

Newsletter



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Australian Sheepdog Workers' Association Incorporated

National Sheepdog Trial 2020

In this extraordinary year 2020 the 77th National Sheepdog Trial showed that the sport is alive and well. A thousand people came through the gates on the Sunday to watch the finals, not a bad effort in the shadow of lockdown for the pandemic.

A big congratulations to Bill Davidson with his dog ZOZ Roger, for winning the National, a special and emotional first-time win. Also, congratulations to all Trialers for their sportsmanship and competitiveness; it is a big part of what makes the National.



The Committee with a mix of old and new members worked hard to make the 2020 National as enjoyable as possible. We were fortunate to receive a grant from ACT Government Event Funds, which was spent on advertising and some much needed improvements to banners and other assets.

We were also able to secure the use of a larger area, including the polo ground. All the feedback about the camping in that area was so positive we will do our best to lock it in for the future.

The social side of the Trial was fun with a dinner of some kind each night, plenty of food and a little wine, a great opportunity to catch up on the day's events and make new friends. There were food vans and BBQ operating during the day to cater for the spectators and competitors.



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The Governor General and Mrs. Hurley were a great addition to the event, they really enjoyed watching the final runs and made the presentations special. It was wonderful to hear His Excellency express his support for rural Australia and an ongoing interest in supporting the Trial at Hall.

The increased involvement of the Hall Community and the numbers of Trialers who competed was very encouraging for the future. We will just need to learn how to run an event in this COVID -19 world of social distancing.

If anyone would like to roll up their sleeves and give us a hand next year we would be delighted to have your input, just send us an email at natsheepdogtrials@gmail.com and we will let you know when we are able to hold our AGM.



A helping hand from Governor General Hurley with Laurie Slater

Calling for:

- Nominations have been called for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Names of State Delegates.
- Agenda Items and Notices of Motions.

If you have any thoughts get in touch with your State Secretary by 17 August 2020.

- ASDWA AGM is set for 30 September 2020.



ASDWA JULY NEWSLETTER

Executive Report July 2020

Welcome to the July newsletter. COVID - 19 has certainly produced its fair share of challenges. I was looking forward to the positive agreement of the selection process for the Test team.

The consensus of the special meeting held in April, was that some changes would need to be made to the selection process for the 2021 team. Since that meeting, the States have had two months to work out a way to implement these changes. The June meeting should have been the forum to have a unified plan submitted and voted on, to allow this to happen and move forward.

The Supreme in Dalby 2019 selected the Test team to represent Australia in 2020 as per the current process and with the Supreme 2020 cancelled, much discussion has been about whether this team should be allowed to represent Australia in 2021, two years after selection.

Given the length of time that the selection process has been in discussion, (approx. four years), and the amount of canvassing that had taken place prior to the last ASDWA hook-up, words cannot express how disappointed I felt when the numerous and contradictory motions were submitted.

Every State had different ways they wanted to change things, change the administration of the event, change the timetabling of the event, and other issues, (as per the motions in the minutes). Many of these were insignificant and divisive, given the current situation we are in, and trying to resolve.

There was no evidence that the State Associations had utilised the time or meeting forums to attempt to work together to determine a method of selecting a Test team for 2021. This debate has all been about individual's aspirations and ego's wanting to represent two years after being selected and was enabled by a couple of States who chose to be mischievous and lacked the courage to do the right thing. For example, focussing on scrutineers at the let-out pen of the tests, rather than co-operating to enable a fair and equitable selection process.

The decision of a way forward was in the hands of the States, to enable a process to select a team to represent Australia in 2021. The outcome of the last meeting has resulted in a lack of direction for the ASDWA and next hosting state, Tasmania, and their plans and potential sponsorship regarding hosting of the 2021 Test/Supreme.

As a result of the letter addressed to the ASDWA on 30 June 2020 from Tasmania, outlining the urgency of a decision to be made prior to the AGM on 30 September 2020, the ASDWA has been left with no alternative, then to invoke Supreme Rule 30, 2017. In order to establish a clear direction moving forward for all parties, as per Supreme Rule 30, a jury has been selected and will meet on 21 July 2020. The outcome of the meeting will be forwarded to the ASDWA Executive and distributed to the States at the earliest convenience.

Kind Regards

Grant Cooke &
Lance Clifford



New South Wales – President's Report

Not a lot of trialing news from NSW due to the COVID - 19 restrictions but things are looking more promising now with a lot of the restrictions being lifted. This will allow trialing to restart but we still have to remember that the virus is still out there, and we all need to follow the Health guidelines to keep each other safe and to help stop the spread and avoid going into lock down again.

NSW was lucky to have been able to run our state championship trial at Molong before the restrictions put a stop to trialing for the first half of the year where Bill Davidson won the NSW State Championships with Wirchilleba Stormy and the Improver with Grassvalley Flake this followed up his impressive start to the year winning 2020 National Open Championship at Canberra with ZOZ Roger and the Maiden with Grassvalley Flake. Congratulations to Bill on his success.

There were a couple of changes made and unwritten rules tidied up at our NSW AGM in March 2020.

- Competitors must leave the casting peg on the right-hand side.
- Competitors need to walk just inside the markers not over to avoid tripping.
- Obstacle points can now be deducted.
- The Championship course #1 is to be removed and replaced with the Supreme course.
- Excessive change of pace to try and stay within 8 metres of the sheep will lead to points being deducted.

Congratulations to Peter Oxley on being made an honorary life member of NSWSDWI, this is a well deserved honour. Over many years Peter has done an enormous amount of judging and has been a mentor to quite a few judges coming through the ranks as well being on many NSW trial committees. Peter has spent many years on our NSWSDWI council as both a councilor and in executive positions including President.

Nick Ryan

Queensland President's Report

The last three months have been a different year for all states with the restrictions of COVID-19.

Queensland held five Trials in the last Trialling year one of which was the Australian Supreme. Hopefully, the coming year will see restrictions lifted and our world can return to some sort of normality.

This is my last Report as President for Queensland and I would like to thank all the members who gave of their time to serve with me on the QWSDAI Committee over the last three years and all members who have in one way or another given their time to make QWSDAI Trials better each year.

Special thanks to Dog Pro for their continued support of our great sport and for Queensland Graham Strang who owns Hip Pocket Toowoomba for his great Sponsorship. Graham has committed to Queensland Trials for the coming year as well and we appreciate his continued commitment to our sport.

I wish everyone all the very best for a better year ahead.

Linda Mitchell (President) QWSDAI

South Australia Presidents Report

What a year it has been. Unfortunately, due to the COVID 19 pandemic no trials have been held this year. We are going to recommence our competitions soon and some of the earlier trials have been rescheduled to the second half of the year. Training days are also planned for areas around South Australia taking them to sheep graziers' locations. It will be great to start again to see all the young dog's development over the break.

Anthony Ireland.

Victoria: Presidents Report:

COVID - 19 has made all of us change the way we have to live. As a result, the closure of State Borders and the cancellation of all trials, including the Supreme in Tasmania occurred.

We do not know when we will be able to start trialing again, so there is very little to report. Our May Council meeting was held via phone hookup for the first time and went well.

We now must wait on the Government to give us the OK, before we can start again and hope it will not be too long. I am sure everyone is looking forward to when we can meet up and again enjoy our sport.

Enjoy good health and stay safe.

Bill Patton

Tasmania: Presidents Report:

Hi All, as we work through this difficult time in history there is not a lot to report on as we have not been trialling in recent months and we are now in our traditional winter break. We are all looking forward to the return to trials in September and I expect to see quite a few new pups' debut, as I am sure there has been lots of isolation training going on around the state. Obviously, we have had to postpone the 2020 Supreme until next year and we hope that 2021 is a return to normal and there are no barriers preventing us from running a great event. At this stage we intend to run the postponed event from Oct 16 -24, 2021 at the same venue in Campbell Town. Subject to all the normal approvals process.

Stay safe and happy training.

Lee Jamieson

Western Australia: Presidents Report:

With the earlier COVID 19 restrictions in WA, all Agricultural Shows apart from the Royal Show have been cancelled. This has resulted in our trial calendar being reduced even more than first anticipated, as several our trials are run in conjunction with the Shows. Effectively we will have one yard and utility, and two arena trials for the remainder of the year.

Our season is not going well with crops surviving from shower to shower and sheep still requiring supplementary feeding .

The WAWSDA executive received notification of a complaint from Consumer Protection that we were not following our Constitutional process in certain areas and this has taken up a lot of time and effort to sort out the concerns.

Hopefully in the future members will work within our organisation to remedy our shortcomings and we can all enjoy our recreation of dog trialing together.

Best wishes to you all in these unusual times.

Rod Forsyth



The Australian Sheepdog Workers Association Inc

MINUTES of the General Meeting Held by Teleconference Wednesday 24th June
7.30 – NSW – VIC – TAS – QLD. 7.00pm – SA. 5.00pm – WA

Meeting Chaired by Grant Cooke.

Present: Grant Cooke (President) Lance Clifford (Vice President) Joy Williams (Secretary) Simone Cross (Treasurer)

Delegates: TAS-Lee Jamieson and Justin Pinner. QLD-Linda Mitchell and Mick Rigby. VIC-Bill Paton and Jess Mac Cloud. WA-Gordon Curtis and Rod Forsyth.

NSW-Mick Hudson and Nick Ryan. SA-Anthony Ireland and Joanne Flavel. **Observers-** Paul Darmody and Alison Burrell.

Apologies – Jean Moir.

Minutes of Previous Meetings. Phone Hook Up 26th February 2020 and Special Meeting April 6th, 2020. Moved by WA. Seconded by VIC. Carried

Business Arising from Previous Minutes. NIL

Correspondence: As tabled Wednesday 17th June 2020. Inward be received WA Outward be endorsed QLD Carried

Treasurers Report: Opening Balance \$50,234.98. Total Income \$37,893.53. Total Expenditure \$35,952.65. Term Deposit (1) \$14,451.74 Term Deposit (2) \$15,331.81. Balance of Funds \$52,175.86 Moved QLD. Seconded NSW Carried
President asked if the States wanted to withdraw any of their Notices of Motions, also if Notices of Motions 8,9,10 and 11 could be moved to General Business. NSW stated as Notices of Motions are already in place they are to remain as is.
President requesting that in future all Notices of Motions are to be on States letter heads, and must be signed off by State Presidents, if not they will not be admissible for the meetings.

Notices of Motions: As per Emails sent out to Delegates 26th May 2020 (Yes = 2 Votes) (No = 2 Votes)

- Victoria: 1.** **Motion:** Suspension of trialers. Motion withdrawn. States to discuss issues between themselves. ASDWA has no jurisdiction on State issues.
- South Australia: 2.** **Motion:** The Test Team selected at Dalby in 2019 be awarded their Australian Blazers and Ties (or have existing Blazers embroidered).
Moved by SA. Seconded by WA
Vote: NSW Yes. VIC Yes. TAS Yes. QLD Yes. SA Yes. WA Yes.
Motion Carried
- New South Wales: 3.** **Motion:** Damien Bougoure to receive a test Blazer and Tie in recognition of qualifying to represent Australia.
Moved by NSW. Seconded by QLD
Vote: NSW Yes. VIC Yes. TAS No. QLD Yes. SA No. WA No.
Casting Vote by President No. Motion Lost
- Western Australia: 4.** **Motion:** (first paragraph reads) Sponsorship dollars generated by participating member states AND Hypro for the hosting of the Supremes, to be pooled and held by the ASDWA.
Amendment to read: Sponsorship dollars generated by participating member states THROUGH Hypro for the hosting of the Supremes, to be pooled and held by the ASDWA.
Amended Motion Moved by WA. Seconded by NSW. Unanimous
Vote: NSW Yes. VIC No. TAS abstained. QLD No. SA Yes. WA Yes. Motion Carried
- South Australia: 5.** **Motion:** Re Rule 20: Move that Rule 20 adopted 17/10/17 be deleted and replaced with the following.
Where separate Encourage and Novice classes are held, novice dogs are NOT eligible to enter the Supreme Championships.

If separate Encourage and Novice classes are not held, a worker without any open dogs will be allowed to work one novice dog in the Australian Supreme Open/Improver class. Moved by SA. Seconded by NSW.

Vote: NSW Yes. VIC Yes. TAS Yes. QLD No. SA Yes. WA No. Motion Lost

- New South Wales: 6.** **Motion:** Rule 21: The rule 21 current rule: If an improver trial is to be held it must be run in conjunction with the Open Trial. An improver dog may enter the Improver trial only.
New Rule to read: If an Improver trial is run in conjunction with the Open trial Improver dogs are eligible to enter The Improver or Open or both events. A separate final to be run for both Improver and Open.
Moved by NSW. Seconded by SA
NSW Yes. VIC Yes. TAS Yes. QLD Yes. SA Yes. WA Yes.
Motion Carried

- Tasmania: 7.** **Motion:** Tran Tasman Manager: Person selected by ASDWA shall ultimately be responsible for the running of the Ted Gaby Competition, and if held in Australia the Test. Any questions or concerns of ASDWA officials prior to or during the events relating to the preparation of sheep, the course or anything else in relation to the running of these events shall be Directed to the Tran Tasman manager.
Moved by TAS Seconded no seconder Motion Failed

- New South Wales: 8.** **Motion:** The Australian New Zealand test series be extended to (3) tests with the winner of the Wayleggo Cup to be the winner of 2 tests.
Moved by NSW Seconded by SA
This idea has been bouncing around since 2013.
Vote: NSW Yes. VIC Yes. TAS Yes. QLD Yes. SA Yes. WA Yes. Motion Carried

- New South Wales: 9.** **Motion: To read as a recommendation:** The ASDWA write to New Zealand Sheep Dog Association stating that Australia has voted to extend the Wayleggo Cup to a three-test series.
Moved by NSW Seconded by QLD
Vote: NSW Yes. VIC Yes. TAS Yes. QLD Yes. SA Yes. WA Yes.
Motion Carried

- New South Wales: 10.** **Motion:** 1 to 2 scrutineers to be welcome at the Let Out for Test Matches in Australia and New Zealand if the visiting team wishes.
Moved by NSW Seconded by SA
Vote: NSW Yes. VIC Yes. TAS No. QLD No. SA Yes WA No.
Casting vote by President Yes. Motion Carried.

- New South Wales: 11.** **Motion:** Reads ASDWA to write to New Zealand Sheep Dog Trial Association, stating That Australia has voted to welcome scrutineers in The Let Out and requesting New Zealand agree and to have it written into the rules.
Amendment to read: ASDWA to write to New Zealand Sheep Dog Association, stating that Australia has voted to welcome Scrutineers to the Let Out and Time Keeping.
All in Favour of amended Motion. Moved by NSW Seconded by QLD Unanimous.
Moved NSW Seconded Qld
Vote: NSW Yes. VIC Yes. TAS Yes. QLD Yes. SA Yes. WA Yes. Motion Carried

Point of Order: *Any Rule changes for the Trans Tasman must be agreed upon by New Zealand* before a change to the Rules can be implemented.

- South Australia: 12.** **Motion:** That members of the Australian Team who qualified at the 2019 Supreme held at Dalby in Qld will make up the team to Compete in the next Trans Tasman Test, which is currently scheduled to be held in Tasmania in 2021.
Moved by SA Seconded by NSW Discussion: ASDWA Rule 11.
Vote: NSW Yes. VIC No. Tas No. QLD Yes. SA Yes. WA No
Casting Vote President No. Motion Failed.

- Western Australia: 13.** **Motion:** Relaxation of Supreme Rule Number 10 – Interstate Challenge. Number 11 – Test Team Selection.
Moved by WA Seconded by Qld Discussion. Disruption by COVID - 19.
Vote: NSW No. VIC Yes. TAS No. QLD 1Yes 1 No. SA No. WA Yes. Motion failed.
- Western Australia: 14.** **Motion:** Interstate Challenge / Test Selection: Not Valid Due to Motion 13.
- Queensland: 15.** **Motion:** Australian Reps, Test Team Selection, when the Test is being run in Australia.
Moved by QLD. Seconded No Second Motion Failed.
- New South Wales: 16.** **Motion:** To change Rules 10 and 11: The Challenge to be over four (4) Trans Tasman rounds, to include current, previous Supreme runners up, handlers May have more than one dog, or numbers made up from previous place getters, handlers have surplus dogs qualified; they gain access to the Ted Gaby for the next year.
Moved by NSW Seconded No Second Motion Failed
- South Australia: 17.** **Motion:** ASDWA Rule 10 - Change Interstate Challenge: From two to three representative from each State. To be held prior to the Supreme. No rounds to be held under lights.
Moved by SA Seconded by NSW
Vote: NSW Yes. VIC No. TAS No. Qld No. SA Yes. WA Yes. Motion Failed.
- General Business:** Insurance: Volunteer Workers \$1128.22. Each State to pay \$188.00.
Public Liability \$5572.82. Each State to pay \$928.80.
Moved by NSW Seconded by VIC Unanimous.
Greg Prince Trophy Carried over to AGM.
Date for AGM Wednesday 30th September 2020 By Phone Hook Up.
Secretary to check number of participants on a single conference call and time limit. Information to go in New Letter.

Agenda Items:

NSW: Test Team Selection Proposal. Some very good points were put forward: Discussion: After some discussion it was decided to leave open for further discussion.

QLD: Test Team Selected at Dalby. Should be able to compete at the next Supreme.
Discussion: After some discussion it was decided to leave open for further discussion.

SA: Timing of Supreme.
Discussion: Due to weather conditions of the States, it was decided that each State would pick their own dates.

The content of these minutes is in point form due to the volume of the Notices of Motions. Should you require the Motions in full please contact your State Secretaries or your State Delegates.

Next Meeting: AGM Wednesday 30th September 2020 Meeting Closed 10.05 Qld time.





Sponsorship Communication

Dear Members,

Hypro Pet Foods started off the year in a positive manner, and in an effort to demonstrate our commitment to the State Working Sheepdog Associations and the ASDWA, decided to host a conference to provide a forum for the States to communicate to us and work together in the formulation of the sponsorship.

Hypro Pet Foods proposed a 5-year sponsorship with the option of a further 5 years (total of a 10-year commitment to your sport) and were confident that this offer would be well received. In order for the sponsorship to be beneficial for both parties, we felt it was important to involve the State Presidents in the collaboration of the sponsorship. Hypro Pet Foods presented our ambition to see all the States work together to support the sport at the top level and to recognise and assist the effort involved in hosting the Supremes and Trans-Tasman Tests as a National and International event.

This would ensure the most effective use of the sponsorship we provide, rather than have large sums of excessive funds sitting idle in some States accounts that would never be used while other States are required to acquire additional funding. It is not the intention of our sponsorship nor appropriate for States to leave it in a bank account rather than invested back into the sport.

At the conference, the States indicated that they felt this was a sensible way moving forward and that the idea would be taken back to the members for support.

As a sponsor, our objective is to obtain maximum exposure at all events. For this to happen, we provide pallets of product to the Clubs/Associations for them to generate funds over the course of the year. These pallets also provide product for prizes to be used at the trials. In addition to the State Association benefit, it was agreed a portion of those funds be contributed to the ASDWA for the funding of the Test Teams. This has been in place in some States since 2013. In return we expect that you promote our brand at those trials via signage, promotion of the event on social media and any other media modes etc.

The conference allowed for some healthy discussions and provided us with some guidelines for putting the sponsorship in place. One of the outcomes was that in order to provide some additional funding to be held aside for the promotion of the Supremes annually, that the price of the bags of food be increased by \$5 to generate a further \$100 per pallet. This money would be held by the ASDWA and distributed annually to the hosting State for promotion of the Supreme. In principle, this would mean that all sponsored States would have access to the same amount of money to use for promotion. It was an expectation that the information that came from this conference would be taken back to the members to encourage the States to work together.

Hypro Pet Foods used the information gathered at this conference to put together the sponsorship for the State Associations so that we could consolidate our commitment to sheep dog trialling at a National and International level.

Towards the finalising of the sponsorship, it was very disappointing to receive some very negative feedback from States/members disagreeing with any changes including the sharing of the additional \$100.

We have supported all levels of the sport from small outback clubs, to major events in all States. However, we believe the future of your sport is challenged if the States are not interested in assisting each other. We encourage you to work together going into the future.

While the final touches of the sponsorship were being sorted, COVID-19 came upon us and has ceased events for much of the year. We were reluctant to commit to a fixed term in such uncertain economic and environmental conditions, so we made the decision to hold back on the sponsorship commitment until the impact of COVID-19 is evident.

This break has provided us with time to reflect on our ambition and to evaluate the States commitment to supporting the sport at all levels and their willingness to work together. We are still committed to the sport of sheepdog trialling as it aligns with our passion for the agricultural sector. We will be reviewing the sponsorship with the State presidents in October and will present the revised sponsorship ready for commencement in the New Year.

We are seeking a collective commitment to the sport by all States for the sponsorship to continue.

Hypro Pet Foods request that each State President communicate to us, their States suggestions for a suitable sponsorship by the 1st October 2020.

We look forward to a favourable response, with a positive outcome of working together in the future.

As this sponsorship has an impact on all members, we encourage and welcome your feedback or suggestions to be sent to Alison Burrell at aburrell@hypropetfoods.com.au and to communicate these suggestions to your State President for collaboration.

Regards,

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Retired Working Dogs Australia

Retired Working Dogs Australia came about because we had just re-homed an injured working dog that we were not prepared to risk having the injury occur again. So, talking over a couple of drinks one evening, Jackie and I wondered if there was such a page on Facebook and we weren't sure, so we gave Ann Moy a quick call to see if she knew of any page like that, and Retired Working Dogs Australia was born from there.

The page has been created to help Working Stock Dogs that have been retired through age or injury, enjoy life with a family in a more relaxed environment. Maybe on the couch, or walking along beach, or even getting our next generation of sheepdog triallers started!

There are some rules for the page:

- Dogs are 8 years or older
 - Can no longer work due to injury (any age)
 - Some information about the dog is required
- Age, sex, breed, entire/desexed info - Microchip and vaccination history - Any injury or health problem history - Location and contact details - Photo

We are specifically trying to cater for Working Stock Dogs only. Border Collies, Kelpies, Koolies, Cattle Dogs (Blue or Red Heelers), Smithfields or crosses of these that have had a career trialling or working on a property. This not only to help the dogs, but also to help the owners of these wonderful animals that give us 100% everyday, find a way to enjoy their twilight years in comfort.

The page does have a good amount of interest and I know a couple of trialers have found retirement homes for their older dogs which is terrific.



This is my old Rex, he lived to 14 years of age. He was probably around 10 in this photo.



Winner and Place Getters of the 2019/20 CopRice Champion of Champions Series (Pic above)

Given the unprecedented situation with COVID - 19 restrictions we rapt up our season early this year and unfortunately had to cancel a few of our best trials. We look to start back trialling again in early September assuming we are legally allowed to at that time. This will be the first event of the 2020/21 season and hopefully followed by our normal calendar of events.

The results for 2019;



CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SERIES

Bernard McGlashan	Somerville Nell	54.857
Lee Jamieson	Shannondoah Steele	32.000
Martin Waddingham	Oblah Harry	18.000
Mike Grant	Fleetwood Dot	16.000
Bernard McGlashan	McGlashans Mist	16.000



TWSDA Consistency Leader board

Bernard McGlashan	Somerville Nell	111.857
Mike Grant	McGlashans Minty	54.857
Mike Grant	Fleetwood Dot	37.714
Lee Jamieson	Shannondoah Steele	30.857
Bernard McGlashan	Seafud Lily	27.000



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Queensland Sheep Dog Trials during 2020 have been affected greatly by not only the COVID-19 Pandemic but also the drought, fires & floods. We were extremely fortunate to have Stanthorpe Trial in January. Also, Pittsworth Yard Dog Trial was held in March. All other trials have had to be postponed or cancelled.



Triallers at Stanthorpe Trial – January 2020
Queensland Championships – Stanthorpe
December 2019



Winner: Garry Barker – Barkers Clifford



The Ekka has been cancelled for 2020 but we have been assured that in 2021 Sheep Dog Trials will be back at The Ekka with Peter Mitchell judging.

Pittsworth Yard Dog Trial



Amy Lloyd & Coppendale Boss

END OF YEAR POINTS

OPEN DOG OF THE YEAR
Garry Barker – Barkers Clifford – 17 ½
NOVICE DOG OF THE YEAR
Gary Hurtz – Aquagold Billy – 12
IMPROVER DOG OF THE YEAR
Adam Miller – Elwanvale Sunny - 8
HANDLER OF THE YEAR
Garry Barker – 34 ½
NOVICE HANDLER OF THE YEAR
Jessica Brown - 2
ENCOURAGE HANDLER OF THE YEAR
Bob Hamilton – 13 ½

Huge thanks to our Sponsors –
Hip Pocket Toowoomba and
Dogpro.

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN WORKING SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION



Well, it's been a rocky start to the year for everybody in Australia. We hope our Eastern states counterparts are recovering from the devastation of the droughts and fires that have plagued them recently. Many parts of Western Australia are still eagerly awaiting rain as well with some of the driest couple of years on record for some areas, let's trust there is some relief in sight soon.

There wouldn't be anyone who hasn't been affected in some way or form by COVID - 19. Our lives have been disrupted in so many ways, cancellation of sheepdog trials across the country being only one. We look forward to recovering from the Corona virus pandemic as quickly as possible so we can all return to our "normal" lives and especially the past time of sheepdog trialling that we all enjoy!

Prior to restrictions being put in place, WA managed to run two arena trials, one at Arthur River, the other at Kendenup

Results were:

Arena Trials	Open Winner	Improver Winner	Novice Winner
Mayanup Club	Tony Boyle & Boylee Sugar	Nan Lloyd & Whites Ree	Brad Rose & Bellview Flier
Central Districts	Ivan Solomon & Perangery Trish	Neil Kristiansen & Princes Delta	Jan Cornish & Boylee Biddee



The West Australian Sheepdog Association sends their best wishes to Glenice Webb who has been a long standing member and competitor in Western Australia, as she battles illness. We hope she is up and running again soon.



WAWSDA wishes to thank



for their continued sponsorship



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COVID-19

The worldwide virus has impacted on our lives in a way that has 'stopped' us in our tracks. Seymour Dog Trials took the initiative in mid March to postpone their trials and the VWSDA agreed to postpone all affiliated Trial Training Days and activities (including meetings) for April and May. This was again reviewed in mid May with the decision to postpone all activities until restrictions are eased sufficiently to allow Trials and activities to commence. Rochester Trials scheduled for the end of August has advised these trials will be cancelled for 2020.

Victoria has recently lost John Macdonald a long time member and trial organiser and Gwen Turner, the mother of Steve Turner who runs the trials at Cressy. These two people will be sadly missed.

JOHN HENDERSON MACDONALD



John was born in Leongatha and farmed at Leongatha South all his life. In his younger days he was an avid golfer and longtime member of the Leongatha Golf Club, where he won the Championship on several occasions as well as other prestigious board events. He attained a golf handicap of ONE.

In later years, when he got the putting 'yips' he gave up golf and started to train working dogs, for which he showed great aptitude. He bought his first pup from Vern Sullivan – to get the cows in – Lyster Rob Roy, who became a superb farm dog. The first trial John attended, Rob Roy gained 4th place in the Novice Sale in 1985. So began the passion for breeding and training dogs. He only competed in a few trials each year due to farming commitments but generally had placings with one or other of his dogs.

Some of the highlights included winning the James McIntosh with Moorland Pixie, the Captain Payne with McIntosh's Lee, the National Centenary Maider at Canberra with Moorlands Mack, Pixie also won the Open trials at Ballarat Seymour, Korumburra, Echuca and the Utility at the Royal Melbourne Show. Other dogs with the Macdonald prefix to do well were Barney, Tammy, Heid Joe, Bill and Nessie. John was a Judge and member of the VWSDA Council for a time and would always offer help and advice to newcomers. He died on 8th June at the age of 86.

GWEN TURNER

Gwen died on 20th June 2020 aged 94 years. Gwen has been a great supporter of the Cressy Sheep Dog Trials for many years and will be greatly missed.

TOP DOG 2019- 2020

Winner: Patons Cooper	Jim Dodge	58 points
Runner Up: Somerville Buddy	Michael Deppeler	24 points



The VWSDA is most grateful to Alex Scott & Staff & DogPro for their financial support of the Association.





SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WORKING SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION

Unfortunately, the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic has prevented us from having any trials so far this year.

As restrictions ease, we have begun planning with a degree of optimism. The previously postponed Strathalbyn trial will now be held on August 8-9, followed by our State Championships earlier in September (date to be confirmed). The Maitland trial is scheduled for September 25-26, the Paskeville trial for September 27-28 and the Mount Gambier Show for October 23-24.

We were able to hold a successful training weekend in February for level one and level two participants. On the second day, a school was held for potential judges, as well as any competitors wanting to gain a better understanding of the rules for their trialling.



We have begun plans for the next training school to be held at Cleve on August 15-16. We are also working towards having another school at Paskeville and the possibility of training days here as a bimonthly event.

WELCOME TO TWO NEW ARRIVALS

We welcome two new additions to our 'trailing family'.

To Josh and Sarah Lines, a son, Elijah born on 27.1.20. A much-loved little brother for Isaiah.

To Justin and Taylor Ireland, a son, born on 28.2.20. Zeke is the first grandchild for Anthony and Susan.



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SA MUSEUM EXHIBITION - DOGS: A STORY OF OUR BEST FRIEND



The SA Museum currently has an exhibition which explores the origins of dogs, the unique characteristics that make them both appealing and useful, and the place they hold in our day to day lives.

Milton Cross worked with staff from the Museum on several occasions to produce a short film highlighting the attributes of the working sheepdog which has been included in this exhibition.

Using regular cameras as well as drones, they filmed Milton and Andrina Floss at work on the farm. Milton also helped with the narrative to explain why the sheepdog is so important to the agricultural sector.



VALE ROSEMARY CLARK

It was with much sadness that we learnt of Rosemary Clark's passing earlier in the year.

Dog triallers who attended the Barmera trial or either of the two Supreme Championships held there, will have met Bob's wife, Rosemary.

For many years she provided the catering for these trials and donated the profit to charity. She and her talented and enthusiastic students from the Rosie Clark Dance School also provided entertainment on many occasions.

Always a beautiful smile, a friendly word and a kind heart, she will be greatly missed. Our sincere condolences to Bob and his family.



MOLONG 2020 RESULTS

OPEN

1st	Bill Davidson	Wirchillebar Stormy
2nd	Mick Hudson	MGH Rabbit
3rd	Julie Birkett	Brands Hatch Midori
4th	Paul O'Kane	O'Kanes Ashley Cooper
5th	Brett Smith	Wondara Tip
6th	Peter Oxley	Rivlin Caesar
u/p	Mick Hudson	MGH Cat

IMPROVER

1st	Bill Davidson	Grass Valley Flake
2nd	Geoff Gibson	Smileys JT
3rd	Mick Hudson	MGH Tri
4th	Les Eveleigh	Hilton's Holly
u/p	Pip Hudson	Longerview Trump

NOVICE

1st	Gary White	Whites Benny
2nd	Les Eveleigh	Hiltons Ivy
3rd	Harry Hudson	MGH Speck
4th	Nick Ryan	Zeeffee Rod
5th	Neil Croxon	Rowan Jock
u/p	Ken Robinson	Sunvale George

ENCOURAGE

1st	Mark McCormack	Knights Cap
2nd	Doug Taylor	MGH Bolt
3rd	Jayson Montanari	Brinaway Dolly
4th	Doug Taylor	TK Tweed
u/p	Ted Mulry	Milson Park Wave

Bill Davidson & Nick Ryan



Molong 2020



NSWSDWI Getting to know our members , Our newest life member Peter Oxley.

When did you first start Dog Trialing ? *I have been dog trialling for about 25 years.*

How did you get involved in Dog Trialing ? *We bought a kelpie dog for the family from Cumnock as our next door neighbour had one as a pet .I started agility and a Friend Bob Powell suggested we show her sheep at Erskine park at that time it had just started up and my dog trialling had begun.*

Did you have a mentor or someone you looked up to within our sport ?

Colin Webster helped me as well as Dicky Reid. Do not really have a mentor as I have had so much help from lots of good dogmen.

What do you feel that has been your greatest achievement in Dog Trialing ?

Winning my first novice with a dog I had trained was a big thrill.

Have you been involved in our NSWSDWI committee and if so what roles & for how long ?

I was NSW President for 3 years on council for about 10 years.

Have you been involved in any local trial committees and if so which trial/s ?

I helped run Rockley sheep dog trial for about 10 years and now help run Neville sheep dog trial.

How many working dogs are you currently working/training at the moment ?

I have 7 dogs at the moment one retired one pup and 5 in work at the moment.

Have you had a favourite dog and why ?

I have been lucky to have a few good dogs But one dog Morris stands out.

What motivates you to keep coming back to dog trials ?

I have met many great friends and seen places I would have not seen. I just enjoy training Dogs for sheep work.

If you could give a new trialer one piece of advice what would it be ?

Advice for new trialers I think would be to just enjoy our great sport and take all the up and downs with good spirit and enjoy your dogs.

How long have you been a NSW judge ? *I have been a NSW judge for about 20 years my first one was at a*

fun trial at Sofala show, Colin Wester gave me a clicker and said it is your turn to judge he said keep the clicker you will need it, I still use that clicker today.



DNA TESTING - NSW have been having discussions with **Kao Castle** B.Sc.(Hons.)(Advanced) PhD, she is the contact at **Dog Breeding Science**, they are an Australian company based in Sydney, about them doing a panel or a mini panel might be a better description specifically for our association, the panel would be the 3 main things working dog breeders should be checking for

(TNS - trapped neutrophil syndrome, CEA - collie eye anomaly and CA - Cerebellar Abiotrophy)

At the moment we don't think anyone is doing all 3 of these at the one place but **Dog Breeding Science** currently does CEA and CA and Kao has said she is sure that she would be able to add in the TNS to make the 3 panel tests available to us and would need about 8 weeks (Sept 2020) to have it set up and running, check that its right etc and that they can do the third test. Members would then be able to do the swab which is easy just a normal cotton bud /tip wiped around the dogs cheeks and gums for 30 seconds, air dry for 10 minutes and post to Sydney, and on the form you would put in our association code which would give our members a discount, more importantly it would put all our member results together which after about 3 hundred tests would allow them to give us statistics of clear, carrier and affected percentages, no one's individual results would be shared.

Kao is yet to give us what our discounted price will be but has indicated there would be a saving for our members. There would also be the option to have additional testing at an extra cost per test, see the link for details <http://breeding.dog>

If we can get this up and running it will be available to every state and we would all have the same code with statistics showing dogs Australia wide. Individual results will go directly to the customer and not be available to third parties. Only the overall percentage rates will go to the state registration secretaries.

Jimmy Dodge



What an achievement to be able to compete against other top dogs in Australia and to come out the winner.

Growing up on the farm and watching his father train and compete at trials Jim decided that he would give it a go. His father Ross was a great influence in his early days and was always there to tell Jim that he needed to train his dogs better as Ross was always striving to bring the best out in his dogs.

Jim has always trained his dogs up from pups and his ability to do this shine through.

Along the way Jim has competed and won many trials including a Supreme a national but winning The Dog of The Year has been a highlight.

Patons Cooper is by Dodges Jac out of Baluna Bess and was bred by Barry Paton. Jim is very grateful to Barry for Cooper as together Jim and Cooper have achieved so much in their trialling journey.

Jackie Cantrall – Dubbo NSW

Jackie grew up in Sydney, competing horses in Eventing. After leaving school, Jackie moved to Wagga Wagga with her horses to pursue a Bachelor of Science at Charles Sturt University. It was a few years after moving to Wagga Wagga that Jackie got a job as a Keeper at Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo in 2009.

It was in Dubbo, that Jackie met her now husband Jon Cantrall and was introduced to sheepdogs and sheepdog trialling. Jackie shortly after gave up the horses due to lack of competition in the Central West of NSW and got herself a little sheepdog pup from Ann Moy in 2014.

This was a start to a love of a new sport. Jackie was lucky to have many successful triallers around the Dubbo region and in the Dubbo Sheepdog Workers Club, including Greg and Jan Prince, to help her gain a love and appreciation of a small but highly addictive sport.

Dog trialling became a big part of Jackie's life, with being the Treasurer of the Dubbo Sheepdog Workers Club, an active part of the Central West Championship 3 Sheep Trial and being on the NSW Sheepdog Workers Council in 2018.

The sport of 3 Sheep Trialling has proven to be a close knit encouraging community of welcoming and friendly faces, who make going to trials, no matter how tough the sheep are, a fun and memorable experience.

2018 didn't prove a great year for Jackie, losing two young dogs to injury and sickness, and leaving her with no going dogs to trial.

It was through the kindness of a few people, giving Jackie some older dogs – Jan Prince with Princes Dawn and Brett Smith with Cooks Nell, and Jon Cantrall loaning one of his dogs, Princes Tyson – that gave Jackie a successful team of dogs to run in 2019. Subsequently, Jackie ended up with 2019 NSW Rookie of the Year.

Although 2020 hasn't proven to be the best year so far for trialling, Jackie's love of the sport hasn't waned, and she is looking forward to when trials can be back on and getting back out there with some new dog faces and catching up with many friends around the trialling scene.



Left to right: Princes Tyson, Princes Dawn and Cooks Nell

A Tribute to Malcolm Taylor

I've been asked to write a piece about Malcolm Taylor for which I felt extremely honored to be paying tribute to a man of his character.

For me dog trialing has brought a huge amount of joy and often frustration but it's the people and their dogs that make me keep participating in this great sport. There are many different characters and personalities that bring a smile to my face – the older gentleman with their wisdom, set ways and attitudes that I have come to admire and respect. For me one of these gentlemen was Malcolm Taylor. I had both the privilege and pleasure to be taken under his wing – and learn or at least try to learn the skills and knowledge he had with both stock and his dogs. This was demonstrated through his many wins and fifteen times representation of our state both here and in New Zealand.

Vicki Jones and I drove Malcolm across the Nullarbor Plain with two Utes, a 1960's 12-foot caravan, his 26 dollar kids tent and 26 dogs so that he could enter the Supreme at Northam in Western Australia.



For a man in his late 70's he was determined to come for the journey and after a few rules were set at the beginning none of which he obeyed! We had what I would hold as one of the highlights of trialing and I know he felt the same. We laughed constantly – especially when he would crawl into his tiny tent with his legs sticking out the door and then yell, I'm ready – at which point we would make sure his legs were covered. We also convinced him salads weren't half bad.

We cheered and encouraged each other all the way, 11,000 km and 7 weeks together and a strong friendship for what was to be his last supreme and for which he and Nell took out the winning trophy.

I miss his cheeky jokes, his smile and his company.

To one of the greatest dog trailers Tasmania will have the honor of calling one of our own.

To Malcolm Taylor you will be truly missed.

Carmen Blyth

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The Let Out

The trial starts with the cast and lift of the sheep. It is important that the let out allows the sheep to be about 18-20 meters from the yards, to allow the dog to get around behind the sheep.

Good handling of the sheep should allow the stock to be settled before they are let out, so unnecessary hustle and bustle should be avoided.

Ropes of sufficient thickness to be visible to the sheep should be used to guide the sheep to the marker, or near it before the bell is rung to start the allotted time.

Unnecessary use of the ropes is to be avoided as they are there only to guide the sheep to the marker.

Poor let outs can and do, lead to the sheep being rejected by the judge and a call for fresh sheep to be used. This causes wasted time and effort as the rejected sheep must be taken off the ground before fresh sheep are released.

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