

# THE WOOFER



NEWSLETTER OF THE  
NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

May was an important month for NDTC, as it featured our Dogs Day Out special event held on Saturday 11 May. It was beautifully sunny but very windy day, which meant that everyone had to rug up, but despite this everyone participated enthusiastically. We were delighted to welcome special guests to this annual event. Mark Slater, CEO of Animal Welfare League NSW, called in on his way from Melbourne to Sydney and spent a happy few hours with us. We were also fortunate that Jeff and Sandra Chivell from Victoria, were in town. We are very grateful to Jeff especially, as he does us the honour of taking our top classes in obedience training during his visit. Kym Sutherland from Narooma Vets and Kate Le Bars from Montague Vets both took on judging roles for the Fancy Dress Competition, which was won hands down by Wayne Perry and Missy, 'the lion dog'. The afternoon offered NDTC handlers the opportunity to demonstrate our three disciplines of training – Obedience, Rally Obedience and Agility. All three demonstrations were of a really high standard and they gave the public an insight into teamwork and comradeship of our branch. Special thanks go to vendors Rolf, with his coffee van, and Kathryn from Mountain View Farm, for adding value to the day. We also had a fantastically busy fundraising cake stall thanks to volunteers Roz Wood and Sue Munro and the many generous donations of baked goods, and the market stall run by Carol Low was a popular addition to the afternoon. The presence of the Eurobodalla Shire Council information van was much appreciated, thank you Nathan Ladmore. About 90 people came along and 55 dogs joined in the activities, earning a Certificate of Participation to take home for their scrap book, and quite a few new people expressed interest in joining NDTC as a result of attending. None of this would have happened without that hard work and organisational skills of members of the NDTC Committee and other willing volunteers. Thank you everyone for a well-run, safe and successful event – bring on the next one!

On a sad note, the dog world recently lost two very fine canine handlers, both were dedicated and hard working men. Our dog club shared information, supported our ventures, and built long term friendships with Barry McDonald and Robert Loftus, both of whom passed away in April. Please read the Vale inside this Newsletter.

Our Branch AGM is coming up soon and you are most welcome to attend. If you are a current member of our Branch of the Animal Welfare League NSW you can vote at this meeting, as long as you have renewed your membership. You should have been notified by Head Office that now is the time to renew. If you would like to become a new member of the Animal Welfare League NSW, which is a very worthy charity caring for unwanted, stray and abandoned animals and all that entails, then please talk to Carol Hellmers who will advise you how to join. You may even like to become involved on the NDTC Committee or become an official carer - both cat and dog carers are always welcome.

Cheers, Steve Genner - President



AWL NSW Narooma Dog Training Club Branch  
is on Facebook! Please LIKE us and SHARE us!

## **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 all 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>First Aid</b>
Jean Page	Kathryn McKellar (Obedience/Agility)		Carol Low
<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>Photographer</b>
Carol Low, Ruth Watson	Val McCauley		Rosy Williams

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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

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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 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**

We have now reached the half-way mark in our training calendar. Competitions have been run in both Agility and Rally Obedience and we will be holding the 1<sup>st</sup> Handlers Day Obedience Competition on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, weather permitting.

Those of you who are handlers in the Red and Black Classes who have been attending classes for a while, understand the rules and format of the competitions of which three are held each year. Many of you who have joined the ranks this year will be wondering what ‘taking part’ means for you, so I will try and explain how the system works.

Three competitions for each discipline are run each year. In the top two classes (red and black) the **Obedience Competition** is scored under Kennel Control Rules, which you can find on the web. The lower classes are scored on the class work that has been taught and practiced each week. Handlers are tested individually as far as is possible, though some exercises i.e. weaving, long sits and downs, are undertaken in a group format. Scores from each of the obedience competitions are added together at the end of the year, and the handler with the highest score is awarded a trophy at the Christmas Party. After each competition the highest scoring handlers in every group are awarded the appropriate ribbon and possibly promoted, though this is not always the case. The same scoring calculation applies to the Agility and Rally O competitions. So it is worth-while to enter all or as many competition days as possible. These days are run to enable us to evaluate the standard of training, whether we need to change any methods, and to enable anyone who may want to take part in official ANKC dog trials (run by other organisations) to be instructed under the correct rules and regulations.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, when you sign in, you will be given a number to pin on yourself. Proceed into class as normal and whichever Instructor is judging will take it from there. Sometimes, if there are a large number of handlers to be judged, the class will run longer than the usual hour, so if for any important reason you have to leave at 3pm, please tell your judge and they will do their best to arrange the order of judging to accommodate your needs. Or arrive early, and you will receive one of the first numbers to be judged.

If you are still not sure of the system please ask me or any other Instructors who will be glad to help.

Yve Robinson - Chief Instructor

### **DOG WISDOM**

**The reason a dog has so many friends  
is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.**

### **DOG JOKE**

**Three boys see a fire engine with a dog sitting in it rush by.  
They discuss what his job could be.  
“Crowd control?” says one boy.  
“He’s the mascot” says the second boy.  
The third boy nods sagely. “He finds fire hydrants”.**

## PROMOTIONS FROM FEBRUARY 2019

### From Green to Blue Class

Kathy Canning and Oscar  
Jill Chisholm and Jess  
Hamish Sugar and Kodi

### From Blue to Yellow

Jo Maclean and Possum  
Ian Murphy and Bessie  
Elio Nozza and Libe

### From Yellow to Red

Greg Sampson and Ollie  
Sharyn Taylor and Darcy  
Michelle Arneson and Scooby  
David Wick and Ivy  
Sam Perrin and Crosbie  
Ruth Watson and Bailey  
Carol Low and Trixie  
Peter Nelipa and Bobby



**Congratulations to all the above! Keep up the good work.**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> AGILITY COMPETITION RESULTS 2019

### **Country Link**

1<sup>st</sup> Peter Nelipa and Bobby  
2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Arneson and Scooby  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kate Le Bars and Hepburn

### **NDTC Agility**

1<sup>st</sup> Pam Rowley and Rollo  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kathryn McKellar and Suzie Q  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nina Balas and Imogen



Country Link Agility Winners  
L to R: Kate, Michelle and Peter



NDTC Agility Winners  
L to R: Kathryn, Pam and Nina

## **ANKC TRIAL RESULTS**

- \* Jan Boyce and Jasper (RN, CCD) earned their Companion Dog title at Tuggeranong.
- \* Nina Balas and Imogen earned their Rally Novice title.
- \* Carol Low and Trixie earned their 1<sup>st</sup> pass in Rally Novice.
- \* Jan Boyce and Stormi earned their first pass in Rally Masters
- \* Jan Boyce and Jasper earned their 1<sup>st</sup> pass in Rally Excellent and were placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Congratulations to them all, keep up the good work. An added bonus is that our AWL NSW Narooma Dog Training Club is finally being recognised in the dog world, due to your presence at different venues. I understand that there are other handlers who will be trialing in the near future, so we wish them all the best too. Do let us know where you are trialing and your results, whether successful or not, so we can record them and maybe help improve your future performance.

## **Food for thought**

Occasionally we have reported to us incidents that have occurred at the NATA Oval during the working week. We have no control over members of the public who exercise their dogs, so the following may help to make sure that you and your friends always stay safe while using the area.

- \* Play safe – please use common sense in this area
- \* Always let other users know you are entering the area
- \* Enter with dog on lead and remove lead while dog is sitting
- \* Move well away from the gate to avoid crowding
- \* Keep moving to minimize tension and scuffles between dogs
- \* Stay alert and keep an eye on your dog and others
- \* Always reward your dog for coming to you
- \* Avoid using balls and other toys if the area is crowded or dogs become too excited
- \* Leave immediately if your dog becomes anxious, or is annoying or aggressive towards others
- \* Limit your time to 15 minutes, if other handlers are waiting to enter the area
- \* Always clean up after your dog
- \* Always close the gates behind you



Trying out for Agility assisted by Instructors Kathryn and Peter

## **GET TO KNOW YOUR VOLUNTEER STAFF**

These ladies who greet everyone each week are invaluable members of our organisation. They manage all the extensive paper work which is necessary for the smooth running of weekly training.

### **CAROL HELLMERS**

Carol may not be a dog owner but she is a fountain of information on basic training and behaviour. Her previous musical career with teachers, students and orchestras has certainly taught her how to cope with all situations that can arise when dealing with the public. Her other role, which is also invaluable, is as Secretary of our AWL NSW Narooma branch where she has dealings with Council, AWL Head Office, local businesses, takes minutes and deals with all correspondence. Carol also edits the Woofers newsletter which is a joint project between herself and Yve. Carol's computer skills are invaluable in that capacity.

### **VAL McCAULEY**

Val is a dog owner and Shadow is her current four-legged companion. She has been a member of dog training since its first inception when she trained and trialed another lovely rescue dog called Woofers. As well as helping with registrations, Val is always willing to help with training the beginner classes, she also works on the Dalmeny market stall which is held every second Sunday of the month to raise funds for our branch. Val has been a carer of rescue dogs looking for homes, and a willing worker at events such as Dogs Day Out, Tailwaggers and garage sales. Val is now able to turn her skills towards helping with the records and paperwork which is a necessary and essential part of the smooth running of the club.



### **RUTH WATSON**

Ruth is a long-time supporter of Animal Welfare League. Along with her late husband Terry, who was an amazing Instructor for NDTC for many years, Ruth has rescued and cared for lots of dogs, rehoming them on behalf of the AWL Eurobodalla Branch. Ruth, as well as being a dog owner, adores horses – she currently owns two and belongs to a social riding group. Ruth helps sell our canine equipment most Saturdays before attending the Red Class with her gorgeous black poodle Bailey.

Ruth and Bailey at the Blessing of the Animals



**PHOTOS FROM THE 2019 DOGS DAY OUT**  
***SPECIAL THANKS TO ROSY WILLIAMS***



Left: Jeff and Sandra Chivell visiting from Victoria



Right: Gaye and Paris relaxing



Left to Right: Kate le Bars (Motague Vets), Mark Slater (CEO AWL), Wayne and Missy the "Lion Dog", Yve Robinon (NDTC Chief Instructor) and Kym Sutherland (Narooma Vets)



Left: The lovely ladies Roz and Sue on the Cake Stall

Below: Janice and Teyha proudly display their Certificate



Above: Daiva with Gidget from AWL Eurobodalla Branch



Above: Stay! Yes ... but for how long?

Left: Wayne with Missy the "Lion Dog"



## VALE

### Narooma Dog Training Club Remembers

Instructors and handlers of NDTC would like to pay tribute to two wonderful dog-loving men, Robert Loftus and Barry Macdonald, both of whom passed away in April.

**Vale: Robert Loftus** – a great friend and colleague of NDTC’s Chief Instructor Yve Robinson, Robert was the driving force behind the establishment of the Batemans Bay Branch. Robert retired to the region from Sydney just a few years ago, yet in that short time managed to establish a dog training branch of AWL NSW, the second only in the state. He was an International Dog Agility Judge in Europe and spent much of his life working for the wellbeing of animals. His expertise as a dog trainer, coupled with his passion for improving the lot of dog owners within his community, were behind the protracted negotiations he undertook with Eurobodalla Shire Council in an effort to establish a dog park in Batemans Bay. NDTC hopes that the work Robert began will continue - we will do what we can to support his vision.

**Vale: Barry Macdonald** – NDTC remembers with great fondness the visits that Barry made to our branch. A resident of Wagga Wagga and long-serving member of Kyemba Kennel and Training Club, Barry freely gave of his knowledge and expertise to our branch. He had a strong belief in the importance of skill sharing not just within his own community but with other regional dogs clubs, establishing the Country Link Agility Competition in which NDTC has participated for a number of years. In 2007 Barry’s own club recognised his momentous contribution and importance by naming their newly erected clubhouse in his honour. As a canine instructor, Barry was a strong advocate of positive reinforcement training. We shall miss him greatly.

Both these men loved their companion dogs and were wonderful role models for responsible pet ownership. NDTC takes great inspiration from them.



Robert Loftus



Barry McDonald and Tatiana

**NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB 2019 CALENDAR**  
**CORRECT AS AT 1 JUNE 2019 – SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

<b>June 21</b>	<b>Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting</b>
June 22	<u>1ST HANDLERS DAY – NO AGILITY</u>
June 29	Obedience, Agility, Rally O Training
<b>July</b>	<b>HALF YEAR REGISTRATION FEES BEGIN</b>
July 6	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience, Agility
July 13	Obedience, Agility
July 20	Obedience, <u>2ND AGILITY COMPETITION and COUNTRY LINK</u>
<b>July 26</b>	<b>Friday 7pm, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Narooma Golf Club</b>
July 27	Obedience, Agility, Rally O Training
August 3	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience, Agility
August 10	Obedience, Agility
<b>August 16</b>	<b>Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting</b>
August 17	Obedience, Agility, <u>3RD RALLY O</u> (Yellow/Red/Black classes)
August 24	Obedience, Agility
August 31	Obedience, Agility
September 7	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience, Agility
September 14	Obedience, Agility
<b>September 20</b>	<b>Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting</b>
September 21	<u>2ND HANDLERS DAY - NO AGILITY</u>
September 28	Obedience, Agility, Rally O Training
October 5	<b>LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND – NO TRAINING OR AGILITY</b>
October 12	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience, Agility
<b>October 18</b>	<b>Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting</b>
October 19	Obedience, <u>3RD AGILITY COMPETITION and COUNTRY LINK</u>
October 26	Obedience, Agility, Rally O Training
November 2	<b>New Registrations</b> , Obedience, Agility
November 9	<u>3RD HANDLERS DAY - NO AGILITY</u>
<b>November 15</b>	<b>Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting</b>
November 16	Obedience, Agility
November 23	Obedience, Agility
December 7	<b>DOGS and HANDLERS CHRISTMAS PARTY – Nata Oval</b>

