



# *The Woofers*

## NEWSLETTER

Narooma Dog Training Club Founded in 2005

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

As this is our last Woofers for 2018, I start by thanking the many Handlers, Volunteers and Instructors who have so generously given up their time and energy to make the AWL NSW Narooma Dog Training Club such a success. This year has given us a record number of registrations - 134 - which is the most we have had in a calendar year since the inception of the club about 15 years ago. I feel we must be doing something right!

During the year the number of generous donations we received, both of money and goods, is amazing. This enabled us to donate \$500 to the AWL NSW Drought Relief Fund, which raised over \$9900 from the combined AWL NSW branches. The monies went via Rural Australia and Buy a Bale, to make a difference in the lives of farmers. A trailer load of hay went out to the Central West where they are in greatest need. In addition, AWL Head Office personnel helped the people of Pooncarie with their animals - 120 dogs, 86 chickens and four cats received benefits.

The AWL NSW Christmas Appeal has also been given a donation of \$1000 from our funds, which you all contribute to by paying weekly ground fees. Our monthly Dalmeny market stall, ably organised and run by Carol Low has been hugely popular, with many handlers donating all manner of goods that have been well used in making jams, pickles, dog coats and beds, and potted plants. Yve Robinson and Valery McCauley also help on the stall and all three ladies have generous neighbours who knit, sew and grow plants for us to sell. Along with other members of the NDTC committee, Carol Low will be on duty at the Eurobodalla District Show in Moruya in January 2019. She will be setting up a stall in the big pavilion on behalf of NDTC. Do go and visit if you attend the show, she will be delighted to see you.

Four of our handlers have ventured further afield this year and successfully entered official ANKC Rally and Obedience Competitions that are held by other clubs. Their efforts, especially when they are awarded ANKC titles, helps to make NDTC known in other regions and is excellent publicity.

Our last event for 2018, the **CHRISTMAS PARTY** for handlers and dogs on Saturday 1 December, is great fun so don't miss it. Just come along with a chair, hat and drink, a plate with some lovely goodie on it to share for afternoon tea. The end of year trophies will be awarded, there are games and prizes, and we all enjoy a lovely social get together before we break until February 2019. If you want to dress up for the Best Handler and Dog combo, Christmas Dress Up, please do - we have prizes ready for this too. Family is most welcome – ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEAD!

It remains for me to wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas. I look forward to seeing you again in 2019 – we kick off the first Saturday in February.

Cheers,  
Steve Genner - President

## ABOUT NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB

**Training starts at 2pm.** Instructors have other jobs before that time, such as registration, health check of dogs, safety check on the grounds, selling equipment etc. **Where possible, your arrival by 1.45pm will enable us to start classes on time.**

### AWL NSW Narooma Dog Training Club – Branch Executive Committee & Key Personnel

<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>WHS Officer</b>
Steve Genner	Carol Hellmers	Peter Nelipa	John Low
<b>Chief Instructor</b>		<b>Instructors</b>	<b>Canine Examiner</b>
Yve Robinson		Carol Low (Obedience/Rally O)	Peter Nelipa
<b>Deputy Chief Instructor</b>		Peter Nelipa (Obedience/Agility)	<b>Photographer</b>
Jean Page		Kathryn McKellar (Agility)	Rosy Williams
<b>Equipment Officer</b>		<b>Agility Trailer</b>	<b>Woofers Editors</b>
Jean Page		Peter Nelipa	Yve Robinson, Carol Hellmers
<b>Equipment Assistants</b>		<b>Registration Assistant</b>	<b>First Aid</b>
Carol Low, Ruth Watson		Valery McCauley	Carol Low

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<u>Dog Training Enquiries:</u>	0458 953 281
<u>New registrations:</u>	1.30pm, 1st Saturday of every month.
<u>Training times:</u>	Every Saturday, weather permitting. Obedience - Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced: 2pm - 3pm Agility - Beginners and Advanced: 3.30pm - 4.30pm Rally O Training: 3.30pm – 4.30pm as per the Calendar
<u>Bad Weather?</u>	If in doubt, ring Yve – 4476 3900 or Carol – 0458 953 281

## RULES

- All dogs to be kept on lead in class unless told otherwise by the Instructor.
- All handlers agree to be responsible for the behavior of their own dog, both ON or OFF lead.
- Children are welcome, but must be under direct parental supervision at all times as they are not covered by insurance.
- Handlers are advised to consult their medical professional regarding tetanus injections.
- Public liability, in case of accidents or incidents, when owning a dog is recommended.
- All members are asked to wear their name badges to class.
- Members are asked to wear appropriate footwear - high heels, sandals and thongs are not suitable when training a dog.
- Please remember the NATA Oval is open to the public, so clean up all dog droppings.
- Lessons will start at the advertised times – if late you will miss part of the lesson.
- Be a good club member - read the notice board, listen to announcements and practice exercises between weekly lessons.
- Please remember that all Instructors and other workers are volunteers. It will help the club run smoothly if you offer assistance when required.
- A first aid kit is available at the ground. See your Instructor if you require assistance.
- NDTC conducts a risk assessment of the training area and removes any offending material before classes commence. Nata Oval is a drug, alcohol and smoke free area.

## FEES for 2019

Annual registration fees are:

\$40 Adult, \$25 Concession/Junior (over 9 and under 18 years), \$60 Family (any combination).

Ground fees for Obedience: \$3.00 per dog per lesson. Agility: \$3.00 per dog per lesson.

Agility and Obedience together: \$5.00 per dog. Rally Training – No charge for registered handlers.

## **FROM THE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR**

The Silly Season is nearly with us, the region swells with large numbers of visitors and holiday makers, and our beaches are full of city folk enjoying a little bit of paradise before heading back to their daily grind in 2019.

It is also the time of the year when Council pounds, and AWL and RSPCA shelters receive large numbers of unwanted cats and dogs. Also strays who have been left to fend for themselves while their humans are out and about having a good time. Many people will be buying puppies, Christmas presents for children, which will be loved for a while but could end up being surrendered when they stop being cute and cuddly and start chewing the furniture, or jumping up and barking.

With a little thought and planning all these things can be avoided. If you want to have a holiday look for the many types of accommodation where you can take your dog with you. Either go on line or buy the “Dogs on Holidays” book, which is very informative. It is probably a bit late to get a spot for your dog or cat at boarding kennels now, so make a new year resolution that you will book your pet in in time next year, around August or September next is best. You can always cancel the booking if your plans change. You may be lucky enough to have a good neighbour who will take care of your pet at your home. If so, before you leave, make sure your fences are secure and your dog will have plenty of water and shade if left outside.

If thinking of a pup as a gift for the family, why not wait until the main Christmas rush is over. Start off the way you mean to continue. Invest in a crate which will accommodate your pup when fully grown. This will be its inside shelter, a refuge from boisterous children, a safe place for you to leave it when you are going out, and a cosy place which will house its bed at night. And of course, as soon as your pup is three months old join an obedience club, where you will meet lots of other pet dog owners whilst learning how to gently train your dog to socialize and avoid any future problems.

We have some lovely beaches in this area where dogs are allowed to run and play all day. Like us they can get sunburnt, so it is probably wise to keep beach trips to early and late in the day. If camping in the bush, do watch for snakes and ticks.

Most of all you, your family and your pets have a good holiday, a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. Come and join us again relaxed, refreshed and raring to go in February 2019.

Good luck and enjoy!

Yve Robinson – Chief Instructor



**Chocolate is poison to most dogs!**

**If your dog does find your Christmas stash, take him/her straight to the Vet who will be able to advise.**

**There are some doggie chocs on the market if you want to indulge your pet.**

## **HANDLERS DAY WINNERS – 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

### Green Class

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wayne Perry and Missy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Arneson and Scooby
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Didi King and Winnie

### Blue Class

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sharon Taylor and Darcy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lindsay Gabriel and Georgie
- 3<sup>rd</sup> David Warwick and Ivy

### Yellow Class

- 1<sup>st</sup> Violetta Mirecka and Kellie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruth Watson and Bailey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Janice Taylor and Teyha

### Red Class

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Boyce and Jasper
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Val McCauley and Shadow
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kathryn McKellar and Suzie Q

### Black Class

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pam Rowley and Rollo



*Ruth Watson and Bailey*

## **RECENT PROMOTIONS from GREEN to BLUE CLASS**

*From Left to Right – Kate Sutherland with Dusty, David Warwick with Ivy, Ian Murphy with Bessy, Leanne Sanders with Tully, and Hamish Sugar with Kodi.*



## AGILITY WINNERS – 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Country Link Competition

#### ON LEAD

1<sup>st</sup> Janice Taylor and Tehya

2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Low and Trixie

#### OFF LEAD

1<sup>st</sup> Pam Rowley and Rollo

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Nelipa and Bobby

3<sup>rd</sup> Kate Le Bars and Hepburn

### 3<sup>rd</sup> NDTC Agility Competition

#### ON LEAD

1<sup>st</sup> Carol Low and Trixie

2<sup>nd</sup> Janice Taylor and Tehya

#### OFF LEAD

1<sup>st</sup> Kathryn McKellar and Suzie Q – clear round

2<sup>nd</sup> Kate Le Bars and Hepburn

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Nelipa and Bobby

3<sup>rd</sup> Pam Rowley and Rollo

*Standing – Peter Nelipa with Bobby*

*From Left to Right – Kathryn McKellar with Suzie Q, Pam Rowley with Rollo, Carol Low with Trixie, Janice Taylor with Tehya, and Kate Le Bars with Hepburn.*



## I DO THE DOGGIE DOO

*Author John Low, the Doggie Doo Man*

I joined Narooma Doggie Club  
To occupy my mind  
My wife was always nagging  
To get off my behind.

Elected to committee  
They soon found me a chore  
Picking up the doggie doos'  
To make some room for more.

An engineer I used to be  
I reached the very top  
Now I reach for doggie doos  
My fall from grace, a flop

But Yve and Carol think I'm great  
They say I've got the art  
The special techniques I employ  
Leave all others at the start.

Long and small, thin and stout  
Hard and soft and wormy  
Doggie doos all different types  
Their looks can make you squirmy

I've sometimes been abused  
When I have missed a doo  
Swear words from a distance  
Yeah, its on their bloody shoe



The new career path I'm on  
Has given me a lift  
As Aunty Yve and Carol said,  
"Young man you have a gift".

I expect to get a medal  
I really hope I do  
I'm sure it will inspire me  
Collecting Nata's, "Doggie Doo".

### **EXCEPT FROM: "ONE HUNDRED WAYS FOR A DOG TO TRAIN ITS HUMAN"**

Christmas is about giving.

Give your human some fun by un-wrapping all the presents under the Christmas Tree.  
That way they'll have fun working out what the present is, who bought it, and who they bought it for.

**NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB 2019 CALENDAR**  
**CORRECT AS AT 16 NOVEMBER 2018 – SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

<b>February</b>	<b>RENEWAL REGISTRATION FEES DUE THIS MONTH</b>
February 2	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience – NO AGILITY
February 9	Obedience, Agility
<b>February 15</b>	<b>Ordinary Meeting</b>
February 16	Obedience, Agility, Rally O Training
February 23	Obedience, Agility
March 2	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience, Agility
March 9	Obedience, Agility
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting</b>
March 16	Obedience, <u>1ST RALLY O</u> (Yellow/Red/Black classes), Agility
March 30	Obedience, Agility, Rally O Training
April 6	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience, Agility
April 13	Obedience, Agility
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Ordinary Meeting - GOOD FRIDAY!!</b>
April 20	<b>EASTER PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND – NO TRAINING OR AGILITY</b>
April 27	Obedience, Agility, Rally O Training
May 4	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience, <u>2ND RALLY O</u> (Yellow/Red/Black classes), Agility
May 11	FAMILY FUN DAY
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting</b>
May 18	Obedience, <u>1ST AGILITY COMPETITION and COUNTRY LINK</u>
May 25	Obedience, Rally O Training - <b>BILL SMYTHE OVAL</b>
June 1	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience, Agility
June 8	<b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND</b> <b>NO TRAINING OR AGILITY</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting</b>
June 15	Obedience, Agility
June 22	<u>1ST HANDLERS DAY – NO AGILITY</u>
June 29	Obedience, Agility, Rally O Training

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