



2018 Year of Dog

# *The Woofers*

## NEWSLETTER

Narooma Dog Training Club Founded in 2005

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018

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### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome to our new handlers, their dogs, and all our friends who have returned for another year of fun and training with Narooma Dog Training Club.

How time flies! After a few short weeks of holiday, all our Instructors and administration helpers are back for another year of training and socialising with you all. As the weather has been so unpredictable lately, we urge you to be prepared for sudden changes in temperature. Do take advantage of the water cooler and sunscreen provided, and remember that your dog also feels the heat and humidity, so watch them for any signs of distress. There is not a lot of shade available at Nata Oval, but once you have signed in, why not wait under the trees near the swimming pool before lessons start, so that you can keep as cool as possible. Remember to bring a hat too!

Narooma Dog Training Club is run by an elected Executive Committee, who are all financial members of NSW Animal Welfare League (AWL). The Executive consists of four people who are very hardworking and who organise all the club activities. Our general meetings, held once a month, are open to all registered handlers and we will welcome with open arms, anyone who wants to come along. If you decide to attend and want to vote on any particular matter, then you must become a member of the AWL. We try to keep the business of our meetings concise and always finish up with a supper, so that we can share stories and support each other as friends. These meetings are announced at training, appear on the back page Calendar of each Woofers, and are listed as an event on our Facebook page. It would be great if you could come along – every organisation needs new ideas, new faces and lots of enthusiasm to survive. Currently the average age of our Executive Committee, Instructors and other volunteer workers is 65. Where are all the younger people? Just a few hours each month is all you need to commit to helping Narooma Dog Training Club thrive, and share the work load. Many hands make light work!

Finally a note about our Rules. New handlers receive our Rules and some brochures from Council when they register, but everyone should have a copy. Just ask Carol at the sign-in desk if you need a set. Please read the Rules – they are there for your protection, safety and well-being. Sticking to the Rules will ensure that we all enjoy our Saturday afternoons and get the most out of training. Any questions? Just ask your Instructor.

Cheers,  
Steve Genner, President

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

Do you have any news or photos for publication in the next edition of the Woofers? I'm sure many of you have very interesting tales to share. Please submit them to Carol Hellmers at the sign-in table or email to [secretaryndtc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryndtc@gmail.com)

## **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 before 1.40pm 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	Carol Hellmers
<b>Chief Instructor</b>		<b>Instructors</b>	<b>Canine Examiners</b>
Yve Robinson		Carol Low, Tess Poyner	Tess Poyner
<b>Deputy Chief Instructor</b>		Peter Nelipa	Peter Nelipa
Jean Page		Kathryn McKellar (Agility)	
<b>Assistant Equipment</b>		<b>Agility Trailer</b>	<b>Woofers Editors</b>
Jean Page, Carol Low		Peter Nelipa	Yve Robinson, Carol Hellmers
<b>Photographer</b>	<b>First Aid</b>	<b>Registration Assistants</b>	
Rosy Williams	Carol Low	Carol Hellmers, Valery McCauley, Ruth Watson	

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

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## **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 2018**

Annual registration fees are: \$40 Adult, \$25 Concession/Junior (over 9 and under 18), \$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.

## **FROM THE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR**

This is the time of the year that our Instructors especially look forward to ... all those new, young pups arriving to classes. They are a joy to watch progress and mature throughout the year. We encourage you to try to keep that joy and happiness that most puppies exhibit by remembering that they will respond wonderfully to your training if you keep calm, speak gently, persevere when they play up (they are very young!), praise them heaps when they respond to your commands, and practice what you have learned with them for five or ten minutes a day. Always end any training time with your dog with a fun game, treat or just lots of pats.

This month we will be introducing basic Rally Obedience to the Blue Class. As with the higher classes, scores will be kept and added up at the end of the year to decide who will win the Rally O Trophies. Also during the year, we will hold the Handlers Days, and Agility and Country Link competitions.

Lately we have had a lot of new dogs on our patch. These are visitors to the Sapphire Coast and Bega Valley ANKC Dog Clubs trials, which are held in February in Bermagui every year. Competitors travel from all over the state to compete in both breed, Obedience and Rally O trials. This year Carol Low, Pam Rowley, Sian Hine and Jan Boyce all entered various sections. This is the highest number of handlers from Narooma Dog Training Club to have ever competed - I am really pleased and very proud! Our congratulations go to all of them for their efforts. Maybe next year we can persuade more of you to have a go.

During the holiday break, under the guidance of Carol Low, our branch held a stall at the Eurobodalla District Show. This was not only to get ourselves known in the district, but to raise funds which go towards buying new equipment, particularly for agility, as some of our equipment is now past its use by date. With the able help of Jean Page, Peter Nelipa, Sue and Steve Munro, and contributions of plants from myself and many generous members of the public who donate saleable goods, the amazing amount of \$860 was raised. Carol and I also hold a stall at the Dalmeny Makers Markets most months, so if you are passing that way the second Sunday of the month, pop in and say hello. We are there from 8.30am selling all manner of goodies! Handlers who would like to help by donating home-made jams, pickles, handicraft and plants to this fundraising venture, would be most welcome. Well done everyone, especially Carol, and thanks from us all for your efforts.

Yve Robinson  
Chief Instructor

## **RESULTS - DOG TRIALS IN BERMAGUI**

- **Pam Rowley with Rollo** - they came 5<sup>th</sup> in their first ever trial in Certificate Companion Dog (CCD) with 87 points.
- **Sian Hine with Sunny** - Had two passes in Novice Rally O Trial with 94 points and 95 points.
- **Carol Low with Lazzie** - Two passes in Novice Rally Trial
- **Jan Boyce with Pocket** - Three passes in CCD with 90, 92 and 93 points, winning 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and gaining the CCD title. Also two passes in Rally O Advanced with 92 and 92 points, winning 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and gaining the Rally O Advanced title.
- **Jan Boyce with Stormi** - Achieved his first pass in Novice trial with 98 points.
- **Jan Boyce with Rebel** - Achieved a pass with 86 points in CCD trial.

## **FINAL 2017 COMPETITION RESULTS**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Country Link and 3<sup>rd</sup> Agility Competition – October 2017**

#### **Country Link**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jenny Wharton and Chino
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pam Rowley and Rollo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kathryn McKellar and Suzie Q

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

##### **On lead**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kate Le Bars and Hepburn
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Violetta Mirecka and Kellie
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jan O'Halloran and Beattie

##### **Off Lead**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Pam Rowley and Rollo
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kathryn McKellar and Suzie Q
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jenny Wharton and Chino



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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Handlers Day - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

#### **Green Class**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jan Boyce and Jasper	Promoted
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kate Le Bars and Hepburn	Promoted
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scott Bowden and Primrose	Promoted
<u>Also promoted</u>	Gaye Tuckwell and Charlie Sian Hine and Peach Keith Berry and Amber	

#### **Blue Class**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ruth Watson and Bailey	Promoted
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dean Dunworth and Tilly	Promoted
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Gauci and Tacker	Promoted
<u>Also promoted</u>	Sue Renouf and Mitra Gill Mott and Kody Jane Perry and Molly	

#### **Yellow Class**

	(No Promotions from this class)	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Catherine Mason and Brock	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Nelipa and Bobby	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tanya Nelipa and Bobby	

#### **Red Class**

	(No promotions from this class)	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rhianna Woods and Koda	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Dwyer and Beattie	

#### **Black Class**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jan Boyce and Pocket
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pam Rowley and Rollo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kathryn McKellar and Suzie Q

**TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2017**

**INDI MEMORIAL OBEDIENCE TROPHY**  
Awarded to JAN BOYCE and POCKET  
For Highest Handlers Day Aggregate Score

**RON CORRINGHAM MEMORIAL OBEDIENCE TROPHY**  
Awarded to PAUL GAUCI and TACKER  
Most Improved Handler and Dog

**TRISH CARTY MEMORIAL RALLY O TROPHY**  
ADVANCED LEVEL  
Awarded to AMANDA DOUST and FLO

**FRANCIS LUKE RALLY O TROPHY**  
INTERMEDIATE LEVEL  
Awarded to LOIS SAMPSON and CHARLIE

**RALLY O TROPHY**  
NOVICE LEVEL  
Awarded to PETER NELIPA and BOBBY

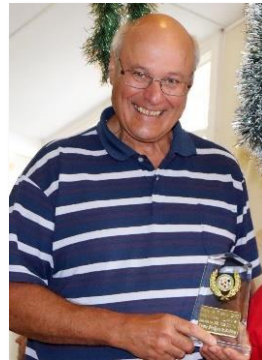
**TERRY WATSON MEMORIAL AGILITY TROPHY**  
Awarded to KATHRYN MCKELLAR and SUZIE Q

**ARNIE MEMORIAL COUNTRY LINK AGILITY TROPHY**  
Awarded to PAM ROWLEY and ROLLO  
For Highest Aggregate Score

**MOST IMPROVED HANDLER AND DOG AGILITY TROPHY**  
Awarded to JAN O'HALLORAN, CHRIS DWYER and BEATTIE



Amanda and Flo



Peter Nelipa



On Left : Kathryn McKellar



Paul Gauci with Yve Robinson



On Right : Lois Sampson



On Left : Jan O'Halloran



Pam and Rollo

## **MEET YOUR INSTRUCTOR!**

### **YVE ROBINSON - Chief Instructor**

Yve has been instructing at obedience and agility clubs in Sydney and Narooma for more years than she would care to remember. Seventeen years ago, when she and husband Peter retired to Narooma, Yve saw a need for dog training as there were many dogs roaming loose and uncontrolled in the area. She started a small club on their property which proved to be popular, and joined the Animal Welfare League Far South Coast Branch. Like many well-run clubs, they soon grew and the available area on the property became too small to continue. With Council permission Yve moved her club to the NATA Oval, which at the time was unfenced, and the Narooma Dog Training Club proper was born. Yve tutored some more Instructors to take classes, becoming part of and enlisting the help of the AWL Eurobodalla Branch. In 2016 the Narooma Dog Training Club became an AWL branch in its own right, and is now in the strongest position it has been since inception over 10 years ago. Yve was Chief Instructor, Secretary, and Trial Secretary for the Brush Farm Dog Training Club in Sydney, and is a Life Member. She was on the Steering Committee and the first President of the Parramatta Agility Club. With her many and much loved dogs, Yve has entered obedience and agility trials in Sydney and taken part in many obedience and agility demonstrations, including at the Royal Easter Show. She is a Life member of the RSPCA, the AWL NSW, and a member of the Australian Pet Dog Trainers Association (APDTA) where in 2015 she won the Susan Wilkins award for her achievements in dog training. Whilst working as a dog carer for the Eurobodalla Branch Yve cared for over 200 dogs, puppies and kittens, and instigated monthly visits to the Koori Village at Wallaga Lake, transporting dogs, pups and felines to local vets for treatment.



### **JEAN PAGE - Deputy Chief Instructor**

Jean has been a member of the AWL Eurobodalla Branch and the AWL Narooma Dog Training Club Branch for 12 years. With her husband Paul, Jean has bred Rottweillers and at one time owned five purebred dogs. Since then Jean has adopted five different breed and cross-breed dogs from AWL, including one of the Maltese she currently owns called Fifi. Jean was Assistant Secretary and a devoted carer for the Eurobodalla Branch, and cared for over 200 dogs of all shapes and sizes. The animals she and Paul adopted were all dogs that, for various reasons, were difficult to re-home - but they found long and happy lives with Jean. Once Jean had trained her dogs to the standard required, combined with all the experience she had gained from caring and training many dogs, she decided to become an Instructor. She did an Instructors course with NDTC and since then has worked tirelessly for the organisation. She is a member of the Executive Committee, Equipment Officer as well as helping to raise funds for the branch. Jean is the 'go to' person for advice on appropriate canine gear, especially for beginners. Jean is very capable of instructing at all levels, including agility, but is especially expert at helping new handlers settle their dogs into a good routine. She is a member of AWL NSW and APDTA, is passionate about all animals and an invaluable member of our team of Instructors.



*Next edition! Carol Low and Peter Nelipa*

## **BREAKING NEWS!**

*Congratulations to NDTC handler Aleeta Hay  
and her husband Ben  
on the birth of their baby daughter*

***Asuka Linnea Hay  
Born 12 January 2018***



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## **THE YEAR OF THE DOG!**

We all know that dogs, as our best animal friends, are loyal, friendly, and kind. People born under the sign of the dog are said to share those traits. They are honest, easygoing, and helpful to others. They are less likely to seek money and power and are more likely to try and make the world a better place. On the other hand, they may be critical, stubborn, and cold at times. Dogs can have difficulty communicating and may fall into pessimism when they feel doubt, but if they can live a good, quiet life, they will have a positive outlook.

The Year of the Dog began on February 16th, 2018 and will end on February 4th, 2019, so any babies born between those dates will have the dog as their Chinese zodiac sign. This will be the first Year of the Dog in twelve years. 2018 is further designated as an Earth year, which is one of the five elements that are also cycled through in the Chinese zodiac.

An Earth Dog year only comes around once every 60 years. So if you were born between February 18th, 1958 and February 7th, 1959, this will be first time you will have been alive during a year that shares your exact birth sign. A cause for celebration!

## NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB 2018 CALENDAR

**correct as at February 2018 – subject to change when required**

<b>February</b>	<b>RENEWAL REGISTRATION FEES DUE THIS MONTH</b>
February 3	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience – NO AGILITY
February 10	Obedience, Agility
February 17	Obedience, Agility
<b>February 23</b>	<b>Ordinary Meeting – Uniting Church Hall Narooma</b>
February 24	Obedience, Agility, 1ST RALLY O (Yellow/Red/Black classes)
March 3	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience, Agility
March 10	Obedience, Agility
March 17	Obedience, Agility
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting – Uniting Church Hall Narooma</b>
March 24	Obedience, Agility, 2ND RALLY O (Yellow/Red/Black classes)
March 31	<b>EASTER PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND</b> <b>NO TRAINING OR AGILITY</b>
April 7	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience, Agility
April 14	<b>SPECIAL EVENT – details to be advised</b>
April 21	Obedience, Agility
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting – Uniting Church Hall Narooma</b>
April 28	Obedience, Agility
May 5	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience, Agility
May 12	Obedience, 1ST AGILITY COMPETITION and COUNTRY LINK
May 19	Obedience, Agility
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting – Uniting Church Hall Narooma</b>
May 26	Obedience, Agility
June 2	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience, Agility
June 9	<b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND</b> <b>NO TRAINING OR AGILITY</b>
June 16	<u>1ST HANDLERS DAY – NO AGILITY</u>
<b>June 22</b>	<b>Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting – Uniting Church Hall Narooma</b>
June 23	Obedience, Agility
June 30	Obedience, Agility

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