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Australian Supreme win to Ken Robinson



Ken Robinson's win at the Australian Supreme demonstrates how everything has to align to win a big one. Ken performed well and steady and he and his dog looked the part all the way.

***Well done Ken,
a great win!
Congratulations
from all
members.***

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ASDWA President's Report

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2017. Where has this year gone? I am honoured and humbled to have been elected President of the Australian Sheepdog Worker's Association. Your association looks forward to your contributions, so please let your state representatives bring areas of interest forward to the ASWA.

A big thank you to the retiring executive; Jim O'Connell has been at the forefront of all matters concerning the ASWA in the past four years. On behalf of the ASWA, we thank Jim and Rhonda for their tremendous contribution.

We also acknowledge and thank Pip Hudson for his contribution as the ASWA Patron over many years.

A warm welcome is extended to Lee Jamieson, ASWA Vice President and we thank Paul Darmody for taking on the honourable position of Patron. Thankyou's are extended to Ian Beard, Secretary and Simone Cross, Treasurer for continuing in their respective positions. I am very fortunate to be surrounded by such a professional and passionate team.

Congratulations to The Victorian Working Sheepdog Association and The Seymour Working Sheepdog Club for hosting The "Dogpro" Supreme Australian Sheepdog Championships at Seymour in October 2017. Special thanks to their President Bill Patton and Secretary Dianne Schrapel who worked tirelessly with their Supreme organising committee.

The selection of the Australian Test Team for 2018 took place at Seymour.

Congratulations to:

- Geoff Gibson and Blackbook Merri
- Bernard McGlashan and McGlashan's Crash
- Michael Hudson and Perangery Marge
- Grant Cooke and Grassvalley Sky
- Gary Hurtz and Hurtzy's Mattie (Reserve).

The 2018 Test Team will compete against New Zealand in Hawkesbury, NSW at the Supreme next October.

Linda and I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe festive season.

Kind Regards Grant Cooke President ASDWA



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WA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to the clubs that have run trials throughout the year. It has been a bit of disruption with some of the trial dates but everybody has coped with this. I would like to congratulate the West Australians that were able to go across to Seymour in Victoria and supporting the Supreme Australian sheepdog championship. I would like to congratulate the Victorian Working Sheepdog association on hosting the championship in the excellent location of Seymour. Also special mention to our two WA representatives Dave Lacey and Grant Cooke who competed in the Ted Gaby interstate challenge. I wish Dave and Grant all the best as they head across to New Zealand in the Australian test team to compete against the kiwis for the Wayleggo cup. It has been a quieter year with only two meetings but following on from 2016 post supreme I think it has been a relief. 2018 will be another busy year as we will be hosting the National Kelpie trial at Ken and Jenny Atherton's property and the Australian Yard dog championship which will be held in the small community of Dinninup. I wish all the committees involved all the best with the organising of these two trials and hope all the dog triallers get behind these events. *Gordon Curtis*

NSW Presidents Message 2017 trials have come to an end, dates for the 2018 season are being put on the website, the contacts for Councillors and trial secretaries is also available there, if you need any further information please do not hesitate to ring we would be happy to help you. On behalf of the NSW members I extend best wishes for a safe and happy festive season, if you are driving on the road please be careful, look forward to seeing you at the trials next year.
Ann Wherry

QLD Presidents Report: Firstly I would like sincerely thank all our members who have run trials this year and also to all the members who have given their time to timekeeping, letting out and setting up for trials. Without these people selflessly giving their time freely each year Sheep Dog Trialling in Queensland would not be as successful as it is now, I would like to give a huge thank you to DOG PRO for their generous support of our Trials. It is very much appreciated and we gratefully accept their contribution to our Sport each year. **Congratulations to Geoff Gibson and Gary Hurtz** for winning the Ted Gabby Trophy and also to Geoff for making the Australian Team. Well done to all the Queenslanders who travelled to Victoria to take part in the lead up trials and to all who competed at the Australian Supreme at Seymour. We managed to run all our trails this year with the exception of our last trial at Karara. This was unfortunately cancelled due to the Drought in the area and this was the first time Karara has ever had to be cancelled. Most of Queensland has had little rain until recently and then only patchy so we look forward to a better season for the next trialling year. I had the most humbling experience to be voted in as President of this great Association in August by our members. I would like to thank them for their faith in me and I look forward to working with our Committee in the coming year,
Best Wishes, Linda Mitchell

VIC PRESIDENT'S REPORT A huge thank you to everyone who ensured the Dogpro Supreme held at Seymour in October was a great success. A great team effort! Congratulations to all the winners and placegetters. Victoria has had a very busy year with the organisation of the Supreme whilst still ensuring the normal Trials continued. Thank you to the Trials leading up to the Supreme for catering for the extra entries received from interstate triallers. We welcome two new councillors Graeme Lace and Ralph Whitbourne and look forward to their contribution. Thank you to Ken Jelbart who did not stand for re-election, councillor for the past three years for his contribution. I wish to sincerely thank all the organising committees who take on the task of running trials to enable us to enjoy our 3 sheep dog trialling. Thanks to Ken Jelbart for organising the James McIntosh Trial that has not been held for a number of years. Thank you to those councillors, members, volunteers & trial committees who ensure trials continue. Thank you to the judges who spend many hours judging dog trials for our members to enjoy. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Good Health and successful trialling in 2018. **Bill Paton, President**

TASMANIAN PRESIDENTS REPORT: Firstly and sadly I need to advise of the recent death of Henry Homan, Henry was our longest serving triallist in Tasmania Having commenced trialling in 1965, he had been forced to retire from trialling earlier this year due to ill health. In his younger day Henry travelled throughout Australia trialling and judging also represented Australia in New Zealand and also in the Aust. winning test team of 1990 at Deloraine Tas. Henry was the major force in setting up and running the first Supreme in 1990 at Deloraine where with his dog Onnawinna Teena he became the first SUPREME CHAMPION. Over the years Henry has many notable dogs, Hardman's Neat, Onnawinna Toby, Teena, Worked Munden Wal for Cliff Exton to win the State Title in 1981. Henry had made many friends throughout Australia whilst dog trialling, he rarely missed a trial, nearly always being first to arrive and all will be sad for his passing, we would like to extend our sympathy to Henry's family we know Henry had many great memories and enjoyment over the years in his sport of dog trialling. R.I.P. HENRY.

Sick List, Malcolm Taylor, is again very sick and not able to attend our state championship and also was not able to take his place as Captain in the Australian team which recently visited New Zealand where his skill and experience would have been of great assistance to the Aust. Team. Geoff Elmer, arrived at our state Championships on crutches due to operation on his ankle and foot, attempted to trial but may have found the course a little too far for his mode of walking hopefully it will heal quickly and he will get back to enjoying his trialling. Wes Singline tells me he is still confined to the house for last 3 months but he is looking forward and planning a trip with me to view my new property at Pipers River which I plan to move to after Xmas. After over 33 years at Pyengana am moving to Pipers River which is 40 k from Launceston, hopefully a little warmer in the midst of the wine growing area, with a few more acres (30) may present me and the dogs a little more challenge than the present 5 acres.

Best wishes to all our members for a safe, merry and happy Xmas 2017.

Lance Clifford

SA Presidents Report: Already the end of another year of trialling is upon us, and it's important at this time, to acknowledge all participants in all levels of trialling for their contribution to keep this "artform" alive, from the people in the let out yards to the truck drivers right through to sponsors and ASDWA exec. Congratulations to Victoria on running the Supreme and to the test team for their efforts in NZ, also Joanne and Stefan for representing SA at the interstate challenge. Well done everyone!

Once again this year we had a stand at the royal Adelaide show as well as the exhibition trials on the main arena promoting our association. Also a whirlwind trip across to Kangaroo Island to the Kingscote show to demo some dog work and help them run a farmers trial along with Paskeville field day we are continuing to generate a lot of interest in sheepdog work.

Personal thanks to a very motivated, "can do" council, the convenors of trials in SA and all competitors, have a safe Christmas season all ASDWA members and we'll see you next year. **Cheers Milton Cross**

Canberra NATIONAL SHEEP DOG TRIAL. 13/18 March. 2018

The entry form for the National Sheepdog Trial 2018 will be available for downloading on our web site from approx. Xmas

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“Wayleggo Cup” Report by Bernard McGlashan

Monday. We all met at Sydney at the IBIS Budget hotel, we've used this accommodation for the last few years as it is reasonable cheap and close to airport and handy to freight depots for the dogs. We all decided to go to Circular Quay for lunch and a look around. Thank you to the lady's as I was totally out of my depth with transport and to many people. We all had a great day with a nice lunch and a lite meal on the way home

Tuesday morning it was directly to the airport and eventually ending up in Auckland about 3.30 pm. We had no problems picking up the dogs, but Vicki had bad luck as they had left her luggage in Sydney. Vicki also had bad luck on the way home as somebody thought her bag looked better than their own and took hers. Thankyou Vicki, you took it in your stride without any fuss. Kim Robinson was waiting at the airport to greet us and then drove us out of Auckland to Bombay where Grant took over as pilot. We arrived at Piopio about 9.30pm as good friends of mine had a meal and bed waiting for us. Next morning, we made our way to Taupo, finally making it as I thought it would be nice to take the scenic route but had forgotten how far it was, sorry about that! We all found our rooms and got settled. Bill was keen to get into some training as he hadn't trained for two days so we made our way out to Apepei station where Feta Johnson had plenty of sheep for us and gave us free range on the property to use and do whatever we wanted, thank you to Feta as it was a great help to us. All the dogs had a good workout, and everybody was pleased with their dogs. After leaving the training ground we decided to go and have a look at the trial ground, after walking the course we could see there were some alterations needed but other than that all was good. Next morning up bright and early and into trial mode as all four dogs were to be worked in Tux and Trans-Tasman today. Rosemary and Joy came with us and Linda, Jane and Vicki went sightseeing. Grant and Moss were early in the Tux trial and had a very good run which put him on the board for the day. Bill, Geoff and Dave all had runs during the day and all worked both courses well, a great experience to work in a totally different course and rules to what we are used to so a great way to find out how your dog is working as it is totally new to them as well. Friday was a free day, so the guys were keen to do some more training and the ladies were going white water rafting. After we had finished training the ladies were going to meet us out at the station and we were going out for a quick look at the property that my brother works on. The bloody guide got us lost again so it all turned in to a bit of a rush but for me to see this place again and what they have achieved in a pretty harsh climate was amazing. Saturday and first test, we had decided on going in second if we won the toss, but we lost the toss and they went first so our plan was still working in a way. Merv Utting went first for the Kiwis and had a good run, Geoff with DJ for us with a solid run, Eion Herbert had a good run with Storm as they had a very touchy sheep and did well to manage it. Dave was next with Lady, but the bloody aussie judge had his managers hat on and there was a mix up with the two judges with the start, so I apologize to you Dave. Dave and Lady did a great job after an unsettling start and got home to shut the pen. Leo Eddington and Skip were on a big run until the bridge and one sheep asked the question and gave him problems, the result being they didn't get the pen. Bill and Abbey were next and Bill being the professional he is had being to Taupo two years prior and had a bad start, so he trained his dog to make sure it wasn't going to happen again and had a good run. Murray Childs had a great run with Dice after a nail biting start, as I didn't know how I was going to judge it if the dog didn't come back.! Grant and Moss did a great job with a tricky sheep and brought us home very solid, result after first test a few points behind but catchable. Sunday and second test and Grant and Moss was in the run off in the Tux trial. They had a great run especially as the sheep had changed being a lot lighter due to the wild weather and ended up coming 4th which was a great effort to be placed in a trial which is quite a lot different to ours. Moss even impressed a few Kiwis which isn't easy to do, well done Moss. We started the second test half an hour early as the weather was a bit damp. The sheep were pretty much the same, the odd one was a bit tricky but in having that we saw some great stockman ship and dog work. Everybody did their best on both sides, but the dice didn't roll our way, but I must thank all members of our party in the way they conducted themselves and showed that we have still got a lot of Aussie pride and took coming second in our stride with no excuses. Our uniforms were A 1 and we looked and played like a team. Thank you to Joy Williams for support and help during the trip. Thanks to Grant in doing a great job as captain and doing all the driving, and thankyou Linda and Rosemary for photos and emailing results' must thank the Graham White and the New Zealand Association for their hospitality and friendship which made this trip very enjoyable for me and I hope the rest of the crew. **Cheers Bernard**

Captains Report Grant Cooke

I was honoured to be appointed as Captain of the Australian team to travel to New Zealand in 2017. This came about with Malcolm Taylor withdrawing from the team due to his declining health. Thanks for the opportunity Malcolm, and we wish you all the best with your health. New Zealand like taking the Australian side to Taupo, as it gives them an advantage through the topography. We must learn from our mistakes, recover and rise to the occasion. New Zealand will not give us what we are aspiring to achieve, we must raise the bar and take it from them!

A big thank you to all of our supporters who took the time to send various messages and good wishes to the team, this is very important to the positivity of our Australian competitors and appreciated by all. We were joined by Joy Williams on our trip to Taupo and would like to thank you Joy for your support, encouragement and conversations during the course of our trip. Other Aussies seen at Taupo were Barry and Hayley Patton, it was great to see you guys in New Zealand and thank you, too, for your support. On behalf of the Australian team, we thank our Judge/Manager Bernard McGlashan for getting us over the ditch and back!!. Thanks Bernard for the terrific preparation and organisation you did for us, it is greatly appreciated.



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

of the ASDWA held at Seymour at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 17th October 2017

PRESENT

	Jim O'Connell (President)	Grant Cooke (Vice President)
	Ian Beard (Secretary)	Simone Cross (Treasurer) Pip Hudson (Patron)
QLD	Geoff Gibson & David Kirkbride	SA Stefan Cross & Joanne Flavel
TAS	Michael Grant & Lee Jamieson	NSW Ann Wherry & Nick Ryan
WA	Gordon Curtis & Phil Dorrell	VIC Bill Paton & Jean Moir



OBSERVERS Rhonda O'Connell, Daphne Hudson, Sue Selby, Heather Geraghty, Jenny Nolan, Alison Burrell, Bernard McGlashan, Shane Beauglehall, Susan Young, Kerry Lovell, Don Madden, Joy Williams, Gary Hurtz, Vicky Lacey, Peter Gorman, Frank Sutherland, Paul & Sue Darmody, Mick Hudson, Paul Elliott, Mandy Carney, Peter Oxley, David Hines

PRESIDENT JIM declared meeting opened at 7.36 pm

APOLOGIES - Nil

One Minute of silence was observed in recognition of the passing of members in the past year.

Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM held at Northam WA 12/10/2016

Ian Beard Moved as a true & accurate record Seconded **VIC**

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES NIL

Presidents Report by Jim O'Connell. I would just like to thank my Secretary Ian Beard, Treasurer Simone Cross, Vice President Grant Cooke and the State Delegates for all their hard work over the last year. I wish to pay tribute to Pip Hudson for his past services as our Patron. We have had a good year trialling and the competition has been excellent and friendly with good sportsmanship. Congratulations to the Victorian Working Sheepdog Association, President Bill Paton, Secretary Diann Schrapel and their organising committee on the great organisation and running of the Dog Pro Seymour Supreme Australian Championships. Thank you all for your support over the past four years and congratulations to the newly elected ASDWA Executive. Good luck to the Australian Team travelling to New Zealand next month and to all competitors competing at the Seymour Supreme. I would like to wish all competitors good health and a safe journey home.

Jim O'Connell. President. ASDWA moved that his report be accepted seconded **QLD** CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT Opening Balance **\$36,437.51** Total Income **\$29,295.95** Total Expenditure **\$ 31,096.26**
Available Funds for ASDWA @ 30/06/2017 **\$34,637.20** including term deposit 1 **\$14,360.65** & T.D 2 **\$13,392.45**
Simone Cross moved as a true & accurate & all accounts be passed for payment seconded **TAS** CARRIED

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS As Jim O'Connell's term has ended **QLD** moved that Jim chair elections.

Seconded **WA** CARRIED

President	Grant Cooke	Nominated by WA	Seconded QLD	ELECTED
Vice President	Lee Jamieson	Nominated by TAS	Seconded SA	ELECTED
Secretary	Ian Beard	Nominated by Qld	Seconded TAS	ELECTED
Treasurer	Simone Cross	Nominated by SA	Seconded WA	ELECTED
Patron	Paul Darmody	Nominated by VIC & NSW	Seconded WA	ELECTED
Public Officer	Peter Welch	Nominated by QLD	Seconded NSW	ELECTED
Auditor	Tony Chaloner	Nominated by VIC	Seconded WA	ELECTED
Supreme Publicity Officer	John Cantrell	Nominated by NSW	Seconded TAS	ELECTED
Newsletter Editor	Ian Beard	Nominated by QLD	Seconded VIC	ELECTED

Discussion from the floor - Pip Hudson asked the ASDWA to amend the winner of the first Supreme held at Deloraine in TAS 1991. Paul Darmody explained the fact that there were two competitions running the Supreme & the TAS Championships and this is where the controversy comes from. Grant & Geoff to investigate as one of the winners Bob Bryson is in New Zealand. QLD moved seconded WA that this matter be investigated and rectified if needed. This item is to be put on the Agenda for Feb teleconference. **Vic** asked if members can trial on the day they join. Ian confirmed they can as long as there is a record of their joining e.g. receipt. **NSW** asked if there could be a joint patron as a non-member to promote Dog Trialling. Ian suggested that the Feb teleconference discuss this matter and if so names be put forward in the new year for consideration.

Next Meeting Hawksbury NSW 2018

Meeting Closed at 8.05 pm

President _____

Secretary _____

GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the General Meeting of the ASDWA held at Seymour 17th October 2017

President Grant Cooke opened the meeting at 8.12 pm

PRESENT (President) Grant Cooke (Vice President) Lee Jamieson
Ian Beard (Secretary) Simone Cross (Treasurer) Paul Darmody (Patron)
DELEGATES. as per AGM **OBSERVERS.** as per AGM **APOLOGIES - Nil**

Confirmation of Minutes of previous General meeting held by teleconference on Wednesday 14/06/2017

Ian Moved as a true and accurate record Seconded by **WA** **CARRIED**

Business Arising from the Minutes NIL

➤ **CORRESPONDENCE INWARD** 11/8/17 - Tasmania nominates Lee Jamieson – Vice President

16/8/17 – Request from TAS for newsletters not reaching members 14/8/17 Letter from wool Producers Assoc advising of their role in the industry. 22/8/17 – Clarification request from NSW regarding scoring of Trans-Tasman / Lost Sheep 22/8/17 – Query from VIC on insurance schedule regarding equine language 24/8/17 – WA nominates Grant Cooke – President

4/9/17 – SA nominated Simone Cross -- Treasurer. 5/9/17 - QLD nominated Ian Beard -- Secretary 6/9/17 – Verification from Landmark they will sponsor the casual coats. 12/9/17 – Letter from Pip Hudson indicating he would not be standing for Patron 2017-2018. 16/9/17 – VIC nominates Paul Darmody / Patron. 8/10/17 -NSW nominates Paul Darmody / Patron

21/9/17 Request from WA regarding insurance for Yard dogs. 4/10/17 – Kabosh still working (problems)on uploading results page.

OUTWARD 14/6/17 – Letterhead to Ann Wherry & Grant Cooke / sponsorship. 4/7/17 – Insurance & affiliation to all States

14/7/17 - Minutes of the Phone Hook-Up held 14/6/17. 16/6/17 - Confirmation to affinity Insurance that the quote is accepted.

12/7/16 – Sponsorship letter to Landmark. 5/8/16 - Calling for Nominations for Executive ASDWA

5/8/16 - Calling for Delegates & Notice of Motions for General Meeting/Seymour. 7/8/17 – To Vic sheep are not covered under

ASDWA insurance. 11/8/17 – Insurance Policy - Certificate of Currency to State Secretaries . 16/8/17 – Response to TAS expressing disappointment in not updating their membership jeopardising their insurance. 22/8/17 – New Insurance Schedule wording to VIC

22/8/17 – Request to States to Discuss Trans-Tasman rule / Lost Sheep. 11/9/17 - Notice of Motion from QLD to all States / Rule 17

-Requesting discussion on owning Crates -Requesting Delegates for meeting. 13/9/17 - Requesting States for nominations of

Patron. 22/9/17 – Advise WA that yard events are covered as long as all competitors are a member of one of our State working

sheepdog assoc. 10/2/17 – AGM & GENERAL Agendas to States.

Ian moved the Inward be received & the Outward be endorsed Seconded **QLD** **CARRIED**

Business arising from Correspondence - covered in General Business

TREASURERS REPORT as at 07/10/17 Opening Balance **\$34,637.20** Total income.**29,636.03** Total Expenses **\$ 10,284.38**

Balance of Bank a/c **\$26,060.32** Term Deposit 1 **\$13,392.45** Term Deposit 2 **\$14,536.08** Total Funds @ 15/09/14 **\$53,988.85**

Simone Cross moved as a true & accurate Record Seconded **WA** **CARRIED**

NOTICE OF MOTION - Change Rule 17 to – Owners of all Dogs competing in all Trials must be a Financial member of a State Working Sheepdog Association and their dogs must be registered.

Moved by **QLD** seconded **WA** fore **Qld, SA, WA, TAS** against **VIC NSW** **CARRIED** **GENERAL BUSINESS**

➤ Clarification / Lost Sheep regarding Trans-Tasman. Discussion was held on different ways lost sheep can be dealt with. **TAS moved -Australia will agree to retain the points of sections completed, no matter how the Trial ends, provided that any section gained illegally must be reworked. Seconded QLD CARRIED**

➤ **TEST** Bernard McGlashan spoke on severe increase in costs for Test (flying dogs over & back) WE must obtain a sponsor for the future.

➤ Discussion was held on ASDWA owning its own Crates. **VIC** moved that each State pay \$175 each towards cost of 4 crates. Seconded **WA** **CARRIED**

➤ **WA** moved Aust review current agreement with NZ regarding costs in each country. Seconded **QLD** **CARRIED**

➤ Grant & Geoff to talk to New Zealand when they visit. Discussion was also held on uniforms and it was decided to leave as is.

➤ **WA** moved ASDWA pay for Malcolm Taylor cancelled flight. Seconded **VIC** **CARRIED**

➤ Test Captain TAS nominated Grant Cooke to replace Malcolm Taylor . Seconded **WA** **CARRIED**

➤ Affiliation fees to stay as is General \$20 Test \$10 moved **QLD** seconded **VIC** **CARRIED** .

➤ **Qld** moved seconded **WA** Secretary Honorarium \$2000 be paid **CARRIED**

➤ **Yard Dog affiliation.** Gordon Curtis talked on State Yard & Three Sheep dog Assoc getting together to help with costs/insurance. **QLD** & **WA** already affiliated.

SUPREME REPORT 2018. Alison Burrell spoke on 2018 Aust Supreme to be at Hawksbury NSW

8th – 14th Oct 2018

NEXT MEETING Teleconference 3rd week of February 2018

MEETING CLOSED 9.47 pm



2017 SUPREME AUSTRALIAN WORKING SHEEP DOG CHAMPIONSHIP SEYMOUR VICTORIA 14 – 22 OCTOBER 2017 WHAT A GREAT SUPREME!! TO QUOTE A LETTER RECEIVED FROM A TRIALLER

"I am writing to congratulate you Diann and your group of helpers on the splendid organisation and presentation of the Australian Supreme Trial held recently at Seymour. Every person who attended this event, either as a competitor or as a travelling visitor could only have been impressed by the evident organisation in its presentation, also the meticulous attention to detail displayed, meaning the whole event was organised and smooth running from start to finish. Congratulations."



A massive team effort from many people (sponsors and donors, local businesses, Seymour Business & Tourism, Mitchell Shire Council, Daniel Young MLC Office, triallers, judges, officials, let out and take off crew, timekeepers, caterers, cleaners, sheep owners, sheep transporters, Kings Park personnel, Seymour Working Sheep Dog Club members, VWSDA councillors & members, ASDWA, volunteers, local radio stations, ABC Country Hour) ensured that the best possible Supreme showcased Dog Trialling, Seymour and the local area.

The organisers were most grateful to Hypro Pet Care, John Camilleri and his team (Billy Stoppani and Sean Hickling for providing Dogpro sponsorship over the past 4 years and for another 3 years to provide sufficient funds to present the 2017 Supreme and future Supremes. Billy & Sean helped in a variety of roles during the Supreme. Victorian Trials that support this sponsorship reap the benefits of this sponsorship and at the same time ensure that Victoria is able to run the Supreme.



The weather was generally kind over the 9 days of competition except for a decent fall of rain on Thursday 19th October. Thankfully it was short lived.

Triallers
travelled
from all



over Australia and were impressed with the superbly prepared Kings Park Recreation Reserve facilities and the organisation of the camping with sites marked, numbered and allocated providing sufficient room for caravans, vehicles and dogs by Kings Park personnel. Ken Hall and Peter Oblak worked tirelessly to ensure facilities were of the highest standard.

Seymour Working Sheep Dog Trials held earlier in the year used the Supreme Course and changed layout to ensure problems were sorted out before October. George Lane kindly loaned his obstacles and Stuart Gass ensured that the securing of the obstacles did not damage the underground oval sprinkler system.

Benalla Working Sheep Dog Club kindly provided a trial for interstate and local triallers in the week leading up to the Supreme. Other scheduled Trials benefited from the interstate competitors.



The Supreme kicked off with a Novice Championship on the first weekend ably judged by Andrew Stanczak from Ballarat. Two full days of Novice competition saw John Perry (NSW) with Boco Apache easily win with 166 points from Jenny Nolan (WA) on 146 points with Nolans Jedda. 3rd went to Kelly Hodgson (VIC) with Viewfield Penny on 141 points, Leigh Foster (NSW) with Me Mate Mildred took 4th place on 85 points and Dave Sharp (QLD) with Walmor Aria with 83 points in 5th place. The Novice sheep were kindly loaned by Sarah and Ross Thomson from Glenaroua.

Supreme trialling commenced on Monday morning with the start slightly delayed by fog. Paul Darmody from Bungendore (NSW) and Colin Reid from Glenrowan (VIC) judged the



Supreme. The large number of sheep for the Supreme were loaned by Brendan Kelly from Pyalong and transported by Andrew Stone also from Pyalong.

The draw was organised so triallers knew how many dogs would compete each day. The Welcome BBQ gave triallers, sponsors and supporters the opportunity to socialize and enjoy each other's company.

The Supreme was officially opened by Mitchell Shire Mayor Rhonda Sanderson with St Mary's Junior Choir led by Kerry Hogan sang the National Anthem and closed the opening with "Bob the Kelpie". The State Team Representatives were presented to the public with a backdrop of a mob of sheep.

State Team Representatives were:

NSW:	Mick Hudson with Perangery Marge and Greg Prince with Princes Dodge
QUEENSLAND:	Geoff Gibson with Blackbrook Merri and Gary Hurtz with Hurtzy's Mattie
SOUTH AUSTRALIA:	Joanne Flavel with Delolea Sootie and Stefan Cross with Somerville Dot
TASMANIA:	Michael Grant with McGashan's Minty and Bernard McGlashan with McGlashan's Crash
VICTORIA:	David Hines with Tarcoola Scooter and John Tuddenham with Waramara Paddy
WESTERN AUSTRALIA:	Grant Cooke with Grassvalley Sky and David Lacey with Akoonah Lady



ASDWA AGM and General Meeting took place on Tuesday evening Pip Hudson retiring as Patron and Paul Darmody being elected Patron, Grant Cooke, President, Lee Jamieson, Vice President. Simone Cross, Treasurer and Ian Beard, Secretary retained their positions.

The Official Dinner was held in picturesque Bar Landy Restaurant overlooking the racecourse at Seymour Racecourse. The Australian Team travelling to Taupo (NZ) were presented with their uniforms.

The first round of the Ted Gaby State Teams was held under lights on Thursday evening, second round again under lights on Friday evening and the final on Sunday morning. Queensland took out the Ted Gaby on a score of 433.5 from Western Australia 429.75 and Tasmania 3rd with 394.75 points. The top individual was Grant Cooke 243.75 points, Geoff Gibson 225 points 2nd, 3rd Bernard McGlashan with 216.5 points and Mick Hudson with 212 points who will be the 2018 Trans Tasman Team.



The Supreme top 10 provided a nail biting finish right down to the last competitor Tony Elliott from Brungle in NSW with OK Indiana Buckels who needed a score of 91 to take out the title. However, it was not to be with OK Indiana Buckels scoring 89.5 to score a total of 251 points giving the Supreme Award to Ken Robinson with Cooks Hope owned by Ken Keys with a score of 252 points. Ken comes from Quirindi in NSW and trains horses for camp drafting. Greg Prince from Dubbo in NSW took out 3rd place with Princes Dodge with a score of 240.5 just in front of Victorian Paul O'Kane with O'Kane's Andrew Symonds on 240 points.



Photos courtesy of Shadow Farm Photography, Diann Schrapel & Shane Beaughlehall



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2017/2018 COUNCIL

Shane Beauglehall, Graeme Lace, Jess MacLeod, Ralph Whitbourne nominated for council and as nominations did not exceed the vacancies filled the four vacancies. Graeme and Ralph were welcomed as new councillors. Bill Paton was elected President with Jean Moir Senior Vice President and Susan Young and Norm Severs Junior Vice Presidents.

SPONSORSHIP



Thank you to DogPro for their continued support of Victorian trials during 2017 that ensured the Supreme held at Seymour was a great success.



Alex Scott & Staff continue to support the Association. The sponsorship is distributed to the Gippsland Trials and Association conducted trials. Sincere thanks for this continued support of the Association.



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Congratulations to Danny Bougoure on your win at the Queensland Championships in Allora with Fiesta Heidi! A well deserved win.



Congratulations to Geoff Gibson and Gary Hurtz on winning the Ted Gaby Perpetual Interstate Challenge at the Australian Supreme! QLDers are proud of our state reps bringing the trophy back onto Queensland soil. GO QUEENLANDERS!!

Congratulations to Geoff Gibson for securing a position in the 2018 Australian Test Team with Blackbrook Merri!! Also, done for representing Australia in this year's Test Team in New Zealand with Gibsons DJ. You are a great representative for both Queensland and Australia!

Well done to Mike Dungey and his dog Hope for winning the Queensland Supreme in Stanthorpe earlier this year. It was the first time our QLD Supreme was run on Stanthorpe grounds and sheep were quite testing most of the weekend.



2018 Upcoming Trials

Stanthorpe

2nd – 4th February

Clifton

16th – 18th February

Millmerran

2nd – 5th March

Warwick Shortcourse

24th – 25th March

Tara

31st March – 2nd April

Toowoomba

12th – 14th April



**TASMANIAN WORKING
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It was pleasing to see a number of our dog trialers head to Victoria to compete in the supreme and other trials, congratulations go to Vicky Jones, on winning a Novice trial and making Improver final,

Carmen Blythe on making a final with her young dog and Mary Sotheran also had a very successful trip gaining a win and a number of placings.

The girls from Tassie with the experience gained from competition on the mainland in recent years are now putting the pressure on the male competitors in the Tasmanian trials.

Our congratulations go to Bernard McGlashan on again making the Australian Test Team.



Over the Weekend 24th to 26th Nov. we again held the Tasmanian Championships at Campbell Town, we started

The Novice Championship on Friday morning with very hot conditions but after finishing the heats decided to wait till evening to run the finals, whilst waiting we had a storm come through with rain and also large hail stones for about 15 mins but conditions improved with only some light rain when we ran the finals.

Michael Grant with Fleetwood Tuppence was the winner from Martin Waddingham Fleetwood Belle 2nd. And John Bramich Snake 3rd. Judge was Mr Greg Skeggs.

The Improver Trial Judged by Mr Michael Grant, was won by Martin Waddingham with Waterlea Meg, 2nd was Harry Allen with T K Lane and 3rd again Martin Waddingham with Waterlea Patch.

The Tasmanian Open Championship for 2017 judged by Michael Grant.

1st. Justin Pinner working Native Rock Quin had scores of 89 – 90

2nd Bernard McGlashan Clearwater Kiwi, went into final with the top score of 93 but failed to pen in the final

3rd Martin Waddingham Tassies Boof (Kelpie)

4th. Harry Allen , Tk Lane

5th. Vicky Jones Zeefree Paris

Our Championship winner Justin Pinner has only won 2 open trials and each was the Tas. Championships, Justin came into trialling in 2010 and won the Championships with Mocara Charlie that year then due to pressure of work gave trialling away coming back in in 2016 to win again with Quin, Quin had previously placed in this trial when worked by Martin Waddingham.

Sheep for this trial were very good , but proved the undoing of several good runs in the final when they failed to be penned and other competitors needed all of their 15 minutes to pen.

Trophys and prize money for this trial was very good and our thanks go to the trial committee of Megan Rowles, Tom Rowles and Harry Allen who took on the job of organising , obtaining sponsorship, receiving the entries and doing draw and publication off, it was very well done and we now know we have younger members who are capable of taking over.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WORKING SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION

DOG OF THE YEAR

This year's award was tightly contested with just five points separating the top nine dogs. The eventual winner was Joanne Flavel's Delolea Sootie.

Sootie is a 10 year old Border Collie by Dicker's Lad and out of Dicker's Bid, bred by the late Jack Dahlenburg.

Joanne has only been competing with Sootie since March of 2016 and a highlight of that year was scoring 98 points to win the Adelaide Show trial. They also represented SA in this year's Interstate Challenge.

Runner-up was Milton Cross with his 10 year old Border Collie, OK Guv. Guv is by Kurrangi Russ, out of Bonny Doon Tinker, and was bred by the late Matt Combe.



Delolea Sootie

OUR STATE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Anthony Ireland on winning our State Championships with Jim's Mason.

Anthony returned to trialing last year after having a break of eight years. Despite the break, this is the seventh time he has won this title.



*Anthony
Ireland and
Jim's
Mason*

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*Kylie Cross, Pat Wake, Paul Doherty
and Old Mill Peggy promoted sheepdog
trials at the Adelaide Show*

OUR WINNERS

Nepowie

N: Joe Gerritsen, Waramara Snoopy

I: Yvonne Johns, Waramara Moser

O: John Tuddenham, Granan Roo

Wentworth

N: Kevin Howell, Karana Roy IV

I: Greg Walton, Jed

O: Greg Walton, Max

Adelaide Show: Milton Cross, OK Guv

State Championships Novice: Ian Hunt,

Andrina Fritz

Maitland

N: Pat Wake, Noonbarra Doritos

I: Bill Trembath, Windhway Brittany

O: Joanne Flavel, Delolea Sootie

Paskeville

N: Kristina Crawford, Annie

I: Anthony Ireland, Clementsville Addie

O: Steve Geraghty, Gramer Bonnie

Mount Gambier

E: Suzie Northcott, Duke

N: Barry McCreanor, Hemmi

I: Michael Deppeler, Deppeler's Chance

O: Michael Deppeler, Somerville Buddy



*Pat's
first
penning
—
winning
the
novice at
Maitland*

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN WORKING SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION



10 West Australians ended up making the long journey across the Nullabor to attend the Australian Supreme in Victoria.

Some left fairly early, towards the end of July to make a "holiday" of it and compete in numerous trials prior to the big event. Then others filtered in later to try their hand in the lead up trials then at the supreme.

All had a great time, with mixed success at the trial events, catching up with old friends, meeting new ones and seeing country we had never seen before.

Thankyou to the Victorian Working Sheepdog Association for all the effort gone into making the Supreme an event to remember.

Since returning to the west, we have had several trials, our state arena trial held at Ongerup being the first.

This was held by the Esperance sheepdog club who were celebrating 25 years of holding trials and presented each competitor with a lovely bottle of wine at the conclusion of the trial. Results below:

NOVICE

1	Andrew Gorton	Olboa May	48	84	132
2	Tony Boyle	Boylee Gus	64	67	131

OPEN

1	Grant Cooke	Badgingarra Fly	83	77	160
2	Frank Sutherland	Pendalup Sue	70	75	145

CORRIGIN YARD TRIAL

NOVICE

1	Tony Boyle	Boylee Midget	70	76	146
2	Tanya De Bijl	Tilly	72	69	136

IMPROVER

1	Jenny Whitelock	Jensown Microchip	75	89	164
2	Tony Boyle	Boylee Midget	73	81	154



Some dogs at the Esperance trial thought the best idea was to be a "Utility" dog!

OPEN

1	Nigel Armstrong	Yarralonger Splinter	68	97	165
2	Nigel Armstrong	Tumutvalley Jude	80	82	162

2017 ALBANY SHOW ARENA TRIAL

NOVICE

1	Brad Rose	Euroa Nan	49	35	84
2	Tony Boyle	Boylee Gus	55	LS	55

IMPROVER

1	Nick Webb	Morillo Roy	57	77	134
2	Jane Dorrell	Perangery Buster	65	40	105

OPEN

1	Ivan Solomon	Perangery Sasha	77	90	167
2	Phil Dorrell	Jandoree Clive	83	83	166

MINNAWARRA YARD TRIAL

NOVICE

1	Tanya De Bijl	Tilly	80+86	+82	248
2	Shelby Harries	Nobleheir Bess	89+77	+80	246

OPEN

1	Tony Boyle	Boylee Sugar	92	91	183
2	Nigel Armstrong	Tumutvalley Roy	90	84	174





Thanks to our major sponsor Dogpro Plus for their continued support to our sport, all competitors benefit from their generous sponsorship.

With the continuing pressure from Animal Welfare Codes, Upper Lachlan shire have a proposal before them now that could affect working dog owners, the input of our representatives on the AFLWD are working to keep these demands reasonable and workable.

We all must be mindful of using best practices for the welfare of the sheep and dogs when on public display at trials. These issues are ongoing, we need to keep educating all our members of this situation.

Congratulations to VWSDA for their completion of a well organised Supreme at Seymour, congratulations to all winners and competitors. Sydney Club will be hosting the Supreme at their Hawkesbury grounds at Clarendon in October 8th thru to 14th 2018 their plans are well under way, further details will be available early in 2018, look forward to seeing you there

Trial dates for 2018 are going up on the website now, hopefully we will see many of you around the NSW trials in 2018.



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The tests at Taupo were held on “Aratiatia” Station, approximately 10 kilometres south of Taupo. This is a beautiful high spot with great vistas from all angles.

Three of the four Australian team workers also represented in 2015, so a degree of familiarity with the setting was appropriate. This course setting was higher and slightly longer than 2015, having a cast approximately 180 metres. The higher setting suited our team as it gave our dogs a better visual opportunity than 2015.

Our dogs were also entered in the New Zealand TransTasman event taking place prior to the test. These runs took place on Thursday the 16th of November and all the Australian dogs worked well. Our team continued to train at Opepe Station, where we were made to feel very welcome. The two tests took place on Saturday and Sunday the 18_19th of October. The sheep were good, the weather cool and windy and the New Zealand team defeated us! Congratulations to both teams. The Australian team needs to be commended for your professionalism,

your tenacity and attitude.

This year we had a number of secondary sponsors. A Big thank you to Landmark for supplying the casual coats for all of the team/spouses, they were well worn and admired during the wintry conditions in New Zealand. Thanks is also extended to Jim and Rhonda O’Connell for supplying and embroidering the Australian caps. I think this is the third consecutive year you have done this for us. Appreciation is extended to David Hines for his contribution to the Australian Team. A personalised leather platted lead, marking the occasion and made by David.

Thank you.



“It’s not all about the Test! The girls have fun too!”

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