



SHEPHERD NEWS

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Presidents Annual Report

Well another year has passed ever so quickly you wonder where the time has gone. The G.S.D.L. has had a good year with the finalising of the updated version of the Constitution in place now and lodged with the Department Fair trading. I would like to thank Fay Stokes, Graeme Stevenson, Pam Jarvis and our Consultant Judy Brown for their input to the project and bringing it to finalisation.

The website is up and running and we must thank Jacinta Poole for her effort in getting it up and working also Fran McAdam and Graeme Stevenson for their input in bringing it to fruition. I would like to thank Les Nicholas for his commitment to the Show manager position his effort is greatly appreciated.

Fay Stokes, Graeme Stevenson and myself attended two National Council special meetings to discuss the Harmonisation Program and the prospect of IPO being a requirement for the progression of it going Australia wide at the insistence of the S.V. & W.U.S.V. this has yet to be decided on by the A.N.K.C. and we have no news on that at the present moment. The amount of emails that this subject created was mind blowing, there would not be a day go by that replies and input kept filling up the inbox was staggering by its size that it was very taxing on the mind to try and keep up with it but soon it will be sorted.

Alan and Judy Connors have decided to hang up their duties at the Tuesday obedience classes due to ill health and if you have been down to the grounds in the middle of winter you would understand that if you are not well the cold will knock you about. We hope that they both enjoy their retirement and come and visit us sometimes when it gets warmer.

The League has been involved in a number of promotional events during the year which proved successful in promoting the German Shepherd Dog to the public, thank you to the people involved in these days it is most appreciated.

Pam and I paid a visit to the Members Competition at Coffs Harbour over two days. The two days and the judging and atmosphere and the Sun made it a very pleasant weekend, congratulations to the Mid North Coast Branch on an excellent weekend.

We are now looking forward to our December Open Show with Dr. Robert Zammit doing the honours, just hope it is not too hot and following on from that Show our Easter Show with Frau N.Hermes S.V. adjudicating at this show. We are looking forward to a big entry as this is her first appointment in Australia and should give our animals a good pipe cleaner running up to the National.

The October Championship show and members Competition has come and gone this past weekend with, I hope good results for exhibitors and thanks to Karen Hedberg and Fran Farley for their expertise on the weekend.

I would like to thank the committee for their diligence to their positions over the last year and to the members that did not need to be asked to lend a hand at the shows.

Terry Jarvis President

Welcome to our new members

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12th November 2017	Breed Survey
27th November 2017	AGM
9th December 2017	Christmas Party and Presentation
16th December 2017	Open Show & Trial. Conformation judge - Dr Robert Zammit. Obedience - TBA
19th December 2017	Last Obedience training night at Erskine Park for 2017
21st December 2017	Last Show training night at Erskine Park for 2017

IMPORTANT NOTICES

FREE FOR MEMBERS

Puppy Listings, Breeders Directory & Stud Dog Listings are **FREE** to all members with only the normal criteria to apply. These are that Breeders must be current financial members, Stud dogs must be hip and elbow x-rayed and Breed Surveyed and for Puppy listings both parents must be X-rayed and Breed Surveyed. To obtain these free listings for the Stud Dog Directory and the Breeders Directory, email Fran McAdam at frances@bigpond.net.au

For Puppy Listings contact Marilyn Nicholas skylinefreight@bigpond.com Puppy Listings will remain in place for 6 weeks. Please take full advantage of these free services and make our webpage a better source of information for visitors. With Stud Dog listings please also include a photo of your Dog.

Breed Survey

The next breed survey is 12 November 2017 at Erskine Park GSDL grounds.

Membership Renewals

Don't forget to renew your membership. Deadline for renewals is 31 October 2017.

Below is the response from the ANKC in relation to the Harmonisation Program that the GSDCA submitted.



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18 October, 2017

Mr. Vince Tantaró
President
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Transmitted via email address: secretary@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

Dear Vince,

**ANKC LTD RESPONSE ON THE GSDCA PROPOSAL FOR THE ANKC
LTD TO REVERSE ITS POLICY ON THE CONDUCT OF IPO IN
AUSTRALIA**

At the recent Board meeting of the ANKC Ltd held on 14-15 October 2017 the Directors considered your proposition that ANKC Ltd reverse its current policy on Schutzhund/IPO/Dogsport and agree to sanction the FCI IPO dog sports scheme as a recognised activity in Australia on the provision that such activities being conducted would be in full compliance with the FCI IPO Rules and Australian State & Territory Government Regulations.

I wish to inform you that after careful deliberation of your submission and other material presented to the Board, your request for the ANKC Ltd to reverse its policy on Schutzhund/IPO/Dogsport was unanimously rejected.

In its deliberations the Board considered all aspects of your submission and found there was insufficient evidence that public observation of IPO activities would not damage the reputation of ANKC Ltd who promote the German Shepherd as a dog who displays friendly and family orientated characteristics, the sight of dog attacking a sleeve in what is described as "defence work" is not considered to be displaying the characteristics of being friendly or a good family pet.

The Board also considered the legal implications of the respective States and Territories legislation on attack trained dogs. Although attack training is currently only banned in Victoria there are other legislative considerations of aggressive dogs in a number of the other jurisdictions including muzzling, the wearing of identifying collars and signage on the entrances to properties. These again do not promote the hallmarks of a friendly family dog.

The Board noted the proposition that the recognition of IPO activities in Australia would enable the GSDCA to assess the GSD for the desired working attributes as specified in the Breed Standard, in response the Directors expressed the opinion that for many years the desired recognition of working attributes in the GSD in Australia has been sufficiently demonstrated by the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme where dogs are assessed on temperament, character, gun sureness, anatomical attributes, movement and general soundness and where dogs who do not meet the criteria are not passed.

Further to this the ANKC Ltd Member Bodies have received submissions from the RSPCA suggesting that the ANKC Ltd consider its response very carefully as it also does not support IPO or any form of attack training. Should the ANKC reverse its policy the RSPCA would make their own representations to the various governments to have IPO declared an illegal activity. Given that various governments are currently reviewing their Companion Animals Acts and Animal Welfare Acts and the Member Bodies are in constant consultation with them it is not considered appropriate to endorse an activity that will alienate either the government or other animal advocates.

ANKC Ltd has previously rejected approaches from the FCI Utility Commission and a number of Australian Dogsport Associations to recognise IPO and reiterates that under no circumstances will it support any dog activity that encourages dogs to be aggressive towards humans or to display such aggression.

The Board deliberated hard on this matter before making its unanimous decision to reject your proposal. Should you require further information please feel free to contact the undersigned through the ANKC Administrator.

Yours sincerely,



Hugh Gent OAM

President & Chairman of the Board



Secretary's Annual Report

Yet another year has gone however much has been achieved by the Management Committee in that year

1. Constitution – updated by members at a Special General Meeting and lodged with The Department of Fair Trading – the updated Constitution will be put on the League's website. One important item is that country members will be given the opportunity to postal vote on any coming Special General Meetings.
2. The Mid North Coast Branch was formed and is going very well with them having held a successful Members Competition and Breed Survey day.
3. The Website has been revamped and updated thanks to the assistance of Jacinta Poole and at a very minimal cost.
4. A trial Working Day was held in conjunction with a Breed Survey and members enjoyed this challenge and the League will be hosting more during 2018.
5. The League has introduced a Members Competition to run in conjunction with our October Ch. Show & Trial and if successful the League will continue this.
6. Our membership has continued to grow.
7. The League's Chief Instructor, Judy Connors and her husband Alan Connors who have given many many years of service with the Tuesday night obedience training and due to ill health Judy has now resigned this position. The League is most appreciative of their years of service. The branch continues to operate now with Tony D'Arcy, Kathy Minton and others sharing the workload. We have Tiki Friezer introducing new challenges in this area.
8. Two Interstate Special General Meetings of National Council were attended one by the President and Vice President and the other by the President and Secretary in conjunction with the Breed Commission Meeting.
- 9,. Whilst the tattoo scheme was closed by National Council the League members voted that the League continue this service for those members wishing to continue to tattoo.
10. Our ever hard working Publicity Officer has organised members and their dogs to attend several events throughout the year finishing with Dogs Day Out.

With the Harmonisation programme a very heavy influx of mail ensued and we now await the results of all of this by the ANKC. All other correspondence was dealt with in the normal manner of directing it to the various chairman of portfolios.

The League, unfortunately, had the occasion to employ the services of a solicitor to answer the complaint submitted by a member who was not happy with the award given by the judge at our State Breed Evaluation thus costing the League members \$440.00. Our solicitor has replied to the allegations further stating that the league will defend any further correspondence and to date nothing further has been received.

We now have confirmation that Frau. N. Herms SV will be judging our Easter Ch. Show and it will be Frau. Herms first appointment in Australia and this is an event our show members can look forward to as a run up to the National Show.

All dates for 2018 have been submitted and ratified by Dogs N.S.W.

I would like to thank all the members and committee for their assistance and co-operation once again throughout the year.

Fay Stokes - Hon. Secretary.

Web Master Annual Report

In the few months since I have taken on the position of GSDL Web Master. I have arranged for Jacinta Poole to redesign the GSDL web site in WordPress, moved the website hosting and Domain name registration to Net Virtue. The web site was then migrated to Net Virtue at the end of August and there was a noticeable improvement in both the speed of loading and publishing pages.

Regards

Fran McAdam

Show Secretary Annual Report

This year has seen another decline in entries to our shows, especially in the male classes. There is a slight improvement in LSC entries . Obedience trial numbers are also decreasing dramatically. In fact, the December & June Trials had to be cancelled due to insufficient entries

The Easter Championship Show Judges by Herr Wille (SV) attracted our largest entry in a number of years (not including our National of course) unfortunately as I said above the other shows were very small

The League so far this have conducted 1 Obedience Trial this year, 1 Championship Show, 2 Members Competitions and our new Branch, "The Mid North Coast" also conducted a Members Competition which I can't comment on at the moment as we haven't had a complete breakdown on the end results as yet.

At this time, I am working on our final events of our point score year. A Championship Show, Members Competition and Obedience Trial and as usual the entries are coming in painfully slow

The State Breed Assessment was held again in July with a reasonable number attending.

My thanks to Tiki Friezer for her great help on Trial days. Les Nicholas our Show Manager, to the stewards Peter Yates & stenographers Fay Stokes & Mary Matuschka also Dogs NSW reps Joyce Bennet and Inek Dewit.

My Special Thanks (again) to Judy Connors (Vest Controller) we are definitely getting better at returning our vests.

More people seem to be taking advantage of Show Manager for their online entries.

Thank you to all our Show & Trial exhibitors who have supported our Club this year.

Ann Mackenzie

State Tattoo Administrator Annual Report

During the last year NSW has tattooed, microchipped or sold the following:

52 litters

279 pups

123 books

118 bags

32 microchips.

Stock control has not been completed as all officers have not submitted their stock report.

Grant Morton

Publicity Annual Report

2017 was a challenging year in many ways. I was hoping to achieve a lot more during the year as publicity officer but unfortunately this outcome was not possible. I did however learn a lot and what it's like to be involved on this committee.

On a brighter note, we did get out and about on many occasions and had the opportunity to promote the German shepherd dog to the public.

The Royal Easter show was a massive 2 day event and we had **Kim McGregor, Bret Adams, Peter and Sue Yates** and myself with our dogs attend both days. The dogs were amazing and received glowing comments on their temperaments. They were patted, cuddled and photographed repeatedly over the 2 days and they all took it in their stride. We decided to ask for a gold coin donation for photographs so we could assist Shepherd rescue, and the public were more than happy to contribute. We were pleased to pass on a tidy sum at the end of the show.

Camden Paws in the Park was the next event on the calendar and members of the club were able to attend with their dogs. We were blessed with great weather on the day. Thanks to **Les** for transporting all the gear for us on the day at short notice.

"The Dogs on Show" event was held and run by Dogs NSW in June at Orchard Hills and attended by some members of the committee and some members with dogs. I was not able to attend this day, but from reports it seemed to go well.

In August we attended 2 full days in Moore Park for the Dog Lovers Show. This event is getting bigger each year and so is the paper work that goes with it. I would like to thank **Peter Yates** who accompanied me on the Friday to set up our stand and make sure it was all arranged for the following 2 days. There was no way I could have done that on my own with everything that needed to be transported and lifted. These days are extremely tiring for both 2 and 4 legged attendees. The constant flow of people that want to talk to you about our breed and to pat, cuddle and photograph the dogs is endless. Some just want to share about their beloved family member that they have recently lost and get comfort from our dogs. A few tears were shed, but so rewarding at the same time. We spent a lot of time directing people through the correct channels of buying a German Shepherd and explaining the benefits of doing so. Again, many comments about how "calm" and "good natured" our dogs were and how impressed they were that German Shepherds aren't really aggressive. This is why we do what we do. Thank you to **Bret Adams, Peter and Sue Yates and Tina and Carl Cossu** for attending both days with your incredible dogs. I really appreciated it.

In November we are supposed to be attending the Macarthur Lions club street parade, hopefully this will also be a success, and give us the opportunity to promote this spectacular breed.

It is hoped that as German shepherd lovers, from committee to members, that we all start recognising and appreciating the beauty and diversity that this breed has to offer. As a club, we should promote and encourage with equal enthusiasm, all activities that showcase our breed's qualities, not limited to the show ring.

Tracey Lewis



Breed Affairs Annual Report

To date this year the GSDL has conducted 4 Breed Survey days with another one to come on 12th November which will be the last for the year. A total of 25 dogs were surveyed.

With the introduction of the new system of no Class 1 or Class 2 just the title of Classified being introduced, it was very evident at our last Survey where 9 animals were presented that a totally different atmosphere was present where people were noticeably far more relaxed without the stigma of Class 1 or 2 being present. I believe this is a great step forward in being able to gradually get more animals into the system with the surveyors being able to offer breed advice on which bloodlines the owners of the bitches could use to best benefit their animals.

It is also the League's aim to encourage people attending surveys, either as participants or observers, to come into the club house at the conclusion of the survey to listen to lectures we intend to present and to discuss the various areas which breeders need to be aware of in order to further improve our breed.

We are very fortunate in NSW to have the Breed Commission Chairperson, Melanie Groth, who is a very good lecturer as well as all other Breed Surveyors to answers any questions and offer advice.

National Council has introduced the system of surveyors entering the data themselves straight into the data base which will improve the turn around in surveys being received.

I did attend the National Breed Commission meeting which was very informative where lectures were given on the German Shepherd and a most informative lecture on dentition and things we should and should not be doing with our baby puppies with regard to dentition which will be passed on to you at the conclusion of our next survey. National Council have reintroduced further training of surveyors at these meetings, as used to be norm, rather than attending meetings to listen to report after report and this was indeed most refreshing and made it a pleasure to attend the meeting.

I would further stress to you that the Breed Surveyors are there to assist you and to pass on the knowledge they receive.

Fay Stokes

Membership Registrar Annual Report

Cannot really say this is an annual report as I only took this position on in a caretaker capacity as our original registrar was unable to continue.

I have been doing the memberships since August of this year and find it quite challenging not a particularly easy position especially at this time of year when memberships are due.

Since August there has not been a lot of new member activity but the renewals are coming in slowly as of beginning of October but no doubt that will change in the next few weeks. I do not envy me.

At the moment it is like having a full-time job. Good luck to our next Registrar for 2017-2018

Marilyn Nicholas



Puppy Listing Annual Report

I would like to begin by saying that I find it difficult to comprehend why our members do not take advantage of this service.

Whilst I have not had a lot of enquiries I get the impression from the people who have called that they have also looked on dogsonline but they feel that as they are after a German Shepherd they want recommendations and we are considered a specialist club. A few just want advice for the future. I tell them I cannot recommend one breeder over another but certain criteria has to be met to go on our puppy listings. Quite a few have asked if there are any litters coming up. I believe I have suggested before that we bring back the litters expected. I find it disconcerting that I can never really help the new puppy buyers with only one, maybe two litters on puppy listings, sometimes none.

I wish the best of luck to whoever takes on this position 2017-2018

Marilyn Nicholas

Show Manager Annual Report

The past year has been interesting five shows in all and I would like to begin by thanking the members who helped me erect and dismantle the show rings over the year. I must say the April show was the best for me that Herr Ralf Wille our judge from Germany was a pleasure to work with. As show Manager I found him quite accommodating and nothing was a problem. The other shows were good, apart from the rain we had for one show where I had to shorten the rings a bit for the safety of both exhibitors and dogs. Needless to say, the exhibitors understood the need for this and thanked me for a job well done under the circumstances.

On the whole our exhibitors conducted themselves well for all shows with the exception of one show where I was taken to task as I was dismantling the double handling ring. It was quite late at this point and there were no people double handling at the time. That person has been admonished for their actions.

Apart from this incident I have enjoyed setting up the rings and trying to arrange them a bit differently for the comfort of both exhibitors and spectators, I sincerely hope my efforts have been appreciated by our members.

In closing I would like to thank the members for electing me to be show manager for the past two years but feel it is time for me to move on.

Les Nicholas

Shepherd News Annual Report

This year has been was a bit of a challenge for me. Although this was not my area of expertise, doing the Shepherd News was enjoyable.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and see you all again in the new year.



BRANCH NEWS

Erskine Park GSDL OBEDIENCE – TUESDAY NIGHTS 7.30PM

A great night to socialise puppies or if you have a dog who needs obedience training then this is the night for you.



Erskine Park GSDL SHOW TRAINING – THURSDAY NIGHTS 7.30PM

No report submitted.

Mid North Coast GSDL Annual Report

The Mid North Coast branch was formed in late 2016, with the approval of the League Executive. This allowed a group of long term members, to train and promote the breed and the League and their enthusiasm and success has been totally embraced by all.

The group meet together to train their dogs and meet socially and the results of their dedication have shown in the performance of the dogs. Over the year we have met a number of times and our training has encompassed various methods and is always mixed with a heavy dose of laughter and socialisation for humans and dogs alike.

To identify together, individual members purchased team north coast shirts, which after approval from the executive, were launched at the national and gave our group and the league a higher impact to enthusiasts from throughout Australia.

Our main event for the year was a dual member's competition which saw us have Jenny Yuen from Victoria and Glynis Appleby from the UK. This was a fantastic weekend, held at the showground, enabling great exposure to the general public. In addition to the wonderful competition, we had an informative talk given by Mel Groth on Head Structure, as well as a breed survey which saw three animals successfully presented.

This event was extended to exhibitors as a spectacular and there were lots of prizes on hand to give back to the exhibitors who attended from three different states and the ACT. In addition, we had a stud dog raffle which was very successful, and our sincere thanks goes to all those people and companies who donated to this event.

The friendship and support this branch has for each other goes a long way to extending the success of the group. We all enjoy training our dogs and supporting each other through all aspects of dog showing and breeding. We look forward to another successful year in 2017. We hope to plan another member's competition and will keep all advised when we secure a suitable date.

Leeanne Lynch

ANNUAL AWARDS

Closing date for all award applications 3RD NOVEMBER, 2017

Awards are for the current Point Score year only

1. EXCELLENT AWARD OF MERIT

(This award is for the Breeder of the dog NOT the owner)

Dog/Bitch Breeders Name_____

Dog's Reg. Name _____

Excellent awarded by Judge_____

Circle correct response

Breed/Obedience

Important note: A photograph (postcard size) of the animal must be included with any request for a breed or obedience award. These photos are required for the publicity album. Please attach the following information to the photograph Sire,Dam, Date of Birth, Titles, Breed Survey and Hip/Elbow status.

2. TITLE AWARD (please include previously awarded titles in Dog's name to appear on the award).

Owner's Name_____

Dog's Reg. Name_____

Title Awarded (e.g.CCD, CD,CDX etc)_____

3. Years of Membership Badge

Name_____

Address_____

No. of years membership.....Date joined League..... Membership Number.....
Membership badges are awarded for 10, 15, 20 and 25 years continuous membership.

Note: All applicants must be current 2016/17 members of the GSDL Inc. to be eligible for their awards and attend the presentation night to receive their award (country members exempt).

Please send applications to: **MR TONY D'ARCY**
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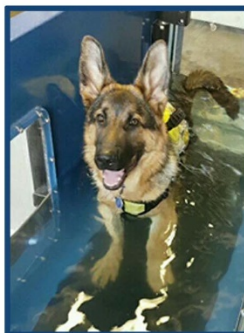
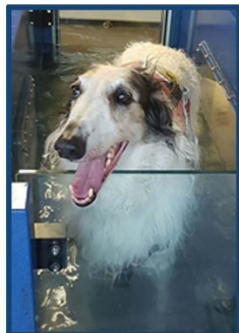
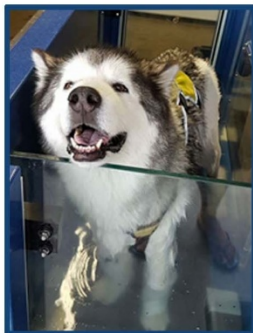
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The German Shepherd Dog League Inc of NSW

Membership Renewal 2017/2018

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Affiliated with Dogs NSW and The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia

Member Details:

1.....
Print Member Full Name	Signature	Tick if under 18 yrs
2.....
Print Member Full Name	Signature	Tick if under 18yrs
3.....
Print Member Full Name	Signature	Tick if under 18 yrs
4.....
Print Member Full Name	Signature	Tick if under 18 yrs

Occupation/s 1..... 2.....

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Of
Street Address

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Suburb	State	Postcode
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Home Phone	Mobile Phone	Email Address
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GSDL Member Number

ANKC Breeders Prefix (if any)..... Allocated GSDCA Tattoo Symbol (if any).....

As the GSDL Inc of NSW is incorporated, it is required that this application be signed by ALL MEMBERS to whom it relates.

Memberships Renewals Available:

Single Membership	\$56	Available to a person aged 18 years and upwards
Dual Membership	\$66	Available to two persons who cohabit
Family Membership	\$66	Available to families of three or more persons who cohabit
Pensioner Membership	\$42	Available to a person in receipt of a specified Concession Card (number must be supplied)
Dual Pensioner Membership	\$48	Available to two people who cohabit and are both in receipt of a specified Concession Card (number must be supplied)
Junior Membership	\$42	Available to persons over 12 and under 18 years
Shepherd News Only	\$30	Does not allow any voting rights
Overseas members/subscribers add \$40 to the relevant fee above for international postage. (AUD\$)		

Payment Details - All remittances to be made out to 'GSDL Inc of NSW'

I/We enclose Cheque/Money Order for \$..... (Please see below for current application fees)

Credit Card Payment Details - All remittances to be made out to 'GSDL Inc of NSW'

Type of Credit Card: Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐

Card Detail Number

Exp Date / Credit Card 3 digit security C V V number

Donation to German Shepherd Welfare Assistance Fund:

We/I wish to make a donation of \$.....to be used for German Shepherd Dog Welfare Assistance Fund. This donation will assist in the care and feeding of pedigree German Shepherd Dogs who are awaiting rehoming. Thankyou.

Pensioner Card Number.....

Please check the following before submitting this application:

1. Ensure that you have completed all details on this application, including signatures and dates
2. Have supplied a Residential Address if you have supplied a PO Box as your Postal Address
3. Have supplied at least one contact number and your email address (if applicable)
4. Renewal of membership is due on 30 September each year.

Please hand this application and your remittance to the Branch Secretary OR post to:

GSDL Membership Registrar: Marilyn Nicholas, PO Box 918, Mittagong NSW 2575

Email: skylinefreight@bigpond.com