Blythe
Treasurer	Fiona Henderson	Catering Officer	Ann Hammond
Publicity officer	Melissa Hammond	Membership	Sec/BM/ABM

Show Branch has had a small but steady number training each week with the usual increase before a show or Breed Survey. It is good to see members helping new members by taking their dogs in class to give their owners an idea of what they need to do when showing.

It was great to see our members being successful at most shows and participating in breed improvement schemes including Breed Survey and Zap.

Lastly a big thank you to our committee who put their hands up to help at weekly training, Breed Survey, Zap Assessment days and our shows. Without you giving up your time these events will not happen.

In 2024 we may try some a few different things from the normal in our training.

Alastair Henderson
Branch Manager – Specialist Show Branch.

WESTERN

Branch Manager – Tony Lerias Asst Branch Manager – Steve Kinsman Secretary – Lyn Pickering Ass Secretary – Stacy Lerias Treasurer – Arthur McPherson Asst Treasurer – Rachel Jones Breed Affairs Liaison Officer – Aaron Robinson Chief Instructor – Rebecca May Membership Officer – Lin McPherson Asst Membership Officer – Lyn Pickering	Canteen Manager – Arthur McPherson Publicity Officer – Lin McPherson Equipment Officer – Stacy Lerias Website Manager – Sue Collier Social Secretary Assistant Social Secretary – Bec Kinsman Grounds Manager – Lyn Pickering Asst Grounds Manager – Andrew Saliba
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It is with pleasure that I present the Annual Report for 2024 on behalf of the Western Branch. 2023 has been fantastic, filled with enjoyable events and the unwavering support of our dedicated members. Our Sunday training sessions witnessed impressive turnouts showcasing the strong sense of community within our branch.

We celebrated Christmas in July, with our usual games, and a visit from Santa. Our instructors also came together and set up a trial and show demo rings. This involved a demo of each discipline followed by the opportunity for interested members to take a turn with their dog. The participation was amazing to see.

Throughout the year we also held other social events such as our annual Trivia Night, filled with lots of friendly competition, and we finished off the year with our combined Games and Presentation Day.

The branch was invited to attend Niddrie Primary School once again and talk to the students about how to approach dogs, how dogs travel, and assistance dogs. We also took along a couple of our dogs to demonstrate great temperament and obedience.

Western also hosted a structural assessment in May and a Breed Survey in October. I would like to thank everyone involved in all of the above activities for their tireless efforts in making them all a huge success.

This year also saw Western's 40th year of collecting for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Support from members and the Eastern Branch resulted in \$26,152.10 raised on the day, bringing our 40-year total to over \$731,000! We were invited to the telethon to present our cheque and were honoured with a plaque presented to Lyn Pickering, Dom Cafari and Bernie Lester. We are proud to continue supporting the Appeal and would like to acknowledge Lyn, Dom and Bernie for their continuous efforts in organising this meaningful event year after year.

In terms of training, this year we were fortunate to be able to replace a large portion of our training equipment across all levels. The new equipment has been well received by our instructors, members and dogs. Also, congratulations to Gail Stewart for obtaining her instructor certificate, to Shirley Petrella for 30 years of service and to Alan Smith for 20 years of service.

Western Branch's success this year is a testament to the exceptional dedication of our instructor pool, committee and of course, the members who show up week after week, regardless of the weather. It is an honour to be part of such an amazing branch, and I look forward to another year of shared accomplishments and growth.

Tony Lerias
Branch Manager – Western Branch

WODONGA

Branch Manager	Carol Mindin	Chief Instructor	Martine Burgess
Secretary	Tracey Hill	Treasurer	Marie Baldwin
Breed Liaison Officer	Jeff Burgess	Membership Officer	Jeff Burgess
Publicity/Website Officer	Mrs. Carol Mindin		

I am pleased to present my third AGM report as Branch Manager of the Wodonga Branch. Training commenced on the 5th February and concluded on the 17th December with a Christmas Break-up. During the year we welcomed new members and trained from Puppy Class to Class 2. Rally Novice and Scent Work were also introduced.

Wodonga members continued to excel in Show and Obedience throughout the year and achieved many high results including at the 49th National held at KCC Park Skye. Results were as follows – 3rd Baby Puppy Bitch, 12th Junior Bitch, 23rd Intermediate Bitch, 11th Open Bitch, 2nd Baby Puppy Dog, 1st Junior Dog, 2nd Junior Dog, 11th Baby Puppy Bitch LSC and 15th Junior Bitch LSC.

Our All Breeds specialist Yvonne Hornsey and Allendell Touch of Class AZ (Zara) gained their Supreme Champion title on the 4th August. Her ex show girl Grand CH. Andacht Torque Awhile (Zeta) reached the grand age of 13 on the 22nd September.

4 dogs went through Breed Survey and are now Breed Surveyed Classified. 2 dogs successfully went through the Hip and Elbow (AZ) schemes.

Alex Cogdell after nearly a 4 year break was back in the obedience ring and he and RO.CH. Vindel Dancing with Mr D. C.D. R.M. (Jagger) gained their Companion Dog Excellent (C.D.X.) title on the 22nd July. Our longest serving Obedience Instructor Billie Louwrier and Gipfel Royal Crystal R.M. C.D.X (Crystal) gained their Utility Dog title (U.D.) on the 5th November.

Finally, I would like to thank all our members who have supported us during the year. Although we are a small Branch by numbers, we do have some dedicated members that show each week. Also, to our Committee for their hard work behind the scenes. Thank you also to our Chief Instructor Martine Burgess, Show Instructors Jeff Burgess and Tracey Hill, Obedience Instructors Billie Louwrier, Alice and Cassie Young for all their continued efforts during the year.

Carol Mindin
Branch Manager – Wodonga Branch

2022 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD – Fiona Henderson

Fiona Henderson was presented with an Outstanding Service Award for her service to the GSDCV for her work that she has undertaken and achievements. -

1. Branch Secretary Waverley Branch in 1986
2. Show and Trial Committee Treasurer in the 80' and through the 90's when there used to be a separate Show and Trial Committee
3. Branch Treasurer for Specialist Show Branch from 2009 to present day
4. Assist Treasurer Main Club from 2012 to 2014 and as part of the Finance Committee
5. Club Treasurer from 2015 to present day in 2022.



Fiona brings her professional expertise as a CPA Accountant to the GSDCV Treasurer position along with other members of the Finance Committee is instrumental in dealing with fiscal responsibility, meeting legal and moral responsibilities.

Fiona completes 99% of the financial information before it goes to the Auditor which has reduced the fee income that was previously approx. \$8,000.

The Management Committee is also provided with up-to-date Financial Analysis at most meetings of how the Club is progressing and if there are areas we should be concerned about. This is more than most small business undertake, and some might say should not be sought or undertaken, but one must remember that its members money and Fiona and the Finance Sub-Committee perform the task extremely well.

One only has to look at the Balance Sheet of the GSDCV to see how the strong position that we are in due to oversight and work that Fiona has put into this area, whether it be looking at the investments or new opportunities in the way the banking is undertaken throughout the Club.

Apart from being the Treasurer of the GSDCV Fiona is also currently on National Sub-Committee in the planning and organization for 2023 National to be held in Melbourne. She has also been involved in the planning for last 2 Nationals held in Melbourne.

She has been more than willing to assist anybody who has sought her guidance, whether on the financial aspects or how the Club runs.

Congratulations Fiona

2022 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD – Jo Mee

Jo has been a member of the GSDCV for 32 years during which time she has made an invaluable contribution to the Club through three decades of not only participating in Club events but also by providing the foundations for the development of the Geelong Branch into one of the Club's strongest country branches.

Jo became a member of the Geelong Branch in 1990 with her boy Tiger. The following year she joined the small team of obedience instructors in a Branch that was still quite young, having been established just 5 years earlier in 1986. During this time she developed her skills in obedience and began trialling as well as branching out into show with her second dog, Ramara Cheap Trick (Elcho).

These experiences provided Jo with the knowledge and skills required to be elected as the Geelong Branch's Chief Instructor in 2002, a position she held for the next 13 years, making her the Branch's longest-serving CI - a major achievement in a vital and demanding position in any Branch.

It also made her the Branch's longest-serving committee member, where she also variously held the positions of Grounds person, Membership Officer, and following her retirement as Chief Instructor in 2015, as Assistant Chief Instructor and, most recently, as Social Secretary.

Jo's commitment to the Committee and her desire to ensure the continued running of the Branch reflects Jo's work ethic. This was one of the main reasons the Branch was able to survive a period when membership declined, instructors dwindled to just three, and committee numbers decreased with a quick turnover.

However, Jo remained a constant and consistent presence on the club grounds. As Chief Instructor, she added Wednesday night classes for fellow instructors and members needing additional training. In 2009 this became Friday



morning training classes that came to include more social activities and when people could come to have a chat and a cuppa and talk about dogs.

During public holidays and over the summer break, Jo continued weekly classes for members, sometimes being the only instructor on site. For Jo, it was essential that dogs, especially puppies, should not miss the opportunity for socialisation and training, during the young formative years. And puppies were Jo's passion: generations of GSDs have passed through Jo's puppy classes and, indeed, the Branch acknowledged Jo's devotion by constructing an off-lead area that was named the Jo Mee Puppy Ring in her honour.

Jo also sought to provide extra activities to promote the breed. She established the Geelong demonstration team that attended local events from 2002 including the Lara Heritage Festival (6 years), Art and Craft shows at primary schools, the Wallington Strawberry Festival for several years and from 2008 the annual RSPCA Million Paws Walk. Also, select dogs and handlers also visited retirement villages and aged care centres.

Although the Branch struggled from the late 2000s, Jo's enthusiastic efforts and unflinching dedication enabled it to survive and again flourish as membership increases, positions on the committee are filled and there are 7 instructors.

Yet Jo has not melted into the background. Instead, she continues to contribute to the committee, to run the Friday morning classes, and to assist with the organisation of special events.

Congratulations Jo

2022 Special Recognition Award presented to: Sharyn Thompson and her dogs Kali (Jayshell Chloe) and Leiha (Freinhauf Leiha)

Sharyn has been a member of the GSDCV since 2012. In that time she has been an active member of the branch holding multiple committee positions and assisting with the running of other activities and special events.

During her time at the GSDCV Sharyn has two dogs that she has trained as Therapy Dogs and had them accredited by the Dogs Victoria. As therapy dogs Sharyn's dog Kali and Leiha regularly attend Moe Life Skills which is a local disability centre in the Latrobe valley. More recently Sharyn and her dogs have become involved in a pilot program with the Latrobe Health Assembly whereby they attend the Latrobe Regional Hospital on a weekly basis and visit with patients to provide a more positive and relaxing experience for people in the hospital. This work has been heavily featured in the media and online with Kali and Leiha wearing the GSDCV Logo on their vests. Sharyn, Kali and Leiha were also recently invited to Monash University to do a presentation to medical students about how dogs can help patients when they are in hospital, again proudly wearing their GSDCV vests.



During proposed animal law changes a few years ago Dogs Victoria invited Sharyn and Kali to attend the State Parliament as part of the DogsVic campaign against the law changes and were again featured in the media during for their involvement.

Both of Sharyn's dogs have also gained accreditation for the Story dogs' program and attend the Loch Sport Primary School on a weekly basis. Sharyn also took on the position of Story Dogs Coordinator for our local area and through her encouragement we have an extra two Gippsland Branch German Shepherds attending other local primary schools as Story Dogs.

This is just a tiny snapshot of the things Sharyn does with her dogs to assist the community and promote the breed in the most positive ways possible.

Sharyn Thompson with her dogs Kali (Jayshell Chloe) and Leiha (Freinhauf Leiha) are worthy recipients of the GSDCV Special Recognition award.

AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE 2023 AGM

These are all awards achieved throughout the 2023 year.

SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Membership Awards – awarded to members for continuous membership

Julia Tahourdin	25	Malvern
John Strachan	30	SSB
Betty Beasley	50	Skye

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

Donna Bradley	5	Malvern
Dean O'Keefe	5	Ballarat
Ken Siebring	5	Ballarat
Steve Kinsman	10	Western
Jim Rose	10	Northern
Keith Heale	10	Malvern
Peter Wallbridge	20	Eastern
Julia Tahourdin	25	Malvern
Kevin Dare	35	Western

Show Instructor Awards – awarded for continuous service as a Show Instructor.

Carol Osborne	20	Western
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Committee Service – awarded for continuous service to a GSDCV or Branch committee.

Arthur McPherson	10	Western
Lin McPherson	10	Western
Tracey Hill	10	Wodonga
Grant Milne	15	Malvern

New Obedience Instructor Certificates:

Cristine Ingram	Northern
David Del Monaco	Northern
Stacy Lerias	Western
Daniil Yarovi	Western

New Show Instructor Certificates:

None issued for 2023

PERFORMANCE TITLES AWARDED

Alex & Karyn Cogdell	R.Ch. Vindel Dancing With Mr D CD RM	CDX
Amanda Scrivens	*Iccara Zed Why Ex AZ	HT
Barbara Stewart	Kenjja Magic Moment CCD RN	RA
Barbara Stewart	Kenjja Magic Moment CCD RA	RE
Bronacre Kennels	Bronacre Scorched Chilipop AZ	ET
Carolyn Anderson	Kamunyak Khaleesi CCD RM	CD
Carolyn Anderson	Kamunyak Khaleesi CD RM	TK.S
Carolyn Anderson	Kamunyak Khaleesi CD RM TK.S	CDX
Craig Whitford	*Eroica Jethro AZ CCD RN	ET
Craig Whitford	*Eroica Jethro AZ CCD RN ET	CD
Diana Oldfield	T.CH Randinka Opal Moon AZ TSD ET	TSDX
Helena Walter & John Schulz	Maadrica Amalie AZ RN	CCD
Helena Walter & John Schulz	Maadrica Amalie AZ CCD RN	RA
Helena Walter & John Schulz	Maadrica Amalie AZ CCD RA	CD
Helena Walter & John Schulz	Maadrica Amalie AZ CCD CD RA	RE
Jaclyn Fraser	Jarvinia Rocket Man TD	RN
John Schulz & Helena Walter	T.Ch Schaeferhund Greeta	TSD
John Schulz & Helena Walter	T.Ch Schaeferhund Greeta TSD	TSDX
Judith & John Strachan	*Cinderhof Sansaa AZ	ET
Luke Crockett	Gilarisha Prince Puma (AI) AZ	RN
Luke Crockett	Lukota Shelby (AI) AZ	RN
Luke Crockett	Kptlonglocks Augustiner AZ	RN
Luke Crockett	Macklin Nikita Nyx (AI) AZ	RN
Luke Crockett	Macklin Nikita Nyx (AI) AZ RN	CCD
Mandy & Bob Mackay	*Ch. Iniff Chicago Folly AZ	ET
Mandy & Bob Mackay	*CH. Iniff Ice Breaker (AI) AZ ET	CCD
Margaret Czarka	Iniff Chicago Hope RN	RA
Margaret Czarka	Iniff Chicago Hope RA	TDX
Michelle & Tony Mercieca	*Bronboreo Ginger Meg AZ	ET
Paul Stynes	*Sannjesa Remember Me AZ	ET
Rhonda Snijders	*Ch. T.Ch Jayshell Touchee (AI) AZ RN ET	CCD
Rhonda Snijders	*Ch. T.Ch Jayshell Touchee (AI) AZ CCD RN ET	TSD
Rhyll Ballantyne	Kaperville Gossip Girl	CCD
Richard Oldfield	*CH. Bronacre Popped To The Maxx AZ TD ET	TDX
Richard Oldfield	*CH. T.CH. Bronacre Popped To The Maxx AZ ET	TSD
Urs & Therese Rhyn	Dual Ch. (Neut/T) Killar Summer Wine CD TSD	RN
Wendy Seng Hpa	R.CH. Vonbios Carina CDX TD TSD RAE HTM.S TK.N ET	FS.S
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CHAMPION TITLES AWARDED

Christine McIntosh	Kptlonglocks Dunkel AZ	Champion
Craig Whitford	*Eroica Jethro CCD CD RN ET	Champion
Ian & Denise Woollard	T.CH. Jayella Wot R The Odds CDX	Track & Search Dog Champion
Ian & Denise Woollard	T.CH.TS.CH. Jayella Wot R The Odds CDX	Track & Search Dog Grand Champion
John & Judith Strachan	*Cinderhof Sansaa AZ ET	Champion
Luke Crockett	Lukota Shelby (AI) AZ RN	Champion
Luke Crockett	Kptlonglocks Augustiner AZ RN	Champion
Mandy & Bob Mackay	*CH. Iniff Ice Breaker (AI) CCD ET	Neutered Champion
Mandy & Bob Mackay	* Iniff Chicago Folly	Champion
Margaret Czarka	Iniff Chicago Hope RA TDX	Tracking Champion
Michelle & Tony Mercieca	Bronboreo Hellfire AZ	Champion
Michelle & Tony Mercieca	*Shebelle Tinkerbelle	Champion
Michelle & Tony Mercieca	Shebelle Cindarella AZ	Champion
Michelle Rovetto	Derharv The Force Is Strong	Champion
Richard Oldfield	*CH Bronacre Popped To The Maxx ET	Tracking Champion
Yvonne Hornsey	Ch Allendell Touch Of Class AZ	Supreme Champion

GSDCA AWARD OF MERIT

(These plaques are awarded to the breeder of an animal that has been graded "Excellent" in the conformation or performance disciplines for the first time during 2023.)

Excellent in Show

Amanda Barr	*Starkhund Straight Outa Hell
Bronacre Kennels	*Bronacre Jalapeno Chilipop
Frank Grigons	*Awatea Veeree Interesting (AI)
Iniff Kennels	*Ch. Iniff Chicago Folly ET
Michelle & Tony Mercieca	*Shebelle Tinkerbelle
Shaun Schembri	*Cazeli Anastasia

Excellent in Obedience

Carolyn Anderson	Kamunyak Khaleesi
Frank Grigons	Awatea Vanity Flirt (AI) AZ

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Ian Williams Perpetual Tracking Trophy:

in memory of his dog "T Ch. Kanekara Capitol Horsaal CD" Ian kindly donated this trophy in memory of his beloved dog who he tracked to Tracking Champion (which was then the highest achievable Tracking title). Tracking was Ian's passion and he wished that this dog's memory be perpetuated for years to come via this trophy. and that it be awarded to the most successful Victorian Tracking Dog based on combined qualification gradings achieved in the year.

**Winner of the Ian Williams Perpetual Tracking Trophy for 2023 is:
T.Ch. Iniff Chicago Hope RA handled by Margaret Czarka**

Dawn & Peter Howard Perpetual Track & Search Dog Trophy:

Dawn & Peter Howard have been long time active members of the Victorian Club promoting the separate Tracking and Track & Search Dog discipline events. Dawn regularly judging at the GSDCV Tracking and Track & Search Dog Test events held in June and September each year. This award commences at the 2023 AGM and recognises the most successful Victorian Track & Search Dog based on combined qualification gradings achieved in the year.

**The *inaugural* winner of the
Winner of the Dawn & Peter Howard Perpetual Track & Search Dog Trophy for 2023 is:
TS.GR.CH.T.CH. Jayella Wot R The Odds CDX handled by Ian Woollard**

Neil Cousins Memorial Trophy	None for 2023
Pam Lewis Memorial Trophy	None for 2023
Gwen Ibbott Shield	In abeyance

Margot Haines Puppy of the Year:

*Margot Haines was a long-time member and Life Member of the GSDCV. She assisted in many positions over the years, including Club Secretary, Minute Secretary, Stenographer, Shepherd News Editor, Assistant Show Secretary, and for 25 years as our Puppy Listings Officer. She was particularly fond of puppies, and when Margot passed away in 2003, her family requested donations to a trophy fund in lieu of flowers at her funeral. These funds were donated to the Club and held in trust to award the "**Margot Haines Puppy of the Year**" trophy to the best performing GSDCV member's dogs in Puppy show classes each year.*

The winners of the Margot Haines Puppy of the Year for 2023 are:

Male (Stock Coat)	Bronboreo Geewizz	Mrs Tracey Hill
Female (Stock Coat)	Bronboreo Russian War	Mrs Tracey Hill
Male (Long Stock Coat)	Denargun Bad Boyz	Stephanie Staub
Female (Long Stock Coat)	Michetto Become TheForceWithin	Michelle Rovetto

Erich Orschler Annual Breeders Trophy:

*Erich Orschler was a respected SV Judge who visited Victoria many times and became a friend and mentor to our Club, often giving talks on breeding and training of GSDs for our members. Erich instigated on one of his visits in 1984 a Perpetual Trophy for achievement by kennels in the fields of Show results, Obedience results, Titles, and Breed improvement schemes (hip, elbows and survey results). This is known as the "**Erich Orschler Annual Breeders Trophy**" and is awarded to the most successful Victorian kennel on their combined point-scores each year.*

**Winner of the Erich Orschler Trophy for 2023 is:
Allinka Kennels Alastair & Fiona Henderson**

Schneider Trophy:

*The **Schneider Trophy** was donated to the GSDCV by Committee members Mrs E Schneider and Mrs B Ryan (then Club Secretary) in 1949 and has been awarded ever since to the most successful show dog owned by a Victorian Club member. The original trophy is still in use today and is a large, heavily plated silver cup that on today's value would be worth thousands of dollars.*

**Winner of Schneider Trophy for 2023 is:
*Obama du Montgison a ED (Imp Deu)
Mrs S Parker, Mrs S Bick, Mr J Carter and Mrs B Blythe**

The Walter Reimann Annual Dual Performance Trophy

*The **Walter Reimann Dual Performance Trophy** has been presented for many years at our Championship shows to the best performed dog in conformation and obedience. The trophy (featuring a distinctive pewter goblet) was made by Dick Atyeo, a long serving obedience instructor at Malvern Branch. Since Dick's passing, the last remaining*

"Walter" trophy has been made into an Annual Perpetual award, and is presented to the best overall dog that has won two or more Dual Trophies during the year.

**Winner of the Walter Reimann Annual Dual Performance Trophy for 2023 is:
Craig Whitford and *Ch Eroica Jethro AZ RN CCD ET**

Specialist Dog and Bitch of the Year

The **Specialist Dog and Bitch of the Year** are awarded the "Special Show Perpetual Trophy", a tall cup that was donated by Von Roland and Von Eichen kennels in 1978 at a time when showing in the Specialty ring became the preferred way to exhibit German Shepherd Dogs, rather than the former kennel club or all-breed style shows. It is awarded to the most successful show dog & bitch on an aggregate point-score from results at GSD specialty shows held Australia wide, including the National show.

**Specialist Dog of the Year 2023
(Stock Coat)**

***Obama du Montgison a ED (Imp Deu)**
(Owners – Sandra Parker, Sally Bick, John Carter,
Barbara Blythe)



**Specialist Bitch of the Year 2023
(Stock Coat)**

***Ch Cinderhof Sansaa AZ ET**
(Owners – Judith & John Strachan)



**Specialist Dog of the Year 2023
(Long Stock Coat)**

***Ch EROICA JETHRO AZ RN CCD ET**
(Owner – Craig Whitford & Crystal Leonard)






**Specialist Bitch of the Year 2023
(Long Stock Coat)**

***Allinka Will Of The Force AZ**
(Owners – Ms M Rovetto)



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JUNIOR HANDLER AWARDS – CONFORMATION

<p>Junior Handler of the Year (7 – 9 years)</p> <p>Harleen Kaur</p>	
<p>Junior Handler of the Year (10 to 12 years)</p> <p>Cooper Wisdom</p>	
<p>Junior Handler of the Year (13 – 17 years)</p> <p>Tahlia Parsons</p>	 <p>JPfotos</p>

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.)

Not awarded for 2023

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.	1990	*Quincito Awol 'A'	Aust. Ch.
1950	Prince Kazan		1991	*Elvarado Super Star	Aust. Ch.
1951	Willunga Baron		1992	*Iniff Tapestry 'A' 'Z' CD	Aust. Ch.
1952	Weldenfels Bedwolf	KCC Ch.	1993	*Iniff Vagrant 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1953	Helenbryan Patricia CDX	KCC Ch.	1994	*Iniff Vagrant 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1955	Kombrack Prince		1995	*Denargun Flying Colours 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1956	Kombrack Prince	KCC Ch.	1996	*Hasenway Wild Knight 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1957	Whelker Fram Beau	KCC Ch.	1997	*Hasenway Wild Knight 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1958	Macron Marita	KCC Ch.	1998	*Hasenway Wild Knight 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1959	Bramcourt Barleena	KCC Ch.	1999	*Iwan vom Lechtal "a" 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1960	Rosenthal Jelda		2000	*Hasenway Wild Knight 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1961	Yram Prince Amin	Aust. Ch.	2001	*Winbirra Elegance 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1962	Lardo Pretty Shanee	Aust. Ch.	2002	*Denargun Brownd Off 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1963	Lardo Pretty Shanee	Aust. Ch.	2003	*Spellbinda High Society 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1964	Lardo Pretty Shanee	Aust. Ch.	2004	*Bodecka Grandslam 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1965	Kohinoor Kazan	Aust. Ch.	2005	*Zandrac Rivendell 'A' 'Z'	
1966	Kohinoor Kazan	Aust. Ch.	2006	*Peshar Inga 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1967	Liebestraum Leader	Aust. Ch.	2007	*Sannjesa Crusty Demon 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1968	Kohinoor Kazan	Aust. Ch.	2008	*Sannjesa Crusty Demon 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1969	Hagenstolz Kismet	Aust. Ch.	2009	*Lashadas Ace of Hearts 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1970	Hagenstolz Kismet	Aust. Ch.	2010	*Freevale Crazy In Pink 'A' 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1971	Hagenstolz Cicero	Aust. Ch.	2011	*Orrinshir Elton John 'A' 'Z' ET	Aust. Ch.
1972	Tanaba Amonasaro	Aust. Ch.	2012	*Orrinshir Elton John 'A' 'Z' ET	Aust. Ch.
1973	Trievon Rajah	Aust. Ch.	2013	*Bronacre Dark Diamond 'A' 'Z' ET	Aust. Ch.
1974	Kaznora Kommondant		2014	*Bronacre Dark Diamond 'A' 'Z' ET	Aust. Ch.
1977	Willmaurs Fondawn		2015	* Ch. Jayshell Winona 'A', 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1979	Edinsmuir Liz's Girl of Bedwin	Eng/Aust.Ch.	2016	* Ch. Jayshell Winona 'A', 'Z'	Aust. Ch.
1980	*Von Roland Axel		2017	* Ch. Xaro von der Plassenburg a ED	Aust. Ch.
1981	Glenawly Kenner	Aust. Ch.	2018	* Jayshell Nebraska 'A' 'Z'	
1982	Wantepich Asta	Aust. Ch.	2019	*Ch. Jayshell Nebraska 'A' 'Z'	Aust.Ch.
1983	Volscain Navita	Aust. Ch.	2020	Not awarded due to Covid 19 pandemic.	
1984	*Bedwins Finnigan	Aust. Ch.	2021	Not awarded due to Covid 19 pandemic	
1985	*Karlrach Satans Rites	Aust. Ch.	2022	*Ch. Lordavo Royal Symphony AZ	Aust.Ch.
1986	*Landrina Majic Melody	Aust. Ch.	2023	*Obama du Montgison AZ a ED (Imp Deu)	
1987	*Karlrach Wyoming Belle 'A'	Aust. Ch.			
1988	*Hasenway Putz 'A'	Aust. Ch.			
1989	None awarded				

CHALLENGE SASHES DONATED BY THE GSDCV INC. FOR 2023

EVENT	EVENT DATES	JUDGE
Ballarat Dog Show	January 2023	Ms Jess Kada
Royal Melbourne Show	September 2023	Challenges and Best GSD in Obedience and Rally
Auckland Provincial German Shepherd Dog League (Inc) (NZ)	October 2023	Mrs Nicky McDermott
Working Dog Club of Victoria	5 November 2023	Mr Sanjit Mohanty (India)

CLUB 13 AWARDS

The 13 Club

***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"!***

Dog	Owner	Breeder
Macklin Black Reflex Sire: Macklin Falcon Shadow Dam: Macklin Jazz	Chris and Karen Mayo	Mrs L Maclean
Grand Ch Andacht Torque Awhile Sire: Turbo Vom Casselswald Ger BH SchH3 HT Dam: Andacht Olivia	Yvonne Hornsey	Miss L. A. Reilly
RO.CH. Schaeferhund Nelke AZ RAE RM ET Sire: *CH Orrinshir Elton John AZ ET Dam: Schaeferhund Celina	John Schulz & Helena Walter	Mrs I Bohdal
Tri Ch(T)(RO)Dual Gr Ch (N-TS) Killara Volcanic Lava CDX RA Sire: *Ch Iturna Noble Night Dam: *Dual Ch (T) TS Grand Ch Neut Ch Killara Padraigin RA	Urs & Therese Rhyn	Mr P & Mrs D Howard
Manprince Wyld Champ Sire: *Gazza Vom Tamaraspitze Dam: Manprince Our Chance	Peter Wallbridge	Manprince Kennels

Major Fund Raising

40 YEARS COLLECTING for the ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2023

**We collected \$27,155.10
Bringing our overall total to
\$732,678.50 COLLECTED SO FAR**

Thanks to our organizers led by
Bernie Lester
Lyn Pickering
Dom Cafari

**REMEMBER,
"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS"**



40 years volunteering = \$732,678.50 collected for the Kids!

Wow, 40 years association with the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal has raised a total of \$732,678.50.

Only missing one year due to Covid restrictions, what a fantastic achievement.

In 1984, Western Branch decided to join the Good Friday appeal.

In 1992 Northern Branch joined in for a number of years.

In 2003 Bendigo Branch would come down for the next five years to help out (a great effort)

Also, in 2003, some members from Skye Branch would collect on the Thursday before Good Friday and did this for some years.

Gippsland Branch also came down and collected on our corners in 1996. Eastern Branch joined in 2001 and has continued to this day. I would like to name and thank all those past and present members of the German Shepherd dog club of Victoria, along with their family and friends who have helped out with this fantastic appeal, but I'm afraid I could miss some very important people that should be mentioned so I will just say thank you to everybody.



Corners and Names of our amazing volunteers:

Epsom Road and Smithfield Road, Kensington; (Eastern Branch corner)

Ethel Thompson, Peter Osborne, Bill Goldberg (Malvern) Francis La-Caria, Karen D'Amico, Richard Lawrence, Carole Smith, Diana and Richard Oldfield, John Schultz and Helen Walter.

Gordon Street and Ballarat Road Footscray:

Lyn and Luke Pickering, Renay Kromek, Patrick, Borg, Justin, Ashley and Adrian Condello, EmmaThompson, Taylah Gunsser, Angelo Rados, Gail Stewart, David Nguyen and Briana Leone.

Ballarat Road, Anderson Road and McIntyre Road, Sunshine:

Dom Cafari, Steve, Bec and Brad Kinsman, Tony and Stacey Lerias, Carole Osborne, Ryan Sutcliffe, Kiara and Matt Ryan.

Sunshine Avenue and Main Road East, St Albans:

Bill Frantzesos, Tony Mercieca, Bernie Lester, Andrew Keam, Rhonda Peterson, Mark Robertson, Andrew West, Jones Ma, Hugh Williams, and Manting Chong.

Keilor football club:

Andrew, Leigh and Alex Saliba, Rachel Jones and Aaron Robinson.

A big thank you to all those members, family and friends that helped us raise \$27,155.10, this year. I would like to give a special mention to Ethel Thompson and her crew for continuing to support Western collecting at their corner since 2001. Thank you, guys.

Also, Lyn Pickering what can I say? The past 23 years you have been doing all the liaising and organising all the paperwork with the Royal Children's Hospital. I know it's been a big job communicating and every year it seems to be getting bigger! So a big thank you, Mrs P. Just imagine the amount we could collect for the kids if we could get more members so we could open up more intersections.

So next year on the 29th of March 2024, if you want fun but a tiring and rewarding day, please think about helping next year, we can organise other intersections if we get enough members.

Bernie Lester (Western Branch)



The drivers behind the GSDCV's RCH Good Friday Appeal Collection for 40 years

Bernie Lester, Lyn Pickering & Dom Cafari
'We tip our hats to your efforts'

HISTORY OF OFFICE BEARERS OF THE GSDCV

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	B/AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATOR	TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR
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. Van Bael	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. Van Bael	Mr. K. Stubbs/Mr. G. Gillan/Mr. H. Herter	Mrs. J. Kinsman	Mr. W. Kinsman	N/A	N/A
1968	Mr. E. Van Bael	Mr. K. Stubbs/Mrs. J. Mason/Mr. G. Moody	Mrs. J. Kinsman	Mr. W. Kinsman	N/A	N/A
1969	Mr. E. Van Bael	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. Van Bael	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. Van Bael
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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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. Safari	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2000	Mr. D. Hynd	Mr. P. Vincent	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. D. Safari	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2001	Mr. D. Hynd	Mr. P. Vincent	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. D. Safari	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2002	Mr. D. Hynd	Mr. P. Vincent	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. D. Safari	Mr. C. Hollingworth	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2003	Mr. P. Vincent	Mr. F. Moody	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. D. Safari	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 / 2nd VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	B/AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATOR	TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR
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 nd VP)	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2007	Mr. F. Moody	Mr. D. Cafari Mr. I. Urie (2 nd VP)	Ms. V. Dobson	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2008	Mr. D. Cafari	Mr. I. Urie Mr. J. Rodger (2 nd VP)	Ms. V. Dobson	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2009	Mr. D. Cafari	Mr. I. Urie Mr. J. Rodger (2 nd VP)	Ms. V. Dobson	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2010	Mr. D. Cafari	Mr. V. Ebejer Mr. J. Rodger (2 nd VP)	Mrs. V. Moody	Mr. G. Jacobs	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2011	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mr. I. Urie Mrs. V. Moody (2 nd 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 nd VP)	Mrs. N. Meaney	Mr. M. Simmons	Mr. I. Urie	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2014	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mr. I. Urie Mrs. L. Rodger (2 nd VP)	Mrs. N. Meaney	Mr. M. Simmons	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2015	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mrs. N. McDermott Mrs. L. Rodger (2 nd VP)	Mrs. Val Moody	Mrs. J. Jacobson & Mrs. F. Henderson	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2016	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mrs. N. McDermott Mrs. L. Rodger (2 nd VP)	Mrs. Mel Siktars	Mrs. F. Henderson	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs. M. Wrigley
2017	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mr. Tony Mercieca Mrs. L. Rodger (2 nd VP) Resigned – 1 st June '17	Mrs. Mel Siktars	Mrs. F. Henderson	Mr. I. Urie	Mr. L. Rudling
2018	Mr. T. Mercieca	Mr. F. Moody Mrs. J. Yuen (2 nd VP)	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mrs. F. Henderson	Mr. I. Urie	Mr. L. Rudling
2019	Mr. T. Mercieca	Mr. F. Moody Mr. J. Schulz (2 nd VP)	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mrs. F. Henderson	Mr. I. Urie	Mr. L. Rudling
2020	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mr. T. Mercieca	Mrs. D. Jackson	Mrs. F. Henderson	Mrs. N. McDermott	Mr. L. Rudling
2021	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mr. T. Mercieca	Mrs. D. Jackson	Mrs. F. Henderson	Mrs. N. McDermott	Mr. L. Rudling
2022	Mr. V. Ebejer	Mr. T. Mercieca	Mrs. D. Jackson	Mrs. F. Henderson	Mr. V. Tantaro Mrs. N. McDermott Resigned 9 November 22	Mr. L. Rudling
2023	Mr. V. Ebejer/Mr. T. Mercieca	Mr. T. Mercieca	Mrs. D. Jackson	Mrs. F. Henderson	Mr. V. Tantaro	Ms. S. Hargraves Mr. C. Whitford resigned 26 Oct 23



HISTORY OF BRANCH OFFICIALS

YEAR	BRANCH	MANAGER	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CHIEF INSTRUCTOR
1977	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. Tantaro		
1978	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. Tantaro	M. Giertolla	I. Goodman
1979	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. Tantaro	F. Tantaro	M. Giertolla	I. Goodman
1980	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. Tantaro	F. Tantaro	M. Giertolla	U. Giertolla
1981	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. Tantaro	F. Tantaro	R. Schnoor	D. Conners
1982	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
	Western	V. Tantaro	M. Johnson	R. Schnoor	D. Conners
1983	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
	Western	A. Boyd	M. Boyd	Summerhays/Boyd/Burton	J. Vance
1984	Ballarat	J. Hodges	M. Wrigley	W. Hawksworth	G. Lowe
	Eastern	M. Valastro	Saddington	B. Donald	G. Donald
	LaTrobe Valley	Wiltshire	C. Bennett	J. Jordan	L. McAlpine
	Malvern	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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1985	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
1986	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	
1987	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
1988	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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1989	Ballarat	J. Hodges	M. Wrigley	W. Hawkworth	C. Hawkworth
	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	
1990	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	
1991	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
1992	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
	Western	V. Moody	R. Harris	D. Cafari	B. Lester
1994	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
	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	
1995	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
	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	
1996	Ballarat	K. Rowlands	C. Rowlands	P. Maggi	
	Bendigo	D. Trickey	A. Adams	M. Dix	S. Bacon
	Eastern	B. Glasheen	C. Srb	A. Franklin	J. Smith
	Geelong	C. Gardner	P. Saunders/T. Ball	P. Saunders	L. Wright
	Gippsland	A. Purcell/D. Hynd	V. Purcell	C. Bennett	M. White/J. Moorey
	Malvern	Y. Cooney/J. Speers	A. Hunt	P. Davies	D. Jackson
	Northern	P. Vincent	R. Walton	A. Solarz	A. Dordevic
	Skye	A. Adams	J. Maynard		N. Meaney
	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
	Western	D. Cafari	T. Mercieca	S. Kovacic	C. Wood
1998	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. Pendlebury	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
	Waverley	I. Urie	N. Clark	T. Leverett	
	Western	D. Cafari	D. Sturgess	C. Sturgess	P. Lazaric
1999	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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2000	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	
2001	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	
2002	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	R Garbett / L Masrton
	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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2009	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	
2010	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	
2011	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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2012	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	
2013	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	
2014	Ballarat	B. Tobin/L. Maniz	J Gant/M Lee	D. Ellery	L. Maniz
	Bendigo	B. Crutchfield/T Kekich	D Young/C Anderson	S. Murphy/D Kennedy	B. Crutchfield/T. Kennedy
	Eastern	P. Garbett	A. Vasiliou	R. Garbett	R. Garbett
	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. Cafari
Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	M. Brew	G. Cole	
2016	Ballarat	B. Hardenberg	M. Lee	D. Ellery	T. Kennedy
	Bendigo	T. Kekich	C. Anderson	D. Kennedy	P. Wallbridge
	Eastern	J. Schultz	A. McAnuff	J. Burley	A. Kendall
	Geelong	V. Filmer	M. Williams	M. Cabel	D. Hynd
	Gippsland	R. Batchelor	T. Taylor	C. Batchelor	D. Jackson
	Malvern	J. Poole	J. Eppinger	W. Speck	T. Taukus
	Northern	D. Bourke/G. Dennis	Z. Marko	J. Taukus	L. Rudling
	Skye	K. Smith	L. Hawksworth	P. Anderton	S. Taylor
	Specialist Show	J. Carter	B. Blythe	F. Henderson	P. Van Vliet
	Western	S. Kinsman	L. Pickering	M. Sinclair	G. Cole
Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	M. Brew		
2017	Ballarat	M. Wrigley	S. Roberts	D. Ellery	T. Kennedy
	Bendigo	T. Kekich	N. Meaney	D. Kennedy	P. Wallbridge
	Eastern	J. Schultz	A. McAnuff	J. Burley	K. Spark
	Geelong	V. Filmer	M. Williams	M. Cabel	A. Purcell
	Gippsland	R. Batchelor	T. Taylor	R. Bradley	D. Jackson
	Malvern	J. Poole	J. Eppinger	W. Speck	T. Taukus
	Northern	T. Taukus	Z. Marko	J. Taukus	A. Kerr
	Skye	K. Smith	C. Srb	P. Anderton	S. Taylor
	Specialist Show	J. Carter/N. McDermott	B. Blythe	F. Henderson	D. Cafari
	Western	S. Kinsman	L. Pickering	S. Hounslow	G. Cole
Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	M. Brew		



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2018	Ballarat	M. Wrigley	S. Roberts	D. Ellery	M. Wrigley
	Bendigo	E Neale	N. Meaney	D. Kennedy	T. Kennedy
	Eastern	J. Schultz	A. McAnuff	J. Burley	A. Cornwall
	Geelong	V. Filmer	M. Williams	M. Cabel	K. Spark
	Gippsland	R. Batchelor	T. Taylor	R. Bradley	A. Tyben
	Malvern	J. Poole	J. Eppinger	W. Speck	D. Jackson
	Northern	T. Taukus	Z. Marko	J. Taukus	T. Taukus
	Skye	K. Smith	C. Srb	P. Anderton	S. Hargreaves
	Specialist Show	N. McDermott	A Hammond	F. Henderson	A Henderson
	Western	S. Kinsman	L. Pickering	S. Hounslow	D. Cafari
Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	M. Brew	G. Cole	
2019	Ballarat	M. Wrigley	S. Roberts	D. Ellery	M. Wrigley
	Bendigo	E Neale	N. Meaney	D. Kennedy	T. Kennedy
	Eastern	P Walbridge	R. Snidjers	J. Burley	A. Cornwall
	Geelong	D Organ	J. Gant	M. Cabel	V Filmer
	Gippsland	R. Batchelor	T. Taylor	R. Bradley	A Purcell
	Malvern	J. Poole	S Siebel	W. Speck	D. Jackson
	Northern	T. Taukus	Z. Marko	J. Taukus	T. Taukus
	Skye	K. Smith	C. Srb	P. Anderton	S. Hargreaves
	Specialist Show	N. McDermott	A Hammond	F. Henderson	A Henderson
	Western	S. Kinsman	L. Pickering	S. Hounslow	S. Hounslow
Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	M. Brew	G. Cole	
2020	Ballarat	M. Wrigley	S. Roberts	D. Ellery	M. Wrigley
	Bendigo	E Neale	R. Vincent	D. Kennedy	T. Kennedy
	Eastern	P Walbridge	R. Snidjers	J. Burley	A. Cornwall
	Geelong	D Organ	J Gant	M. Cabel	V. Filmer/M. Raftopoulos
	Gippsland	R. Batchelor	T. Taylor	D. Binotto	A Purcell
	Malvern	J. Poole	S Siebel	W. Speck	D. Jackson
	Northern	T. Taukus	Z. Marko	J. Taukus	T. Taukus
	Skye	K. Smith	C. Srb	P. Anderton	S. Hargreaves
	Specialist Show	A Henderson	A Hammond	F. Henderson	A Henderson
	Western	S. Kinsman	L. Pickering	S. Hounslow	S. Hounslow
Wodonga	G. Cole	M. Cole	M. Brew	G. Cole	



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2021	Ballarat	M. Wrigley	K. Leggett	D. Ellery	M. Wrigley
	Bendigo	D. Mill	R. Vincent	M. Snell	T. Kennedy
	Eastern	P Walbridge	R. Snidjers	J. Burley	A. Cornwall
	Geelong	D Organ	J Gant	M. Cabel	M. Raftopoulos
	Gippsland	R. Batchelor	T. Taylor	D. Binotto	Vacant
	Malvern	J. Poole	S Siebel	W. Speck	D. Jackson
	Northern	D. Page	Z. Marko	J. Taukus	A. Quinn
	Skye	C. Srb	C. Begbie	S. Hargraves	S. Hargreaves
	Specialist Show	A Henderson	A Hammond	F. Henderson	A Henderson
	Western	S. Kinsman	L. Pickering	T. Lerias	B. Frantzeskos/D. Huri
Wodonga	C. Mindin	T. Hill	K. Cogdell	M. Burgess	
2022	Ballarat	M. Wrigley	B. Kennon	J. Wood	M. Wrigley
	Bendigo	D. Mill	H. Mill	D. Brown	T. Kennedy
	Eastern	J. Schulz/M. Simmons	R. Snidjers/E Effler	J. Burley	A. Cornwall
	Geelong	P. Stynes	E Davis	M. Cabel	M. Raftopoulos
	Gippsland	R. Batchelor	T. Taylor	D. Binotto	A Lee
	Malvern	J. Poole	S Siebel	W. Speck	D. Jackson
	Northern	D Page	Z. Marko	J. Taukus	A. Quinn
	Skye	C. Begbie	M. Fenwick	S. Hargraves	S. Hargreaves
	Specialist Show	A Henderson	A Hammond	F. Henderson	A Henderson
	Western	D. Cafari	L. Pickering	A. McPherson	C. Whitford
Wodonga	C. Mindin	T. Hill	K. Cogdell	M. Burgess	
2023	Ballarat	M. Wrigley	B. Kennon	J. Wood	M. Wrigley
	Bendigo	D. Mill	H. Mill	D. Brown	H. Mill
	Eastern	R. Snidjers	J. Burley	P. Wallbridge	R. Garbett
	Geelong	P. Stynes	E Davis	M. Cabel	M. Raftopoulos
	Gippsland	R. Batchelor	T. Taylor	R. Bradley/R. Batchelor	A Lee
	Malvern	J. Poole	S Siebel	W. Speck/G. Tyquin	D. Jackson
	Northern	D Page	A. Chul	J. Taukus	A. Quinn
	Skye	C. Begbie	M. Fenwick/L. Chenu	S. Hargraves/L. Gordon	J. Urie
	Specialist Show	A Henderson	A Hammond	F. Henderson	A Henderson
	Western	T. Lerias	L. Pickering	A. McPherson	R. May
Wodonga	C. Mindin	T. Hill	K. Cogdell	M. Burgess	