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1979

In our 44th
year

Snapshot of 2023

President's Report AGM
12 November 2023

As I was reviewing our activities of the past year two facts emerged. The first is, we have had what has probably been the most eventful and active 12 months in the history of the Club; and the second is, there is no way that could have been achieved without the support and assistance of my most amazing Committee, especially its Executive members. I will mention individual contributions as I report on specific activities.

In the closing paragraph of my AGM report last year, I said that we were hoping for a better year in 2023 than we had had in 2022. It is encouraging to realise that we greatly exceeded our expectations. Possibly the most satisfying event was our long-awaited return to our old area on the Western side of the Showground at the end of September. We were initially told that we would be in our temporary location on the Eastern side of the Showground for a few months – that eventually stretched to well over 12 months. It is nice to be back and to see the improvements that have been made to the drainage and the roads which have dramatically improved the ground conditions so hopefully we

will no longer have to contend with boggy ground.

Our move went without a hitch. Jenny Patch was responsible for the bulk of the cleaning up and moving a lot of our stuff. Carolyn Heron and her husband Brett made the move run more smoothly by transporting the large equipment in their horse float. Being back 'home' enabled us to hold our very successful Club competition at the beginning of October in familiar surroundings.

Some of our dogs also competed in our ADAA trial held over two days at the beginning of May at the Bill Andriske Oval at Mollymook. As usual, we provided the catering for the event (drinks, cakes, slices and BBQ sausages) raising a nice profit. The raffle that Jenny Patch organised also raised some additional welcome money. May was a very busy month as MUDTC also provided the catering (similar food etc.) for the Shoalhaven Dog Club's Competition in late May. This also boosted our finances as we received the profits from the sale of our food. May ended with our Demo Team giving a

display at the RSPCA Million Paws Walk in Burrill Lake at Lions Club Park.

Bea Mies keeps a watchful eye on our finances and does a fantastic job in making sure that accurate, transparent, and accessible figures are maintained for our financial transactions. We are going to need additional funds to contribute to the cost of our eventual move to the area currently occupied by the Croquet Club. Council's plans for the move of the Croquet Club to their new facility in the Ulladulla Sports Complex in Western Ulladulla have been upset because of lack of funds to build the Croquet Club's Clubhouse. When they move, we will need modifications to their old area to make it suitable for running a dog club. We have worked with Council to develop plans for that area and have been assured by Council that it will happen and that we will be provided with improved facilities, including appropriate fencing. Additional funding will be required, so we will be once again applying for grant monies.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

**End of Year Party and Award Presentations
Sunday 3 December**



**Summer Break Sunday Obedience Classes resume
4 February 2024**

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Special points of interest:

Member stories for this Newsletter are always very welcome. If you have a story about your dog, or training article or photos then please submit via our email at mudtc@outlook.com

Thanks you



Snapshot of 2023 cont

After a long break due to COVID and other factors our Demo Routine had become rather stale. Liz Karacsonyi worked very hard to bring the team up to a presentable standard and team members were looking forward to giving a display at the Milton Show in March but, although we were there and prepared to perform, despite the rain, our allocated location was totally unsatisfactory, and we had to cancel the performance. In addition to the performance at the RSPCA event in May, mentioned above, the Demo Team has been kept busy having given three displays at three retirement villages and another one is planned for later this month. We gave one display to the IRT residents of Sarah Claydon in July, two in August – one to the IRT residents in Culburra and the other to residents of Arcare. A further display has been requested by Arcare at the end of this month.

Significant improvements and initiatives have been made in developing written rules, policies, codes of conduct, and guidelines for the operation of our club. All new documents have now been approved by Committee and are, as appropriate, available on our website or on the new 'Members Only' section of our website. Janet Smith has played a key role in preparing initial drafts of many of these documents and in setting up the new section of the website which is password accessible by interested members.

Owing to the generosity of some members, specifically Jenny Marshall, Carolyn Campbell, Chris Ruelle, Adele Porter, Rosie Milton and Anne Snow we have been able to expand the variety of our training opportunities. In addition to Obedience, we now offer training in Rally, Agility, Tricks, Ringcraft and Scent work. Anne Snow has also provided two workshops for members. Several Club members have achieved notable success competing in Trials in several disci-

plines including, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Showing, Tricks and Flyball. These members have put an enormous amount of time and dedication into training their dogs to reach a level where they can compete against dogs from many other Clubs, several of which would have a much greater focus on Trialling than at MUDTC. Many thanks to all our instructors for without them we would not have a club and it has been a pleasure to welcome Carolyn Heron and Natalie Moore to our pool of instructors.

Our membership has remained at a consistently good and manageable level. We have however participated in some promotional activities. We regularly attend the Community Connect meetings and participated in the Community Connect Expo where we acquired a lovely promotional banner designed by member Carolyn Heron who also designed our new Club caps.

I feel confident that I can say on behalf of all Committee members that we feel very pleased with this year's activities and that we are looking forward to our summer break Thanks once again to all members who make our club the success that it is.

Jan Lyall - President

Life Member Award



Our Club is very proud to have recognised Jan's dedication to it for more than 12 years by the awarding of Life Membership at the AGM held on 12 November 2023. Congratulations Jan, such a very well deserved award.

Photo: Jan and Rico
courtesy Jenny Patch

AGM

Congratulations to our new Committee members elected at our AGM on 12 November -

President: Jan Lyall
Vice President: Liz Karacsonyi
Secretary: Janet Smith
Assist. Sec: Jenny Patch
Treasurer/Public Officer:
Bea Mies
New Member Officer:
Colleen Ringe
Catering Officer: Jenny Patch
General Members: Janis Price
and Lori Muir

Committee meetings are usually held bi-monthly on Sunday mornings after training. During 2024 it is planned to hold two General Meetings when all members present can comment and vote on matters being discussed.

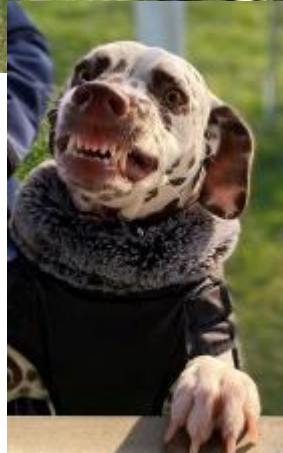
Our last training Sunday this year is on 3 December when we will also hold our end of year party and award presentations. More details will be emailed to members. Please let us know numbers for catering by Sunday 26 November.

Sunday training classes will resume on 4 February 2024.

PHOTOS 2023 YEAR



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Safe Summer at a Glance



Heatstroke

- Never leave a dog in the car
- Always have cool water available
- Always have shade available
- Walk in the evening, when it is cooler

Sunburn

- Provide a shady resting space
- Put sunscreen on a pink nose

Drowning

- Supervise dogs around water

- Fence your pool and close the gate
- Teach your dog to swim
- Learn CPR

Storms and fireworks

- Secure your yard
- Keep your dog indoors in times of obvious danger
- Update microchip records
- Fit a secure collar and tag

Holidays

- Find pet-friendly accommodation
- Find out about local flora and fauna in the area
- Update vaccinations
- Upon your return, check regularly for ticks

Ticks and Pests

- See your vet about preventative measures
- Check your dog for ticks regularly (early signs might be the appearance that your dog has something stuck in its throat, vomiting or heavy loud breathing, watch out for paralysis or weakness in the hind legs)
- Learn to recognise the symptoms of snake bite (signs include vomiting, diarrhoea, lethargy and weakness in the back legs)
- Keep your dog away from snake prone areas
- Keep your vet's phone number handy.



Hints and Advice - Separation Anxiety



Separation anxiety in dogs when they are left alone is manifested in various ways including hysterical barking, chewing, and pacing, inappropriate urination and escape attempts. If your dog has separation anxiety, you need to work hard to fix it. This is best accomplished by a program of desensitization.

The signs of separation anxiety may include the following when left alone: barking or howling, destructive behaviour such as chewing/scratching objects or furniture, inappropriate toileting or self mutilation or chewing.

Start by leaving your dog for short periods. You may have to begin by only leaving your dog in another room, for a very short period of time. Return to your dog before they start whimpering/barking or chewing - and reward. Then extend the time by very small increments, until your dog settles quietly alone for a while. Go outside your front door and close it. Return before the dog starts to exhibit stress symptoms. Extend the time as your dog gets more tolerant of your absence.

When you go out do not make a fuss of your departure: no good-byes, no "I won't be long". Make sure you are not predictable in your departure routine.

Try to vary the way you leave, by different doors, at different times, different clothing and shoes if possible. Pick up the car keys and not leave the house, set the alarm but do not leave for work. Making your return uneventful. In other words return and ignore your dog for a few minutes and then say hello quietly, there is plenty of time for cuddles later on.

Leave your dog in a safe area with plenty of chew toys, stuffed kongs or a bone to occupy him during your absence.

Do not punish your dog for any damage done during your absence. The dog will not make the connection between the punishment and his destructive behaviour.

If separation anxiety continues then seek the advice of a professional behaviourist.

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where you need to successfully answer 1 question to be accepted into the private Group.

Committee meetings held bi-monthly at 10.30am at the Showground members are welcome to attend

Articles appearing in this newsletter are considered to be of interest to members, but do not necessarily express the opinions of the Committee or of the Editor

Well Done

Members who have passed their assessment:

Class 2 - 3

Lynette Johnston & Molly; Katrina Walsh & Trek; Katrina Bronar & Billie; Jack Robertson & Maggie; Tanya Sutherland & Ozzy; Mike Bedford & Mishka; Natalie Moore & Dexter; Andrew Miller & Coco

Class 1- 2

Natalie Moore & Tully;

Graduations from Quick Start to Class 1

Helena Baker & Ruby Jewel; Pam Ross & Minka; Gary Day & Ziva; Greg Lord & Toby; Anne Hancock & Delilah; Emma Wilson & Billie



Even though the road is now in such good condition please slow down in the Showground and keep to the 10kph speed limit.

Several years ago a Club member's dog was hit by a car when the dog was being walked in the Showground. There are also often children riding bikes and people walking in the grounds.

Accidents can happen so quickly



Congratulations

Our Club Fun Event day was held on 8 October. Congratulations to everyone who took part. Well done to our placegetters who are listed below. Big thank you to Carolyn Heron for providing the special ribbons for all our participants.

BEGINNERS OBEDIENCE

1st Pam Ross & Minka
2nd Belinda Metham & Buddy
3rd Rosie Milton & Sassy

NOVICE OBEDIENCE

1st Maureen Purcell & Gus
2nd Carolyn Billett & Millie
3rd Natalie Moore & Tully

OPEN OBEDIENCE

Jean Patterson & Ice
Carolyn Heron & Tazzie
Tanya Sutherland & Ozzy

RALLY NOVICE

1st Natalie Moore & Tully
2nd Stacey Wilesmith & Lily
Equal 3rd
Carolyn Heron & Tazzie
Lynette Johnston & Pip

RALLY ADVANCE

1st Bea Mies & Bonnie
2nd Jean Patterson & Ice
3rd Kylie White & Moet

TRICKS

1st Jean Patterson & Ice
2nd Lynette Johnston & Molly
3rd Gillian Boyd & Cosmo



Carolyn Heron and Tazzie
Photo courtesy Jenny Patch

Thank you Jenny Patch for taking our great Club photos



Very Best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year