

Newsletter



Welcome 2023

Looking forward to welcoming everyone back to training.

Our Sunday obedience training classes resume on 5 February 2023 at 8.30am for Puppy, Quick Start and Class 1. Classes 2 and 3 follow at 9.20am.

Members annual fee renewal is due. Every member must be financial to train with the Club. Our Membership Fee is \$10 per annum single or \$11 per annum for a family. Training fees for the year, payable in advance, is \$90 which covers all classes you attend with any dog that you own. Existing members have the option of a Casual Membership, which consists of your membership fee plus \$5 each

time you attend any class. This option is for those members who will not be attending classes regularly.

Members can pay by Bank Transfer and our banking details are provided in the [Join Us](#) section of our Club website. Members also have the option of attending on Sunday 29 January between 9.30am and 10.30am when the office will be open and eftpos facilities available or cash payment accepted.

This year we ask all renewing members to please complete another [Membership form](#) and to provide a copy of your dog's current immunization status.

After 8 February we will update our email listing



Demo Team - Fun Day in December 2022

and Facebook membership to reflect only current members and so please keep in touch and let us know if you cannot meet this deadline.

We rely on our members to renew their membership on time, and don't send out reminders.

Please read our current [Club Rules](#) before renewing your membership.

Presentation Day 12 February 2023

All members are invited to our Award Presentation morning tea on Sunday 12 February after classes. Please note that **ALL classes will be held at 8.45am on 12 February** followed by the presentations. Whilst certificates were awarded at our

Fun Obedience Day on 4 December and then at the Fun Agility Day on 11 December, our winners will be receiving their trophies plus other Club Awards will be presented.

Please mark this date and time in your diary and come along, you

may be the recipient of an Award, and can also support other Club Award recipients.



Please bring a chair.



ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT 8.45AM SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ New member talk and Clubhouse open 29 January 2023 at 9.30am for members to renew their membership
- ◆ Obedience Classes resume 5 February 2023
- ◆ Award Presentation Day and Morning Tea 12 February 2023

Rally

WHAT IS RALLY ?

Rally is a fun, exciting and sometimes challenging sport, whereby dog and handler teams move through a series of numbered signs, each sign displaying an exercise to be performed together before continuing on to the next sign.

It is undertaken in a very relaxed atmosphere where the dogs level of confidence, obedience and focus will improve and the bond between dog and handler will strengthen.



Command signals and talking to your dog to encourage them is allowed and all that is required at the outset is a basic sit, stand, drop and good lead walking.

In competition at Novice level, all courses are performed on lead, followed by Advanced, Excellent and Masters, all done off lead

and the courses become progressively longer and the signs more complex.

If this sounds like something you might enjoy and you and your dog might benefit from, come and join us. You can just watch or you can have a go.

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 4pm at the showground.

Club's Rally Sub-committee:

Carolyn Campbell

Chris Ruelle

Adele Porter

Agility



Agility is fun sport for dogs and handlers to get fit together. Dogs work off lead and are required to learn obstacles such as hoops, tunnels, weaving poles, scramble, dog walk, table, see saw and jumps. Obstacle jump heights are suited to the dogs but be aware that a few breeds may not be suitable for agility, and it may

be advisable they become spectators rather than participants. It is also advisable not to train overweight dogs or dogs with joint problems without consulting your vet first. At MUDTC your dog needs to be over 12 months of age to begin agility. We run a pre-agility course for any members wishing to start this sport. Due to the current ground conditions we will not be able to hold a pre-agility course until we return to our Club-

house and have access to the fenced agility area and all of our equipment. MUDTC is affiliated to the Agility Dog Association of Australia Ltd and we hope to be able to run our annual agility competition again this year. Agility Instructor Jenny Marshall will liaise with club agility members to let them know days and times for practice.

Club's Agility Instructors

Jenny Marshall and Rosie Milton

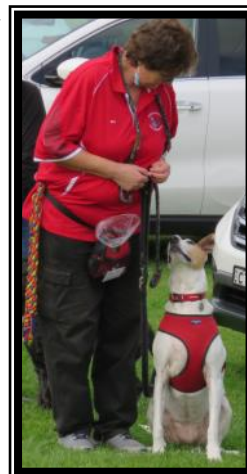
Obedience

Obedience training is basically an education in good manners. In our relationship with our dogs, focus plays a huge role. The more your dog enjoys the interaction and play, the more willing they will be to listen to you.

Club Instructors will show you how to gain your dog's focus so you can learn the many basic obedience exercises such as sit, down, stand, recall, stand for examination, which are incorporated into the Club's programs.

These exercises give you and your dog the opportunity to work together as a team.

Many of us know that our dogs will focus well when there are no distractions. They can do the exercise at home, but frustratingly don't do it as well in class. Our aim is for you and your dog to maintain focus on each other, even when



there are lots of distractions. We know – it's easier said than done! Please ask us if you need specific help with any particular exercise. Always be consistent, patient and respect your dog.

Obedience Leader

Liz Karacsonyi

Take Care

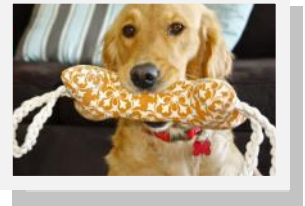
At this time of year we all need to be aware of the extremes of weather, and nasties like ticks and snakes. Make sure your dog always has access to plenty of fresh water and shade during Summer, and of course never leave your dog unattended in the car. Many dogs react to thunderstorms, and may try to make a run for it, so make sure they cannot escape from your yard. Even though your dog may be microchipped, it

is still a good idea for them to wear a tag with at least your phone number on it. Otherwise if they do escape it is difficult for someone who finds them to get in touch with you because they have to take your dog to a Vet to check for the microchip.

Check your dog every day for any sign of a tick, and be on the look out for snakes, especially in the long grass. A reminder to everyone that we

have seen snakes in the long grass at the Showground.

Also if you like to play fetch with your dog, please remember NOT to throw sticks, as there have been some terrible accidents when a dog leaps up to catch a stick. There are many other options such as a ball, Frisbee or soft plastic toys.



Lots of smiles at our Fun Days held in December 2022



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where you need to successfully answer all 4 questions to be accepted into the private Group.

Committee meetings held bi-monthly at 10.30am at the Showground members are welcome to attend
Next Meeting 29 January 2023 with one-off changed start time of 10.45am



Committee Members:

President Jan Lyall

Vice President Liz Karacsonyi

Secretary Janet Smith; Assistant Secretary Jenny Patch

Treasurer Bea Mies

New Member Officer Colleen Ringe

Catering Officer Jenny Patch

General members Janis Price and Lori Muir

Team Leaders:

Obedience: Liz Karacsonyi

Rally Sub-committee; Carolyn Campbell, Chris Ruelle, Adele Porter

Agility; Jenny Marshall, Rosie Milton

General Committee
Members



Janis Price with her dog
Lexy



Lori Muir

NO TRAINING CLASSES 2nd 4th 5th MARCH 2023 - MILTON SHOW WEEK

The Year Ahead

As we begin our new year on 5th February it is very likely that we will still be located on the eastern side of the Showground. The extensive road and drainage works are hoped to be completed in time for Milton Show on 3rd and 4th March. Once the works are finalized we will be able to locate back to our Clubhouse area.

Plans are still underway for Dog Club to move to the Croquet Club area in the future. The move will provide us with a new building and two fenced training areas. We will be applying again for funding to supplement funds already set aside by Shoalhaven Council for the project.

Once we have moved back to our Clubhouse we will be able to plan for some special workshops where we employ experts to help keep the instructors up to

date on the latest techniques and also to provide special training for regular members.

We also hope to see the return of our ADAA Agility event which is held during the cooler months.

Our Demo team has been working on finalising its demonstration for Milton Show, held around lunch time on the Friday of the Show. I hope you will be able to go along and support our Club team.

Big thank you to our Rally instructors who have held classes during January for any Club members wishing to attend.

Hope everyone had a relaxing time over the break and I'm sure you, and your dogs, are very keen to catch up with

friends again and resume training classes on Sunday mornings at the Showground.

Looking forward to a rewarding and exciting 2023.

Regards

Jan Lyall - President MUDTC

