

THE WOOFER



NEWSLETTER OF THE
NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB
ESTABLISHED 2016

July-August-September 2026

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the third edition of The Woofers newsletter. A special and warm welcome to all new handlers who started in August.

On July 17th we had our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Club Narooma. Treasurer Peter Nelipa presented his report which showed we have maintained our ability to self-fund all our activities. This included the outlay for a storage shed at Nata Oval, which the Eurobodalla Council now owns. This is thanks to you for the ground fees paid each week, various cash donations received (including from our recycling collection), and other fundraising events we have undertaken over the years such as car boot sales – there is one coming up later this month. We are taking donations of goods for this now. Unlike other branches of the AWL, we don't receive any financial assistance from AWL Head Office. We are proud of this achievement, which has been ongoing since 2016. Yes, we just celebrated our ten-year anniversary, as reported in the last edition of The Woofers newsletter. Another key report tabled at the AGM was given by me, and included statistics from our Chief Instructor Kathryn McKeller.

The AGM included a video link with staff from AWL Head Office. All positions on our Executive Committee were vacated and AWL Board member Beverly Ord oversaw the election process. The results were:

President - Wayne Perry
Vice President - John Kertesz
Secretary/Publicity Officer - Carol Hellmers
Registration Officer - Amanda Cassidy
Chief Instructor - Kathryn McKeller
Deputy Chief Instructor - Kay Davidson
Work, Health and Safety Officer - Geoff Pike
Photographer - Rosy Williams

A big thanks to all these volunteers for putting their hands up to help, especially Geoff for taking on an important job and John for stepping into the shoes of Val McCauley, who served NDTC so well for a decade. Thankyou Val - John has a lot to live up to as your replacement. **We always welcome new Volunteers!** We are especially needing assistance on the sign-in desk. Even if you can't commit to every Saturday, we would welcome helping hands fortnightly or even once a month. Please chat with me if you would like to help in this way.

I encourage you to arrive at training before 9.30am to give your dog time to socialise and get any zoomies out of their system before class. I hear people say ... "my dog does not socialise". You can stay on the fringe and slowly bring them closer each week to interact. Look at my dog - Odessa is a rescue dog and was quite anti-social in the beginning. She is now very at ease with other dogs. Lastly some exciting news - the number of new rescued/rehomed dogs who have registered for obedience training so far this year is 13! Plus 14 who returned from last year, so 27 in total. That's already a record for us and we still have one more intake in the Basic Obedience Program to go.

Wayne Perry
President

ABOUT NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB

Training starts at 10am. Instructors have other jobs before that time, such as the safety check on the grounds, selling dog equipment etc. Where possible, your arrival by 9.45am will enable us to start all classes on time would be appreciated. **All dogs must be on lead from 9.30am.**

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

President	Vice President	Secretary/Publicity Officer	Treasurer
Wayne Perry	John Kertesz	Carol Hellmers	Peter Nelipa
WHS Officer Geoff Pike			
Chief Instructor Kathryn McKellar		Deputy Chief Instructor Kay Davidson	
Obedience Instructors Jean Page, Louise Webb, Peter Nelipa, Wayne Perry, John Kertesz			
Trainee Agility Instructors Jessica Boulton, Geoff Pike			
Guest Instructors Amanda Doust, Jeff Chivell			
Equipment	Woofers Editor	Photography	
Kay Davidson	Carol Hellmers	Rosy Williams	
Registration Officer	Amanda Cassidy	Registration Assistant Valerie McCauley	

Dog Training Enquiries: 0458 953 281

Training times: Every Saturday, weather permitting.
Obedience and Rally Obedience: 10 - 11am
Agility: 11.30am - 12.30pm, as per the Calendar on back page.

Rain Cancellation: Please ring NDTC phone – 0458 953 281 after 8.30am, on the day

NDTC RULES

- All dogs to be kept on lead in class, unless requested 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. Please note children are not covered by AWL insurance.
- Handlers are advised to consult their medical professional regarding tetanus injections.
- NDTC recommends that dog owners hold public liability, in case of accidents or incidents.
- All handlers are asked to wear their name badges to all NDTC classes.
- Handlers are asked to wear appropriate footwear - high heels, sandals and thongs are not suitable when training a dog.
- Lessons will start at the advertised times – if late, you will miss part of the lesson.
- Be a good NDTC handler - read the notice board, listen to announcements and practice exercises between weekly lessons.
- Please remember that all Instructors and other NDTC workers are volunteers. Please be respectful of their generosity. It will help NDTC run more smoothly if you offer assistance when required.
- A first aid kit is available at the ground. See your Instructor if you require assistance.
- Nata Oval is open to the public, so please clean up all dog droppings.
- 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 2026

Annual registration fee for renewing handlers is payable from February 2026.

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

Half Year registration fees are reduced for renewing handlers, from 1 August 2026.

Basic Obedience Program - \$50 for a 2month program. Bookings essential.

Ground Fee - a fee of \$5.00 per handler is payable each week on attendance

FROM THE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

The best way to socialise your dog is to regularly exercise them on lead and expose them to different experiences. This may take time for some dogs, especially older rescues, but leaving them at home because they don't behave well in public won't solve any problems.

Aside from your normal walks you may try taking them to a dog friendly cafe or perhaps a sports event or local markets. The more varied the experiences the better. In the beginning you may want to limit the time you expose your dog to these new experiences as it is essential that you keep it a positive thing. Yelling or punishing your dog will only reinforce bad behaviour. Remember, shouting excites your dog, calmness on your part, slows your dog down.

You are doing the best thing by coming to dog school because not only is your dog learning commands and obedience, you are also exposing your dog to many other dogs and handlers in a safe environment. We are also giving you the tools to use in different situations. For example, if your dog lunges at passing people or bikes or simply jumps up at people for pats, ask them to sit and even use the "watch me" command if necessary, and then praise them. We are so often quick to punish bad behaviour and slow to praise, whereas praise is the key. Calmly ask your dog to sit, drop or heal and then instantly praise them. If they jump up or lunge again, simply repeat your command and again praise them. It may seem very repetitive but this is how our dogs learn. Be consistent and don't give up.

The more often you involve your dog in your life, the better behaved they will become and the more enjoyable your relationship with your dog will be.

Kathryn McKellar
Chief Instructor

**Narooma Dog Training Club,
a Branch of the NSW Animal Welfare League,
is on Facebook!**
Please LIKE us and SHARE us with your friends



PLEASE THINK ABOUT VOLUNTEERING ... WE NEED YOU!



Official Photographer:
Rosy Williams



Admin Team: L to R
Val McCauley, Amanda Cassidy, Carol Hellmers



WELCOME TO NEW HANDLERS

Basic Handling Skills Program: August/September 2026
Instructor: Kay Davidson

Louise Lewis & Buddy
Rebecca Hamilton & Winnie
Mary Collier & Koda
Isabel Beveridge & Moth
Karin Kemp & Lotti
Grover Chesterfield & Chester
Sue Smith & Jill
Jan Rivers & Bertie
Chrissy McNight & Tully
Paul Tracey & Joe



Such a thrill to see this great line up of dog lovers. Thanks for choosing Narooma Dog Training Club.

SPECIAL EVENT!

EUROBODALLA BRANCH
ANIMAL
WELFARE LEAGUE NSW

TAILWAGGERS

SUNDAY 9.00AM
20TH SEPTEMBER 2026
NATA OVAL, NAROOMA

DOG WALK
REGISTRATION 9AM
\$5 PER DOG

FUN DOG WALK
GAMES & PRIZES
CAR BOOT SALE
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

GUEST JUDGE
TAYLOR BEADLE-
WILLIAMS

CALL 0410 016 612
FOR ENQUIRIES



EUROBODALLA BRANCH
ANIMAL
WELFARE LEAGUE NSW

Car Boot Sale

Sunday 20 September 8:30
NATA Oval, Narooma



SELLERS ARRIVE FROM 7AM FOR 8.30
START
CARS - \$20
UTES/TRUCKS - \$30
CALL 0410 016 612
FOR MORE INFO

From 8.30am - Check out our dog club sale offerings from our shed!
9am - Register for the walk!

CONGRATULATIONS!

2nd Agility Competition - 20th June

Off Lead

- 1st place Jessica Boulton & Bindi
- 2nd place Alison McFarlane & Badger
- 3rd place Chris Harmon & Clyde

On Lead

- 1st place Debbie McCarthy & Busta
- 2nd place Ros Johnson & Archie
- 3rd place Jean Page & Bear



2nd Handlers Day - 18th July

Blue Class

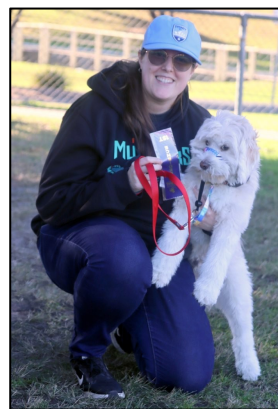
- 1st place David Whitfield & Tilly
- 2nd place Jim Mitchell & Beth
- 3rd place Eva Mosler-Teichmann & Schnaps

Yellow Class

- 1st place Tara Stuart & Macaroni
- 2nd place Leanne Adamthwaite & Zuri
- 3rd place Carmel Bailey & Franky

Red Class

- 1st place Ruth Watson & Whisky
- 2nd place Ros Johnson & Archie
- 3rd place Michelle Robinson & Mae



2nd Rally O Assessment - 15th August

Yellow Class

- 1st place Tara Stuart & Macaroni
- 2nd place Carmen Bailey & Franky
- 3rd place Michael Pollock & Ben

Red Class

- 1st place Gill McPadden & Keeley
- 2nd place Geoff Pike & Archie
- 3rd place Val McCauley & Sasha



NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB - 2026 CALENDAR

(Subject to change and/or cancellation due to weather conditions)

Sept 5	Obedience, <u>3RD AGILITY COMPETITION</u>
Sept 12	Obedience, Agility (3rd Agility Comp RAIN DATE)
Sept 18	Branch Meeting – 11am, Narooma Men's Shed
Sept 19	Obedience, <u>3RD HANDLERS DAY</u> (No Agility)
Sept 26	Obedience, Agility (3rd Handlers Day RAIN DATE)
October 3	LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND - NO CLASSES
October 10	Obedience (BASIC OBEDIENCE 5 Registrations), Agility
October 16	Branch Meeting – 11am Narooma Men's Shed
October 17	Obedience, Agility
October 24	Obedience <u>3RD RALLY ASSESSMENT</u> Agility
October 31	Obedience, Agility (3rd Rally Assessment RAIN DATE)
November 7	Obedience, Agility
November 14	Obedience, Agility
November 20	Branch Meeting – 11am, Narooma Men's Shed
November 21	Obedience, Agility
November 28	Obedience, Agility
December 5	DOGS CHRISTMAS PARTY (December 12 – Rain Date) This free event is open to all handlers, past and present. Morning Tea, Games with Prizes, Trophy presentations, plus a Gift for every dog. Mark this date in your diary now!

“If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.”

Will Rogers

“Folk will know how large your soul is, by the way you treat your dog.”

Charles F Doran

“Once you have had a wonderful dog, a life without one is a life diminished.”

Dean Koontz

