

# Newsletter



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**Australian Sheepdog Workers'  
Association Incorporated**

## **Again our Test Team has a mix of experience and new team members.**

Leading the charge at Northam against the Kiwis is first time Captain Grant Cooke from Western Australia. Grant alongside a very experienced team member in Malcolm Taylor from Tasmania will guide the new members Roy Potticary from Queensland and David Hines from Victoria to victory. They also have the added benefit of Geoff Gibson from Queensland being their Manager with a vast knowledge of experience in Trans Tasman competitions. All four men have very solid dogs that are consistently performing in their respective States. As our stalwarts of the Test have appeared in other Newsletters often, I have provided some insight into two of our newest team members Roy Potticary & David Hines.



*David Hines with Tarcoola Scooter*



*Roy Potticary with Delrae Eddie*

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Team Trialers on Page 2*



**Profile - Mr DAVID HINES** I am not well known in the sheep dog world as I have only competed at a few trials each year in Victoria, but I have been training dogs for more than sixty years. My first Job was droving sheep up the long paddock. I worked my first trial in 1971 and four years later won an open trial. ( the judge was Ross Dodge ). With a few exceptions I like to train and work my own breed "Tarcoola". In the 1980s I had a handy team and won several open trials competing against the leading handlers of the day such as Allan Miller, Bill Marshall, Eric Morris, Jim Nevitt and Noel Scott. The "Captain Payne Field Trial" was the first trial I had experienced. I was so impressed it inspired me to start training for this event and in 1980 I attained 1st and 2nd placing. In 1983 my dog Tarcoola Craig scored 100 pts from both judges. This is the only "100" to be ever scored at a field trial. For 20 years from 1984 I was unable to attend dog competitions. In the early 2000s when the horse flu depleted all equestrian events at local Agricultural Shows the StArnaud Show Society asked me to do a dog demonstration to help fill the gap. Fortunately it went very well and so I was again "hooked" to return to this wonderful sport. I have always tried to Judge my share of trials, the main ones from memory were two State Championships, two Captain Payne Field Trials, the James McIntosh event, the National Kelpie Trial and the Supreme in Bendigo in 1992. My representative dog Tarcoola Scooter is an eight year old female bred from Somerville Dasher by Moyview Stan. Stan has blood lines that go back to my dogs of the 1980s. Since winning her place in the Australian team Scooter has recently been 2nd in our State Championship, 1st in the Beatson & Beatson working the Trans Tasman course and won the Captain Payne.

In 1955 I left school to work on the family farm where we farmed sheep, grain and cattle. The cattle had to be sold in the 1982 drought. We are a sporting family and have had our best results in Tennis. Harold Lubke taught me to plait stock whips while attending dog trials. Around the trials I am known as the Whistle Maker.

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**Profile - Mr ROY POTTICARY.** Roy lives near Oakey with his wife Raelene on their 207 acre farm, where they cut hay and breed lambs. They are lucky to have their two children and 6 grandchildren living nearby. There were no farmers in Roy's family but at a young age Roy developed a love of the land, bush and animals. He has worked at many different places, his last employment was at Oakey high school as an agricultural assistant where he was employed for 12yrs. This worked out well as one of his students introduced him into the dog trialing world where Roy became easily hooked. Raelene notes that they have been able to travel around Australia with their dogs where they have met lovely people and made really close friends. Roy has represented Queensland for the last three years, and has done very well in the sport of Dog trialing as he has now qualified to represent Australia against New Zealand in Northam Western Australia in October 2016. This is Roy's highlight so far as he has only been trialing for about 9yrs. Delrae Eddie is a 4yr old dog that the Potticary's bred from an unplanned mating. This year is Eddie's second year representing Queensland and has consistently performed well since Roy started him as a young dog. Eddie is a calm and relax dog that loves to please and always gives his all.



**A.S.D.W.A PRESIDENT** Welcome to the midyear edition of the Newsletter. There has been some good rain over many areas and some severe rainfall events and also some severe flooding. Trialling has been in full swing and state representatives have been decided in most states. Congratulations to these state representatives and good luck in the upcoming Ted Gaby Interstate Series being held during the Australian Supreme Championships at Northam in Western Australia in October.

Good luck to the Australian Team of Grant Cooke (Captain) and Grassvalley Moss, Malcolm Taylor and Mocara Ed, Roy Potticary and Delrae Eddie, David Hines and Tarcoola Scooter and Geoff Gibson who is Judge/Manager when they compete against the New Zealand Team for the Wayleggo Cup also at Northam.

The New Zealand team is Murray Child (Captain) and Dice, Eion Herbert and Storm, Stewart Miller and Rain, Leo Edginton and Skip and New President Graham White who is Judge/Manager.

We look forward to seeing many trialers in Western Australian in the September and October wish everybody good trialling and safe travelling.

**Jim O'Connell.**

**President ASDWA**

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**TASMANIAN PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – June 2016. Firstly I would like to thank all states for their comments in the last Newsletter re the 2015 Supreme. Michael and his team did a terrific job in organising and I can understand his relief when it was all over and he could have a spell from the Presidency which I seem to have inherited again after a 10 year break. Fortunately Michael is young enough that he will be able to come back for another term sometime. I would like to advise that our Web site is up and running with current trials results included, thanks to Martin Waddingham who is administrating the site together with our Face book site. We have also put our News Letter on the site under "Down loads". Having finished our Summer Autumn trials with some good trials and keen competition, we now have a break till Spring when we kick off in October. At Easter we ran our first rostered Trans Tasman trial with good sheep, competitors all enjoyed the challenge of the different course, the winner was Michael Grant who had a score of 90 in the final. Last weekend we had a very successful judges training day hosted by Michael and Louise Grant on their property at Westbury. We had a very good attendance on a nice sunny winters day, we worked six dogs with all judging and comparing their scores with questions after each run, with our training panel of Malcolm Taylor, Bernard McGlashan, Michael Grant and myself. I gather from the attendees that they gained much confidence from the exercise and I am sure we have helped these workers take the next step into judging trials successfully. All the difficult questions were answered and the bonus for these people is that it will help them be more successful trial workers. Finally I would like to send our good wishes to West Australia for the 2016 Supreme and we have a strong team of workers and their dogs planning to attend. **Lance Clifford.**

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### **Left or Right of the Casting Peg that is the Question**

For those of you that I have not met my name is **Nancy Halsall**

I have had the pleasure of judging sheep dog trials in most states, Judging has always been a pleasure to me, as you can always learn something. Firstly the rules are what I judge to, and been consistent from start to finish. When learning to Judge I had the privilege of walking with top of the tree judges to learn the trade. My question to all judges from all states is ....

When a competitor delivers the sheep, as in the Supreme Course Sheep come around on the left hand side, and passed the point of balance. **"Should the competitor leave with the Peg on Left or Right hand side of it."**

Just recently I was giving my pre trial talk, when I reminded competitors to leave the casting peg with it on their left shoulder. Well all hell broke loose behind me. Where is it in the rules, and it is not stated in any rule book. My understanding is our trials are all right hand courses.

If a competitor leaves the peg on the right hand side, they are looking towards the next obstacle and within the nine metre course. ( If leaving the peg on the left hand side, he or she is off course and that competitor has given themselves more room.)

The Victorian course is around the peg and passed the point of balance, NSW has a square but is still right handed, Qld have a Circle, WA a D, SA a Winding Peg. Looking forward to your response and views on this question.



**WA PRESIDENT'S REPORT** I would like to present my midyear President's report. Congratulations to the clubs that have run trials at the beginning of the year. It has been a busy start to the year as we have needed to bring some trials forward to allow time for the Supreme Australian Sheep Dog Championship that is being held in October. Grant Cooke (chairman), Jenny Atherton (secretary) and other committee members of the Supreme sub-committee are progressing well with the organising for the Supreme and trials associated with the supreme. Information regarding the supreme and entries for trials before and after the supreme will be posted on the ASDWA( <http://asdwa.org.au/>) and the West Australian Working Sheep Dog association web sites (<http://www.westaustrianworkingsheepdogs.com.au/>). Any other queries contact Jenny Atherton, our association secretary. Our final utility trial for 2016 will be held over the first weekend in July and the announcement of the utility dog of the year. There is more yard trials to follow later in the year. *We hope to see many eastern states competitors making the long trek across the Nullarbor to compete in the Supreme and other trials that have been organised.*

*Gordon Curtis*

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**QLD PRESIDENTS REPORT** Our trial year finished at the end of May. It was a well supported Western Circuit , with a **Trans Tasman** held at Barcaldine followed by another great trial at Charleville . This trial was run by two non triallers with 130 open entries . It is so good to get such great community support not only there but in so many of our small outback towns. Also the way triallers are willing to jump in and do the job whether letting out or timekeeping.

All our points have been allocated. Karara hosted the Supreme with our rep runoff. It will be Roy Potticary and myself, heading West with approx 8 competitors for the Australian Supreme. Roy is also a member of this year's Test Team v New Zealand . We wish them success. We look forward to catching up with trial friends.

There will be a new secretary for Qld soon. Ian has done a great job! and I thank him for his support. A **Trans Tasman trial** in Warwick 29-31st July **QLD** championships in August And of course all the news is on Facebook these days , just go to Queensland Working Sheepdog Association and join.

**Regards Geoff Gibson**

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**SA PRESIDENTS REPORT** With only two trials in SA so far this year, our association has been involved in a number of different areas of stock work. As a council we have been heavily involved in the formulation of a dog and cat breeders code and dog and cat management code. At this stage we are very confident that we have had an important role in the process, formulating a realistic, achievable and sensible document that is in the last stages of consultation. A spin off from this has been that many of us did a course and have been accredited to microchip their dogs thanks to the organising skills of one of our council. Following this a number of council were involved with the Adelaide University testing the capabilities of infrared imaging drones on dogs "working" sheep. The information gained is to be used potentially to monitor dingoes inside and around the dog fence so as you can imagine there was some less than pretty work done on the sheep to replicate various scenarios that would be more similar to a wild dog pack. Dogs and sheep survived and a very happy team of drone and computer operators were excited by the information and images they'd accumulated that day. This should be something really beneficial to all livestock producers. Most recently on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, we hosted a training school at our farm for SAWSDA where 10 or so people, some new to working dog ownership and training, spent a fairly full day getting instruction from three or four triallers, sharing some of their experiences of dog management and training, understanding and reading stock. Some great connections were made and a couple of new members joined our ranks. The SA Working Sheepdog Association has presented itself through all these outside the ring activities as strong advocates for the aims of our association. Finally the last half of the year is packed with trials including a new one at Roseworthy. Please look at our website and FB page to get entry forms and plan to do some of our trials on your way to the west or just sneak across the border and see if you can take some of our prizes home. **Cheers Milton Cross**



**Victoria's President's Report** Winter is here and we are at last receiving the rain that we have longed for after a very dry summer. The VWSDA sends its sympathy to Ken Jelbart on the passing of his brother. Congratulations to Jess Macleod and Freeway Oops on winning their first Open trial. We wish Irene Kelly a speedy recovery after her operation and stay in hospital. She is feeling a lot better and we look forward to seeing her on the trial ground soon. The venue for the Supreme in 2017 is Seymour in either September or October. The dates will be put on the VWSDA website and Facebook as soon as they become available. Congratulations to John Tuddenham and Granan Roo for winning Dog of the Year 2015-2016. Thank you to Jean Moir for letting us use her property and sheep for a Judges' training day in May. This was attended by approximately 20 triallers who were interested in learning where they lose their points, and why, on a trial ground. Bill Paton and Stuart Gass guided us around the course while a *volunteer* trialler and their dog worked the course. Bill and Stuart pointed out to us the finer points on judging, which most of us did not have a clue about. Jean provided us with a lovely lunch and a sunny day thrown in as a bonus. It is a very quiet time in Victoria for trialling over the next few months. We have the Selection Trial on 25-26 June and a trial at Rochester on 27 August and then we have to be patient until the trials start up again in late September/October. Good trialling and safe travelling to those who go interstate during our ""quiet time"" **Bill Paton**



## NSW PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**NSW Sheepdog Workers Inc would like to thank our sponsor, Dogpro Plus, for their past and continuing support in 2016.**

We continue to draw large numbers at our trials with an average of 140 in Improver and Open classes and 90 plus in Novice classes. The trials are lasting an average of 4 days and are a challenge to organisers.

Day/Event Membership was introduced this year. Would-be competitors pay \$10.00 per event plus registering their dogs which allows them to enter Encourage Trials only. This is an initiative to encourage people to become part of the sport.

We continue to support our judges by talks at the trials. To date, Fred Cook, Peter Oxley, Mick Hudson and Pip Hudson have shared their experience with us. We hope to carry on this trend of sharing knowledge along with the history of some of our rules and the folk-law that comes with it  
**WORKER OF THE YEAR 2015** Congratulations to Mick Hudson for winning the Worker of the Year for 2015

**DOG OF THE YEAR 2015** Congratulations to Mick Hudson and MGH Meg for winning the Dog of the Year for 2015

**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR 2015** Congratulations to Michelle Johnston for winning Rookie of the Year for 2015.

### SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES

**Congratulations** to Mick Hudson with MGH Jana and Bill Davidson with Wirchilliba Abby who will be representing New South Wales at the 2016 Australian Supreme to be held at Northam in Western Australia this October. The Selection Trial at Eumungerie was well contested in very trying conditions with the grounds under water.

A huge thank you to our judges, John Perry and Peter Oxley.

**Ann Wherry**



## **Minutes of the ASDWA General meeting Held by Phone Hook Up 24/02/2016**

**PRESENT** Jim O'Connell , Ian Beard, Simone Cross ,

**DELEGATES** **VIC** John Tuddenham & Bill Paton **NSW** John Parrington & Tony Chaloner  
**SA** Milton Cross & Don Maddern **QLD** Geoff Gibson & Garry Barker  
**WA** Grant Cooke & Gordon Curtis **TAS** Bernard McGlashan & Michael Grant

**Open** Meeting declared open by President Jim O'Connell at 7.35 pm AEDT

**Apologies** Garry Barker **Qld** - moved the apologies be accepted seconded **NSW** CARRIED

**Previous Minutes** from Campbell Town . Moved true & accurate record by **WA** Seconded **VIC** CARRIED

**Business Arising from Minutes** Nil

**Correspondence** Correspondence Tabled. Moved Ian Beard that the Inward be received and the Outward endorsed. Seconded by **WA** CARRIED

**Treasurers Report as at 22/2/16** Simone moved - Treasurers Report be Received & all accounts be passed for Payment Seconded **WA** CARRIED

Opening Balance \$ 43,055.10 Total Receipts \$ 30,540.88 Total Expenditure \$ 36,551.23

Balance of Bank \$10,019.80 Term Deposit 1 \$13,940.82 Term Deposit 2 \$13,084.13

Total Funds \$ 37,044.13

*Geoff Gibson & Bill Davidson offered to donate their vetting bill to the ASDWA.*

*President Jim thanked them.*

### **General Business**

**Appointment of Test Captain - Qld** nominated Grant Cooke. **TAS** nominated Malcolm Taylor  
 Vote- Grant Cooke - **Qld 2** , **VIC 2** , **SA 1** , **WA 1** - Malcolm Taylor - **TAS 2** , **NSW 2** , **SA 1**  
 Grant appointed Test Captain 6 votes to 5. Jim congratulated Grant.

(i) **Appointment of Test Judge/Manager Qld** nominated Geoff Gibson. no other nominations.

**VIC** moved seconded **QLD** Geoff be Manager. CARRIED Jim congratulated Geoff.

(ii) **WA** wants ASDWA to promote Trans Tasman trials in all the States, A discussion was held and most States have 2 to 3 Trans Tasman trials a year already.

(iii) **Judging of the Supreme in WA.** Secretary to write to all States requesting nominations of 2 Judges and a reserve Judge.

(iv) **Sponsorship** of the Supreme Australian Championships to be held in WA 2016.

Moved **NSW** seconded **VIC** that \$5000.00 be given to **WA** to run the Supreme. CARRIED

(v) **Trans Tasman** A discussion was held on changes to Trans Tasman rules. A list of the items to be discussed was tabled and the Secretary to send this sheet to all the State Secretaries to be discussed and comments returned by early June to be discussed at June phone hook-up.

(vi) **Supreme Rules.** A letter was tabled from Nancy Halsall to verify which side a competitor leave the peg. A discussion was held and it was decided to include in the rules after consultation with the States agreement.

- Leave on the right hand side of the peg.
- Have a ring at the peg.
- Walk over the markers or inside the markers.

(vii) **AFLWD ? Qld** moved seconded **NSW** that \$200 be paid to the AFLWD to continue their work. CARRIED

(viii) Micheal Grant spoke on the 2015 Supreme and reported of a small profit. He thanked all competitors for making the effort to go to Tasmania. He also reported that they were a bit disappointed with the new web site. (very difficult to load) Ian Beard to look into it . Ian also spoke on how important it is to get the results of the Supreme out to the members in the future.

(ix) Grant Cooke advised that the 2016 Supreme will be held at Northam on the 8th - 17th October. There will be a lead up Trial and one after. Milton Cross reported that **SA** will have trials to participate in on the way to **WA**.

**Meeting Closed** 9.28 pm AEDT

**Next Meeting June Phone Hook-up**

# Newsletter



Minutes of the ASDWA General Meeting Held by-**Phone Hook UP** - 29/06/2016 7.30 pm EST  
**PRESENT** Jim O'Connell, Grant Cooke, Ian Beard, Simone Cross

**DELEGATES** **VIC** John Tuddenham & Bill Paton **NSW** John Parrington & Tony Chaloner  
**SA** Milton Cross & Merv Simmonds **QLD** Geoff Gibson & Garry Barker  
**WA** Gordon Curtis & Grant Cooke **TAS** Michael Grant & Bernard McGlashan

**Open** Meeting declared open by President Jim O'Connell at 7.45 pm EST

**Apologies** Nil

**Previous Minutes**-held 24/6/16 Ian Beard Moved true & accurate record: Seconded **WA** CARRIED

**Business Arising from Minutes** -- Simone indicated AFLWD cheque had not been presented. Gordon indicated that he would sort that out and that we are paid up for the next 12 months from June this year.

**WA** - Moved a vote of thanks to Jim & Rhonda O'Connell's donation for their Test Team Caps for \$465.00

**Correspondence** Correspondence Tabled Moved Ian Beard Inward be received Outward endorsed  
Seconded **NSW** CARRIED

**Business Arising from Correspondence.** Ian spoke on the Qld Parliament enquiry into puppy farms/ dog breeders. He believed that working dogs may have to be micro-chipped & breeders registered in QLD.

**Treasurers Report** Report from 1-7-2015 to 21-6-2016

Opening Balance	\$16,678.69	Receipts	\$30,541.83	Expenditure	\$37,326.25	Term
deposit 1-	\$13940.82	Term Deposit 2 -	\$13084.13	Cheque A/C	\$ 9245.73	Total
Funds Available						\$ 36,270.68

Moved by Simone that her Report be Received & all accounts be passed for Payment Seconded **NSW**  
CARRIED Simone indicated that the expenses this year are big because of the Test Team went to N.Z.

## General Business

- (i) **Insurance** -- Quotes were presented to Meeting. **NSW** moved that Affinity Insurance for Public Liability \$5685.68 & Voluntary Workers Insurance \$1108.25 be accepted. Each State to pay \$1132.00. seconded **WA** CARRIED.
- (ii) **Web site** .Kabosh invoice for operating web site \$1188. **NSW** moved seconded **WA** that the 4 States & the ASDWA pay \$237.67 each CARRIED
- (iii) **Supreme Judges 2016.** **WA** moved that the judges for the 2016 Supreme be Neal Kristiansen & Andrew Gorton. Steffan Cross to be reserve. seconded **TAS** carried.
- (iv) **Supreme Rules update.** A discussion was held on upgrading the Supreme Rules to clear up confusion on trial rules and Course plan.
  - Have a ring at the starting peg to match the Trans Tasman course.
  - Competitor to leave on the right hand side of the peg.
  - Competitor to walk over or inside the markers.A notice of motion was moved by **VIC** to take to the General Meeting to be held at Northam **WA** in October. Seconded **NSW** CARRIED
- (v) Request from Karen Edwards for the ASDWA to write to the World Sheepdog Trials for Australia to be put on the invitation list for 2020. Meeting instructed Secretary to write to I.S.D.S and be asked to have Australia put on the invitation list. Representation would be dealt with in the future when and if invited.
- (vi) **Supreme Report.** Grant advised all on track for a great event. Invitations to be in Newsletter & Web Site. Bill Paton **VIC** advised 2017 Supreme will be at Seymour Victoria.
- (vii) **National data Base for pedigrees.** John Parrington asked where the National Data base was up to and when the States are going to be able to view this material. Ian indicated he would talk to Jenny Nolan for a time table on this request and hopefully have an answer at the Supreme Australian Championships at Northam.

**Meeting Closed** 8.40 pm EST

**Next Meeting** AGM & GENERAL Northam WA October 2016





THE WEST AUSTRALIAN WORKING SHEEP DOG ASSOCIATION  
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## 2016 AUSTRALIAN SUPREME SHEEP DOG CHAMPIONSHIP NORTHAM 8<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup>

An invitation is extended to all dog trailers to cross the Nullarbor and attend the Australian Supreme Championship being hosted by West Australia. There will be ample camping space on the grounds and those who are looking for accommodation can contact the Northam Visitors Centre on Phone 08 96222100 or [www.visitnortham.com.au](http://www.visitnortham.com.au).

Muresk Institute offers multi-tenant, multi-functional facility and only 13kms from Northam. [www.dtwd.wa.gov.au/mureskinstitute](http://www.dtwd.wa.gov.au/mureskinstitute).

### PROGRAMME OR EVENTS[SUBJECT TO CHANGE]

Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	Bushlands Supreme Novice
Sunday		9 <sup>th</sup> 6.30am	Bushlands Supreme Novice
Monday		9 <sup>th</sup> 6.30am	Starting of the Supreme Championship
	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	Welcome BBQ
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	Supreme Championship continues
		12 noon	Official Opening
		7pm	First round Interstate Challenge
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	Supreme Championship continues
		7.30pm	A.G.M.
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	Supreme Championship Continues
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	Supreme Championship Continues
		7pm	Supreme Dinner
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	Top 20 run off
			Improver final
			First round Trans - Tasman
			Test Second round Interstate Challenge
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.30am	Third round Interstate Challenge
			Second round Trans -Tasman Test
			Novice, Improver & Championship finals
			Presentation of prizes