



German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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Introduction

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.

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It is with great pleasure that I present the 2022 Annual Report of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (GSDCA).

The Annual Report includes the activities and involvement of the Council, including the audited financial statements of the Council covering the financial year 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022, and the work undertaken by the GSDCA Executive, Position Holders and Member Clubs during the year.

All persons in charge of areas within a GSDCA portfolio were approached to submit a report and I very much appreciate those who have taken the time to provide the history of activities throughout the year.

The historical importance of these reports will be of immeasurable value to those who follow us within the Breed.

On behalf of the Executive, we sincerely appreciate all those members of Member Clubs who have shown commitment and dedication with contributing towards the running of each Club and the many disciplines our dogs undertake i.e. show, trial, breeding, breed survey, public pet expos etc. in an effort to help showcase our beloved breed across the country.

I trust you will enjoy reading the information contained in this report and every effort was made to ensure all names are correct within this report and apologise for any errors that may have been overlooked.

I thank my fellow Executive, Member Club Presidents and position holders for their prompt and efficient response, thereby enabling this report to be completed in readiness for the 62nd GSDCA Annual General Meeting being held via Zoom on 4th and possibly 5th February 2023.

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Honorary Secretary

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Secretary
Treasurer
Obedience Committee
Editor Quarterly National Review

Mr Sean Lynch
Mr Ian Urie
Ms Melanie Groth
Mrs Lyn Phillis
Mr Peter Flynn
Mr John DeLucia
Mrs Yvonne Yun

POSITION HOLDERS

Breed Health & Wellbeing Committee Chair
HD/ED Registrar
NBC Registrar
Dog Database Coordinator
Title Verification Officer
National Show Liaison Officer
Trophy Officer
Webmaster
Youth Coordinator
Breed Research and Legislation Officer
Public Relations Officer
Public Officer
Historian

Dr Candy Baker
Mr Doug West
Ms Melanie Groth
Mr Frank Moody
Mrs Jenny DeLucia
Mrs Jenny Kenworthy
Mr Terry Jarvis
Ms Jacinta Poole
Mr Kurt Morton
Mr John Fenner
Mr Paul York
Brenton Lowes
N/A

MEMBER CLUB COMMITTEES FOR 2022

ACT GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Training Coordinator
Breed Affairs Administrator

Sasha Beljanski
Sean Hodson
Wolf Meffert
Mona Wood
Sean Hodson
Veronica Fairbairn

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Training Coordinator
Breed Affairs Administrator

Jessica Kada
Grant Morton
Cassie Booth
Mani Singhai
Cathy Shayler
Melanie Groth

NEWCASTLE & HUNTER REGION GSDC

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Breed Affairs Administrator
Obedience Coordinator

Paul York
Keira York
Kay York
Rose Vitullo
Gavin Bean
Dom Close



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF QUEENSLAND

President	Sharon Thorp
Vice President	Kylie Zimmerle
Secretary	Garry Williams
Treasurer	Fred Flower
Breed Affairs Administrator	Peter Hersant
Obedience Coordinator	Laura Shimdkte

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

President	John DeLucia
1 st Vice President Obedience	Jenny DeLucia
2 nd Vice President Breed Affairs	Christine Collins
Secretary	Stephen Collins
Treasurer	Peter Flynn
Breed Affairs Administrator	Andrew O'Loughlin
Obedience Coordinator	Jenny Delucia

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF TASMANIA

President	Janet Haase
Vice President	Tass Massis
Secretary	Gabrielle Peacock
Treasurer	Sandra Parker
Breed Affairs Administrator	Lorraine Massis
HD/ED Administrator/Show Secretary	Carol Mason
Public Officer	Russell Lowery

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA

President	Vince Ebejer
Vice President	Tony Mercieca
Secretary	Dearne Jackson
Treasurer	Fiona Henderson
Breed Affairs Administrator	Vince Tantaró
Training Administrator	Les Rudling

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

President	Ian Heard
Vice President	John Crace
Secretary	Kerrie Pearce
Treasurer	Brian Lubbock
Breed Affairs Chair	Natalie Humphries
Show Chair	Tracey Roberts
Obedience Chair	Ian Marr



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Sean Lynch



I would like to welcome you all to the 2023 AGM of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia. We have decided to continue with the Zoom format as it has proven very successful over the last few years. With the ever-increasing cost to running the clubs and organisations this has been a massive cost saver to the GSDCA and the member clubs, it is certainly the way of the future.

Early in 2022 it was very exciting to announce that the 48th National would go ahead in Sydney after the last 2 years of cancellations. The GSDL show committee did a wonderful job under extremely trying conditions, the change of grounds at the last minute made the already hard conditions even harder but with all the issues prior to the National in the end the GSDL and its committee produced a wonderful event and one the GSDL show committee should be very proud of.

The 48th National was the first time we had all Australian judging panel for all classes. In the confirmation classes Louis Donald was our Long Stock Coat males and females and Stock Coat male judge, Jenny Yuen judged our Stock Coat females, our Obedience Judges were Maria Wheeler judging the UDX and UD classes and Winner of Winners, Vyvyan Mannion judging the Rally Novice and Rally Masters, CCD and CD and finally Lynn Klecka judging the CDX, Rally Excellent and Rally Advance. I would like to thank all the judges for the professionalism they showed over the weekend, the entry was very good and the weather held out for us making it a specular event. Personally, I was lucky to be the host for Dawn Fraser over the National weekend and it was an absolute pleasure, she is a wonder ambassador for your breed and we are lucky to have her, thank you Dawn we look forward to seeing you in Melbourne.

On the Saturday of the 48th National four very special people were awarded the GSDCA Service Awards, I would like to recognise Pam Jarvis total of 54 years' service working on committees and different positions for the GSDL secondly Tony D'Arcy a member of the GSDL for over 30 years and currently the Vice President, next was Fran Farley who has dedicated 60 years to the love of the breed as a judge and Breed Surveyor, last but not least Yvonne Yun who has been working to combat the Emma Hurst Puppy farming bill along with her work as the editor of the National Review. These four people are all well-deserved recipients of the GSDCA National Service Awards for 2022.

Compared to 2020 and 2021 when most clubs struggled to have shows, breed surveys or even training days this year I am happy to report that all clubs had some kind of activities with very good attendance at most events. There is a sense of things getting back to normal and I look forward to the club activities in 2023.

I am very much looking forward to the 49th National Show & Trial to be held in Melbourne from 28th to 30th April 2023. A full schedule will be in your next National Review. This show will also be a return of international judges, first time since the 2019 so I am sure we are all a little excited about the prospect of exhibiting under both Heather and Malcom.

By this time, you would be aware of the work that has been done with the WUSV. We have tried to negotiate a solution to remain members of the WUSV during this very difficult time. Melanie Groth and Janet Haase have had a meeting with Herr Messler in Germany to explain the difficulties in implementing the Harmonisation Program and the State Laws that exist within Australia. Full details have now been issued to all clubs. At this time, I would like to thank both ladies on a job well done. I now look forward to the future of our breed and a timely reminder that we are still a world leader in the areas of health of our breed. We have achieved so much over the 60 plus years of the GSDCA and as long as we work together this will continue.

At this time, I would like to thank the Executive members on the wonderful job they have all done over the years and best of luck in the upcoming election. To Lyn Phillis who has decided to retire, I thank you for your assistance, loyalty and advice over the last 3 years. You certainly made my job easier and I will miss you, I couldn't have asked for a better secretary, enjoy your retirement. Also retiring today is Kurt Morton as Youth Officer, thank you Kurt you have done an amazing job which was highlighted at the 48th National.

Kind regards

Sean Lynch
GSDCA President



TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Peter Flynn

2021/2022 Financial Year



This is my third report as Treasurer. I would like to thank the member club office holders for your assistance and prompt payment of invoices. Also, thanks to my fellow executive holders for their support.

I can report that the GSDCA made an Operating Surplus for the year of \$26,015 compared to an Operating Surplus of \$23,247 last year. An improvement of \$2,768. This is a very pleasing result.

The main contributors were:

• Quarterly National Magazine	\$19,363
• HD/ED	\$ 3,611
• Breed Surveys	\$ 2,712
• National Show Levy	\$ 1,772
• Other	\$(1,443)

Even though COVID restrictions were lifted during the year the council continued to hold its main meeting via ZOOM, which results in significant savings. There were four editions of the QNR published during the current year versus three in the prior year. Profit from the QNR only increased by \$800 as the extra edition was the National Show and Trial version which has significant more pages and photos to publish which results in an increase in publication and postage costs.

As at September 30, 2022 the council's cash balances totalled \$114,227 which is a sound position, but still down when compared to \$148,754 back in September 30, 2013. However, it is a \$9,534 increase on September 30, 2021 balance of \$104,693

The main reasons for the improvement are:

• Operating Surplus	\$ 26,015
• Increase in Receivables	\$(14,557)
• Increase in Inventories	\$ (3,725)
• Increase in Payables	\$ 1,799

The increase in Receivables was mainly amounts owed by the clubs that was invoiced in September 2022, and paid for after the year end in October 2022. (Note: The Receivables balance at the end of November was \$2428). The increase in Inventories was due to the council ordering 1000 Standard Conformation Medals at a cost of \$8,425 (excluding GST) offset by sales of standard and National medals during the year.

If you have any questions please contact me before the meeting by phone (0468 814 438) or email (treasurer@gsdcouncilaustralia.org) so I can prepare the required information.

Peter Flynn
Treasurer
German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia



German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

Independent auditor's report to committee members

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2022 and the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 September 2022, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Association's constitution.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc. to meet the requirements of the Association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The Members of the Executive are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Association's constitution and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The members of the Executive are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of these financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.



William Buck (SA)
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G.W. Martinella
Partner

Dated this 9th December 2022



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC.

STATEMENT BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 6:

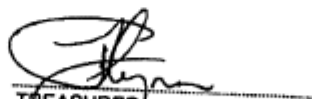
1. Presents fairly the financial position of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc as at 30 September 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

In accordance with the ACT Associations Incorporations Act, 1991, the Committee of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 September 2022:

- (a)
 - (i) no officer of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc;
 - (ii) no firm of which an officer is a member, and
 - (iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest;has or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.
- (b) no officer of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc has received directly or indirectly from German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value other than those who are employees and remunerated under normal commercial terms.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:


PRESIDENT


TREASURER

Dated: 9th day of December, 2022



SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mrs Lyn Phillis



Welcome to the 62nd Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council being held via Zoom.

2022 was a good and busy year.

The 48th National hosted by GSDL was finally able to be held in June 2022. Organising any National encounters hiccups and headaches along the way and there were no exceptions this time, with Mother Nature intervening and a change of venues having to be sought at very short notice and what a wonderful venue. The Clarendon showgrounds had more than enough room for everyone and a central location not far from Erskine Park.

I applaud the committee of the League and club members who banded together and pulled off a very successful National. From the outside it was seen as running very smoothly with minimal upset and bother. A job well done.

Mel Groth as GSDCA representative attended a pre organised meeting with Professor Messler in September together with Janet Haase as support and much progress was made with Professor Messler which is certainly wonderful news. A big thank you to both of you. Albeit still a work in progress, as set out in Mel's report (which can be read on the GSDCA website), I hope that the membership can work together to put a plan in place that appeases both the membership and the WUSV.

In the meantime, you must immediately become aware of the going ons with your local Government as some states are being and/or have already been targeted in relation to rules and regulations of breeding and keeping of pure bred dogs. Some of these rules have been put forward to Parliament without any investigation or consultation with the appropriate bodies. Past experience tells us that once one State enforces a new ruling, the other States will more than likely follow suit. We don't want the purebred dog to become something of the past and unfortunately if there is not immediate action taken, this will happen. Do not become complacent. The GSDCA have formed a working group presently working with the NSW Government and although its early days slow progress is being made. Be proactive, speak to people, ask what is going on. Burying your head in the sand thinking someone else will fix this or it will just go away, won't happen, not this time.

I have received many calls from the public this year, among other things, wanting action taken in relation to registration of their puppies. Naturally there is nothing the GSDCA can do, a few breeders have been a little bit slack in registering their litters, but that aside, it has become a realization from other calls I received, that the general public are now being duped into buying a GSD puppy from a "registered breeder" only to learn that that neither the breeder nor the puppy's parents are registered with any State Body. Although there is awareness in relation to health concerns i.e. hip and elbow xray etc, the public really need to be educated now in relation to what is a registered breeder. With the influx of "Oodles" and the people who breed these dogs advertising themselves as "breeders" it does become quite confusing for the general public. Perhaps member clubs could communicate with their state bodies to see what they are doing, if anything, to educate the public as to what is a registered breeder as opposed to a person who breeds cross bred dogs.

I would like to remind everyone about the use of Social Media. Posting your opinion when sharing information received from your club on matters that involve the breed, your club or National Council, is not just seen by a close community of 'friends'. It is seen throughout the 'Dog World' and can then have detrimental effects on what may still be a work in progress at that time. Likewise, posting derogatory comments about organisations, entities or people who sit in voluntary positions is not only inappropriate it can also have legal implications. Think twice, post once.



This is my third and final report. I unfortunately cannot keep up with the demands of full time work, home life, dog life, and Council life (although I have finally worked out what I am doing now) so I must call it a day. I wish to thank the members of Executive for all their help and support and although small in number, a variety of colourful personalities of which I have enjoyed working with. My eyes have been opened quite widely over the past years and not all is what it seems at times. I have certainly learned a lot.

Thank you to the member clubs and position holders for being so patient with me and lastly a big thank you to my husband Jamie, for putting up with me on the computer mornings, weekends and days off, cooking dinner while I'm in zoom meetings, passing me a couple of 'sherberts' to sip on while we get through it.

I am very thankful of the support given to me while in this position and wish the incoming secretary all the very best. The position is not an easy one to initially master and I am more than happy to assist where possible.

I look forward to catching up with everyone this year. Stay safe, be kind, love your dogs and in this bizarre world where you can be anything, keep an open mind and try to be humble.

Please find following the remainder of my report.

Congratulations are extended to the following who received Awards at the 48th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2022 held in New South Wales.

GSDCA SERVICE AWARDS:

Congratulations are extended to the following people that received the "GSDCA Service Award" at the 48th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2022 for their dedication to the German Shepherd Dog and continued support and commitment at Club/Canine Control Level

- Tony D'Arcy
- Pam Jarvis
- Yvonne Yun

GSDCA RETIRING BREED SURVEYORS/SPECIALIST JUDGES

At the 48th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2022 the GSDCA President and GSDCA National Breed Commission Chair, Mr. Ian Urie recognised the Services of the following Breed Surveyor/Specialist Judge that retired from Service in 2019 -2021 and sincere appreciation was extended to:

- Fran Farley

GSDCA SPECIALIST JUDGES BADGE:

The GSDCA has a long established aspirant/mentoring scheme that is designed to build the skills and confidence of newly licenced specialist judges who wish to contribute to the further development of the breed in Australia. The following three judges are well established, having adjudicated at a number of shows now to take the breed forward. All three are great breeders and have been among shepherds for most of their lives. It seems only fitting that they have taken the natural step of guarding the breed standard as we move further into the 21st Century.

At the 48th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2022 the GSDCA President Mr Sean Lynch and GSDCA Judge's Chair, Ms Melanie Groth presented GSDCA Specialist Judges Badges and certificate to:

- Jessica Kada
- Nicky McDermott
- Kurt Morton



GSDCA OUTSTANDING CANINE SERVICES AWARD:

Congratulations to Police Dog “Kronos” and handler Senior Constable Ben Cook who received the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award in June 2022 at the 48th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2022

GSDCA 2022 RETIRING DOGS:

Congratulations to Ch Durstein Glitz N Glamour AZ Graded Excellent Merit “Ella” who, after an illustrious show career retired at the 48th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2022.

GSDCA JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS FOR 2021

Congratulations to the following junior members who were presented with the GSDCA Junior Showmanship Award at the 48th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2022

MEMBER CLUB	<i>(7 years to under 10 years)</i> NAME	<i>(10 years to under 13 years)</i> NAME	<i>(13 years to under 18 years)</i> NAME
GSD League of NSW	Harrison Bland	Paris Turoczy	Isabell Lacey
GSDC of South Australia	N/A	Cienna Acciarresi	Baylie Mercer
GSDC of Queensland			Eliane Wetzlar

GSDCA OBEDIENCE AWARDS 2022:

GSDCA BEST COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG Kuiray Octavia Handler: Kathie Minton Average Score: 99	GSDCA PERFORMANCE DOG *Dual Ch (T) Glenbala Ambitious Dream AZ TSDX Handler: Kerrie Pearce Award: Excellent	EXCELLENT HANDLER Kathie Minton
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HONOUR ROLL

Medal Winners - Stock Coat - DOGS		
GOLD	CH OLYMP VOM LARCHENHAIN (IMP DEU)	Owner: KF Graham/B Adams
SILVER	CHILI DELLA VALCUVIA (IMP UK)	Owner: J Cathie/K Zimmerle/R Knuckey/ B Auwema
BRONZE	ALWIN VOM HAUS NESGEN (IMP DEU)	Owner: S Pittelli/P Flynn
Medal Winners - Stock Coat - BITCHES		
GOLD	CH CINDERHOF ITALIAA	Owner: J Cathie/K Zimmerle
SILVER	CH KYOARA HOLLY	Owner: B Owen
BRONZE	CH VLADIMIR REMEMBER TH NAME	Owner: G & K Morton

Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - DOGS		
GOLD	CH EROICA ICE ICE BABY (AI)	Owner: K Williams/C Leonard
SILVER	LETTLAND FLINT	Owner: B & D Houghton
BRONZE	LENNY VOM TEAM ARMADA (IMP GRC)	Owner: D & L Organ
Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - BITCHES		
GOLD	GABMALU FISKA	Owner: R & M Hornick
SILVER	KARABACH QUITE A SKYWALKER	Owner: M Rovetto
BRONZE	CH EROICA JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN (AI)	Owner: K Williams/C Leonard



Medal Winners – Obedience		
GOLD	UHLMSDORF RUSSIAN ROULETTE (AI) CD	Owner: Victor Grzeskiewicz
SILVER	ATOO BRAMA ETY WPD (IMP CZE)	Owner: M Stendara
BRONZE	NOT AWARDED	
Breeders Group Trophy		
GEWALT KENNELS		Owner: Stephen Davis

MEMORIAL PLAQUES		
Walter Reimann Memorial Trophy <i>Open Dog Winner</i>	CH OLYMP VOM LARCHENHAIN (IMP DEU)	Owner: KF Graham/B Adams
Max Stokes Memorial Trophy <i>Junior Bitch Winner</i>	CH. VLADIMIR SUPERCALIFRAGILISTIC	Owner: G & K Morton
Roy Brabham Memorial Trophy <i>Open Bitch Winner</i>	CH CINDERHOF ITALIAA AZ	Owner: J Cathie/K Zimmerle
David O'Rourke Memorial Trophy <i>Dual Performance Winner</i>	CH MAADRICA ANYA CCD RN TD ET	Owner: D & R Cameron
Rick Richardson Memorial Trophy <i>Winner of Winners</i>	UHLMSDORF RUSSIAN ROULETTE (AI) CD	Owner: Victor Grzeskiewicz
Sam Bonifacio Memorial Trophy <i>Most Successful Breeder</i>	CINDERHOF	Owner: J Cathie
GSDCA Long Stock Coat Breeders Trophy <i>Most successful Long Stock Coat Breeder</i>	EROICA	Owner: C Leonard
Hans-Juergen Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque <i>Open Dog Winner (LSC)</i>	CH EROICA ICE ICE BABY	Owner: K Williams/C Leonard
Thomas Roger Luxton Memorial Plaque <i>Open Bitch Winner (LSC)</i>	GABMALU FISKA	Owner: R & M Hornick
James William Henry Rodger Memorial Plaque <i>Intermediate Bitch Winner (SC)</i>	JAKNELL VIRTUES AND VICES	Owner: A & J Kada



MEMBER CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President ACTGSDA – Mr Sasha Belianski

After the last couple of years, we have returned to what looks like being the new normal.

We have been closed a few times this year for different activities as Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC), is an ACT Government owned and operated facility. This means that the grounds can be leased to other organisations and this has been a major issue over the years. Annual events conducted at EPIC such as the Spilt Milk, Summernats, The Canberra Royal Agricultural Show and the Folk Festival all severely impact on the standard of our grounds.

Our Obedience school, the mainstay of the organisation. It has been going strong in spite of frequent disruptions caused by rain events. A special thanks of appreciation to the instructors for their dedicated support and participation.

Due to the Sieger Show having been moved to the weekend before our regular show we needed to change the date of our regular show this year. The show was held on the weekend of 21st & 22nd May 2022. We did manage to contract two overseas judges Mrs Mandy McAteer (Scotland) and Mr Steven Cox (England).

The show was one of the largest shows we have been involved in over the last few years with 200+ entries for each day. An excellent effort from all involved.

We have introduced 'nose work' trials in conjunction with Dogs ACT. This has been very successful.

We conducted two Breed Surveys during the year they were both well attended.

We anticipate adding additional activities such as ZAP testing.

The Government is now looking at reducing the EPIC footprint in order to redevelop the land adjacent to and around the tram corridor.

We are concerned that our politicians are enjoying the concept of controlling the population through fear and draconic measures. We urge that all members of the GSDCA get involved in contacting and expressing our concerns to their local politicians.



ACTGSDA Financials have been provided to the GSDCA.

President GSD League – Ms Jessica Kada

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to provide this report for the GSDCA AGM.

The 2022 year has come to an end, and what a year we have had. I would like to thank our major sponsors this year, Royal Canin, Vebo Pet Supplies & Sires On Ice. Their continued support is greatly appreciated.

The new 2023 committee remain energised and ready to provide direction for the members to enjoy our breed, adapt to the current times and unite the club together as one.

The Executive would like to thank all our members and committee who have supported the GSDL over the past year.

Given the extreme weather we have been faced with this year in NSW, our team have managed to complete all shows including hosting the 2022 GSDCA National Show and Trial. Not without a lot of work, relocating events including shows and surveys to alternate grounds, we also needed to re-arrange our show schedule.



This year we have implemented online membership renewals and moved to online banking for managing GSDL funds.

We have successfully conducted 4 breed surveys and a ZAP introduction. We have plans to compete out first ZAP assessment shortly combined with our next survey in February.

With less than 6 months preparation as a new committee, it was our turn to host the 48th GSDCA National Show and Trial, held on 3rd, 4th & 5th June 2022 at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon NSW. Our officiating confirmation judges Mrs Jenny Yuen (VIC) judging Stock Coat bitches and Mr Louis Donald (QLD) judging all Stock Coat Dogs and Long Stock Coat Dogs & Bitches. Obedience judges contracted are Mrs Vyvyan Mannion (QLD), Mrs Lynne Klecka (VIC) and Mrs Maria Wheeler (NSW).

Unfortunately, due to environmental factors that were out of our control our preparations were greatly impacted. Early in 2022, it became apparent that the weather may impact the ability to host our show at the regular GSDL of NSW grounds due to extensive and ongoing flooding across the state.

The committee had the ability to think laterally and identify multiple options to ensure the show and trial could proceed. With a lot of pivoting, the Hawkesbury Showgrounds played stage to the 2022 National Show and Trial. This meant all show and trial equipment had to be packed up, transported across to and back from our regular grounds. The new location was in superb condition, and we were lucky to have perfect weather for showing and trialling across the weekend. The new location was very well received by all who attended.

The GSDL were very pleased to have entries for Conformation (Show) of 343, including 4 Breeders Groups (including interstate breeders), 38 for Obedience & 30 Rally, with 7 animals vying for top honours in Dual Performance.

I would like to thank those dedicated few members who put their lives on hold for a few months to aid in preparation for this huge event. Of note, our show manager at the time Greg Jones, National Coordinator Melanie Groth, Show Secretary Kurt Morton, along with a handful of other members who provided support and assistance prior to and during the event.

Further information is provided in our National Show report.

2022 has seen the introduction of the use of technology at our meetings which has been very well received by the membership. General Meetings and committee meetings are now offered virtually. This has been of great assistance to our members and allows everyone the opportunity to be involved and provide their input.

We have held 6 shows this year, which have been well received. Our judges for this year –

Mrs Carol O'Rourke, our national judges Mrs Jenny Yuen and Mr Louis Donald, state breed Mrs Natalie Humphries, October championship judges Mrs Susan Belfield and Mr Tony Gibson and finally, Mrs Jean Butterfield. We thank you for your time, professionalism and skillset.

Our committee has been busy this year fundraising, having brought out our first GSDL Calendar for 2023 which is now available to be purchased. We have also introduced our canteen once again which is now in full operation and making a profit for the club over the first two shows. The menu has been very well received by members. We would like to thank Yvonne Yun for her contribution to this, together with our Social Coordinator Artie Tatian

The committee has also been able to secure Royal Canin sponsorship for the League for the upcoming 2023 year, and we look forward to being able to offer this fabulous product to our members during 2023.

The GSDL have been busy promoting our club via social media this year, including increasing the activity on our Facebook page, together with creating an Instagram account to keep our members up to date and informed.

Our merchandising has gone from strength to strength this year also, with our merchandise officer going above and beyond to ensure our members have access to quality products. Our online shop has also been re-vamped and has been very well received.



Unfortunately, the last 2 years of COVID and its flow on effect have impacted the club financially. This combined with the hosting of the 48th National Show & Trial have impacted our financials' heavily over the last two years.

The 2023 committee are ensuring the continued success of the League and will focus on ensuring members needs are met during 2023 whilst balanced with expenditure.

We look forward to the next year and our members can be confident that the committee will be able to take on any of the challenges it brings.



GSDL Financials have been provided to GSDCA.

President N&HR GSDC – Mr Paul York

This year after a couple of years of Covid the Club activities have started to come together again.

Even though we have had a lot of rain and some Tuesday Obedience Training has been disjointed we have added for our members a Sunday afternoon Training session which has become popular. This in turn has increased our membership with others rejoining that had fallen away during Covid.

Our Championship Shows in July went very well with our judges Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon and Jenny De Lucia both officiating. Exhibitors and judges had a most enjoyable day. Looking forward to July shows in 2023 when we will reintroduce our Evening Exhibitors get together and this time will include live music.

Again, this year we have continued the improvements of Ring 8. We have now secured a government funded Grant to erect a new Office area near the Clubhouse. This should be operational by Easter and we look forward to using it for our July Championship Shows.

The Canteen we operate continues to go from strength to strength. This year we undertook the task of not only running the canteen for our shows but also for the Northern Districts Rottweiler Club and the NSW Rottweiler Club. These proved highly profitable.

This year it has been a pleasure to work with this bunch of people. It is a fact that not everyone always agrees and that is ok. What is important is that we work together with honesty and respect. This has been the case this year.

More needs to be done and we will continue to make small improvements on a continued basis.

On the whole I think that it has been a great year for the Newcastle and Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club. I believe that we can only get better and Stronger.

Looking forward to year in 2023.



NHRGSDC Financials have been provided to the GSDCA.

President GSDC of Queensland – Ms Sharon Thorp

It is my pleasure to again present a Delegates report from the GSDCQ for this GSDCA AGM.

I am really pleased to announce our membership increased this year from 211 members last year, to 251 this year.

All committee meetings continued to be held via ZOOM, which enabled us to have 12 committee meetings.



4 General meetings and 1 Special General meeting were also held as well as our AGM.

Zoom attendees at meetings averages around 6-10 members. The opportunity to participate at a GSDCQ meeting allows our country members to participate in club meetings if they so chose.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all the GSDCQ management committee who have worked so hard again this year for the members benefit.

Financially the club is in a good position with a small operating profit of \$2,437.00

Income for Shows, Members Competitions and Obedience and tricks trials was \$16,505, with an expenditure of \$16,912, a loss of \$407, considering the beautiful trophy tables, this is a great result.

Income raised from, donations, sponsorship, catalogue advertising, raffles and merchandise sales of \$5,161.

It was again the aim of the committee this year to give as many events as possible back to the members as we could, and the club has had the following events this year:

- 8 show events
- 2 Championship Shows
- 1 State Breed
- 4 Members Competitions
- 1 Open Show
- Obedience had 8 Events
- 2 Restricted Obedience Trials.
- Unrestricted Double rally Trial in May - 46 entries.
- Unrestricted Double Tricks Trial July – 65 entries.
- Unrestricted Double Tricks Trial August - 73 entries.

I would like to acknowledge and thank

Our judges for shows this year, Mr Kurt Moreton, Fay Stokes, Vince Tantaro, Alistair Henderson, Melanie Groth, Glen Wilshire, (Open show Judge), Jo Cathie, and Greg Green.

Our trial judges Daphne Sellwood, Laurie Knauth, Mechelle Anderson, Maree Rablin, Cheryl Williams, Sue Eller, Kim Dawson, Val Bonney and Warren Doyle.

We would also like to thank Gail Donald for all her effort and terrific photos that she takes of all the events.

A big Thank you to Alison Drinkwater and Bronwyn Hurley for live feeding the classes of shows where possible. I know these were very well received by the GSD fraternity.

Breed Surveys

5 Breed Surveys were conducted in Queensland this year, 4 in Brisbane, and one in Zone 2 at Bullyard.

A total of 34 Animals were presented to survey for the year, with 33 classified and 1 fail. This year is the most animals presented in a year in QLD since 2014.

A big thank you to our State Surveyors Mrs. Carol O'Rourke, Mr. Louis Donald and Mrs. Sharon Ballantyne Gordon, who adjudicated at the surveys this year. Also to Melanie Groth, and Jo Cathie for also assisting at our surveys. We appreciate you giving up your time to Breed Survey our Dogs.



HD ED

Queensland continues to participate highly in the HDED schemes with 84 contracts issued, of which 83 HDED and 1 ED.

Show Training

Show training was held most Wednesday nights over the year, the exceptions being post show, weather limitations, and on a couple of nights Dogs QLD restrictions. Sunday training was held every 2nd Sunday weather and trainers permitting till the start of December.

Club News/ Newsletter/Web site and Facebook Page

The members continue to be kept informed with all relevant information emailed directly to them when it comes in.

We have had 2 newsletters so far this year with another coming out over the Christmas Period.

The club website has had 1,278,208 hits this year, with 25,866 unique visitors.

The Club Facebook page provides the members with up to date information and allows us to inform members of any changes in a quick and timely manner. The live feeds are posted on this page, and have a great viewing rate. We had a little problem with a scammer this year who tried to get members to pay for live feeds, but thankfully this was nipped in the bud.

Breed rescue

This year has unfortunately shown an increase in the number of people wishing to rehome their German Shepherds, sometimes seemingly without any real reason, even dogs they have had from puppyhood. 'Available' dogs this year number 99 with only 43 'wanting' so there has been a marked discrepancy in finding new homes for all the dogs.

Puppy Listings

The number of listings for this reporting year (Sept 2021- Oct 2022) was a total of 20, compared with the same time last year with 25 so there is reasonable drop in numbers. In particular, there were no listings in Oct 2021, Jan, April - June 2022.

The Annual report has been emailed to all members, and to the GSDCA, and the club has provided the documentation needed to Dogs QLD, and the Office of FairTrading.

In 2023 we have some great events and news for members, and full details will be available on the club web site.

- Obedience training will commence in February 2023.
- We have purchased new vests
- Our Double Header Championship show has 2 overseas Judges.

Just to name a few.

To close, thank you to all that have supported the events this year, and we look forward to seeing you all next year.



President GSDC of South Australia – Mr John DeLucia

I start this report by extending a huge, 'thank you', to our major sponsor, Royal Canin for their generous and ongoing support of our club. We have again this year exceeded our expectations on dog food sales which were over \$100,000.

Another great area of fundraising for our club was manning the canteen and BBQ at Dogs SA which was made possible by the few members that gave of their time to assist.

Thanks to our Special Grants Portfolio holder, Carl, we have been fortunate to have obtained another Government Grant which will be used to upgrade club facilities to benefit our members.

Our club membership has increased by about 5% which is very pleasing.

Our shows and trials have been well attended throughout the year and I thank the volunteers who assisted with the organising and running of these events.

A full annual report can be found on the club's website, www.gsdc.sa.org.au

President GSDC of Tasmania – Mrs Janet Haase

In August the German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania held the AGM and elected our new office bearers and committee.

Our new committee:

President	Janet Haase
Vice President	Tass Massis
Secretary	Gabrielle Peacock
Treasurer & Membership Officer	Sandra Parker
Public Officer	Russell Lowery
Breed Affairs	Lorraine Massis
Show Secretary	Zac Munnings
HD/ED	Carol Mason
Committee	Brooke Summers
	Tenaya Beaton
	Maureen Lowery
	Jurgen Haase

We would like to pass on our sincere thanks to those leaving the committee, Ken Millhouse, Carol Millhouse and Kristy Hall. We are grateful to these members for dedicating significant time and energy to guide and support our club in the pursuit of its goals and endeavours.

Many of our members are actively involved in the show scene, competing successfully here in Tasmania and on the mainland. In addition, eight of our members travelled to the German Sieger Show in 2022. Given the cost and complexity of travel from Tasmania we're pretty proud of our crew.

Communication

The club has been very active on Facebook and found this to be an effective way to communicate to our members and promote our activities. Thank you to our Facebook administrators, Brooke Summers and Maureen Lowery.



Finance

The club finances are stable with the average balance in excess of \$10 000 and all outstanding accounts are up to date.

Breed Survey

There have been 13 animals successfully surveyed during 2022.

Events

The club holds regular show training and socialisation sessions on Saturday mornings at the Esplanade in New Norfolk. Special thanks to our training team, Carol Mason and Maureen Lowery, who come along every Saturday to help members train and socialise their dogs.

In February we celebrated the club's 50th anniversary weekend of shows, judged by Nicky McDermott and Jo Cathie. We toasted this milestone with cake and bubbles and watched beautiful German shepherds strut their stuff around the ring.

Our shows and the State Breed Exhibition were well supported by our members and interstate exhibitors. Congratulations to all winners and place getters. Many thanks to our Show Secretaries Carol Millhouse, Zac Munnings and Janet Haase for their work in organising and running these events. And many thanks must go to the band of workers who support the smooth running of these events. Your support is highly valued.

Our final event of the year will see the club run a members' fun day with events for young members, a BBQ lunch and the opportunity to practise our showing skills in a relaxed and fun way with our guest, Dr Karen Hedberg.

We are looking forward to our February Shows, Breed Survey and Puppy Character Test with judges Jane Pike and Melanie Groth.



GSDCT Financials have been provided to the GSDCA.

President GSDC of Victoria – Mr Vince Ebejer

As President of the GSDCV I am pleased to present this report to the GSDCA AGM.

Firstly, I would like to thank our major sponsor, Royal Canin for their continued support over the years, and I am pleased to announce that this will continue into 2023 and the upcoming GSDCA National Show and Trial. Our thanks also to our long-time friend and sponsor Monash Veterinary Clinic.

As we all remember, the past few years have been hard, with the onset of 2022, a new year, it seemed we were off to a full year of training and events. Little did we know that the weather would cause such disruption with ground closers due to flooding or training being cancelled due to extreme weather events. Thankfully, due to our structure and multiple locations across Victoria, members were able to train at another Branch if they chose to. Despite the hardship the weather brought, we were able to conduct our three (3) regular SGM's for our members to have their say on National matters, our major Champ Shows and Trials in March and November, our State Breed Exhibition and RTB trial in April, as well as our GSD Exhibition in August and our open show in December. We also managed to hold 6 Breed Surveys, a Structural Assessment and two (2) Zap assessments as well as our regular monthly management, Obedience committee and Branch committee meetings and our bi-monthly breed affairs meetings. These were in addition to our core purpose, training our members to train their GSD's. Large Branches trained over 90 dogs on any given Sunday on a regular basis (sometimes over 100), while others trained 40-60 dogs each week. Even our country branches trained 20+ dogs each week.



After the growth of recent years, membership numbers have remained steady for the 2022 year. Numbers at the end of 2021 were 3497 members over 1768 units, with 2022 seeing 3443 members - over 1776 units. Whichever way you look at it, the numbers of the GSDCV are significant, this can only be attributed to our structure, inclusiveness, and catering to all our members as well as the belief our committee, instructors and breeders have in our Club.

With the uncertainty of our position with the WUSV and other significant obstacles overcome, planning for the GSDCA National Show and RTB Trial in late April 2023 is well underway. Judges have been contracted, grounds booked and the multitude of other items that go into organising our premiere event taken care of.

As always, the GSDCV could not function without the multitudes of volunteers that make the GSDCV what it is, from the various committees, the class instructors, to the general helper on the ground, it takes an enormous amount of effort each week and every time we conduct an event, their efforts cannot go unrecognised.

As in previous years, the GSDCV financial statements will be detailed in the GSDCV 2022 Annual report which will be mailed to the GSDCA Secretary as well as each of our affiliate Clubs.

President GSDA of Western Australia – Mr Ian Heard

I am pleased to present the Annual Report on behalf of the GSDAWA for 2022.

This year we have been able to run our full specialty show calendar. Our entries remain around a maximum of 75 entries for most shows. We will see an increase of entry fees in 2023 to ensure our shows remain profitable. We will be running a full calendar of shows in 2023 with a mix of East coast and overseas judges. Big thanks to Tracy Roberts, and the show committee for their efforts in organizing the shows this year.

The Trial's Committee ran 4 Open Obedience & Rally trials, and one restricted club trial this year with entries around 75 in the open trials. Also, one ET Trial was run which didn't attract much interest. We have approval in 2023 to add Tricks to our trials this will hopefully see an increase to the entries. It was pleasing to see this year the number of new members lining up for stewarding and other jobs, as we know Obedience trials require several volunteers to ensure the smooth running of the trial. Big thanks to Di Webb and the Trial's Committee for the running of the Trials this year.

Encouraging news from our Obedience chair Ian Marr, class sizes, and member numbers are on the increase. Numbers are running around 70 members at training sessions, with the numbers fluctuating a little each week. Many thanks to our hardworking trainers who offer classes up to 50 weeks of the year. We also have a young member who is showing interest in becoming a trainer. All encouraging news.

From Breed Affairs, 5 breed Surveys this year with one being cancelled due to no entries. 44 Hip & Elbow contracts issued this year. Our 2023 Calendar sees us drop to 5 Breed Surveys. We had one presentation this year this was about Bloat. This was presented by Dr Teo from WAVES (West Australian Veterinary and Emergency Specialists). This was well received by 60 plus members. Thank you, Natalie Humphries, for organizing, and a special thank you to Dr Teo for giving of her time to inform our members on this horrible condition that lots of us have had experience with. There are more talks planned for the coming year aimed at keeping our newer members informed.

Our membership numbers remained similar to last year as at the end of the financial year, since then we have seen an increase to just over 400 as at December. Many thanks to all our committees and trainers for their efforts in 2022.

Two events this year to be noted. Huge thanks to Kym Glenny and her team of organizers. The Dogswest Open Day was a great day for all involved. 40 plus members came along to make this day a success for the club. The beginner's class performed a demonstration, and some senior dogs performed an Obedience demonstration. I believe our breed had the biggest representation of any breed on the day with very well-behaved dogs.



Our Fun Day was also a big success this year with 50 plus families participating including many new members and puppies. The fund-raising raffle was a big success thank you to the businesses and individuals for the donation of prizes. The raffle brought in almost a thousand dollars for club funds. Again, thank you Kym Glenny, and the team of organizers for organizing and coordinating this event. Again, thank you to all those involved in the running of our club this year.

Let's hope we can move into 2023 with new members staying on, and volunteers coming forward to ensure the longevity of our club.

Let's all enjoy our dogs in 2023, after all it is about the DOGS.



GSDAWA Financials have been provided to the GSDCA.





As I have completed my first two-year term as NBC Chair, I wish to thank the Registrars and Officers who contribute to the NBC and make my job easier – HD/ED Registrar Doug West, NBC Registrar Melanie Groth, Breed Health and Welfare Committee Chair Dr Candice Baker, Title Verification Officer Jenny Delucia, and National Database Coordinator Frank Moody. Thank you all for the work you do on behalf of the Council in your portfolios, and your reports follow here after mine. Thank you also to our Webmaster Jacinta Poole, and Minute Secretary Barbara Blythe for their ongoing assistance. I also wish to thank the Clubs who have nominated me to stand for a further term in this position.

The 2022 NBC Meeting was again held as a Zoom meeting, and it went smoothly on the single day. I was disappointed that there were no motions put forward for discussion by any Member Club at that meeting, however there are several motions regarding breed schemes being presented to this AGM. I remind you that the proper forum for proposing changes to the Council's schemes such as Breed Survey or HD/ED is initially to raise them at the NBC Meeting, and then if agreement is reached after discussion between the delegates present, they are forwarded as motions to the next AGM. I wish to thank Louis Donald and Jo Cathie for their interactive presentations to the 2022 NBC and Judges meetings. Melanie and I are hoping that the 2023 meetings will be able to be conducted face to face, enabling us to conduct the judges' workshops and seminars which normally form a part of the NBC weekend. I was pleased to present two new Breed Surveyors, Jenny Delucia and Joanne Cathie who completed their training and were appointed at the NBC meeting. Both have conducted surveys in their home States since their appointment.

Resulting from the 2022 meeting was the formation of a Working Group to investigate the HD and ED schemes, with regard to possibly implementing digital submission of x-rays, and the appointment of new readers to the panel. We will be providing a verbal update at the AGM from this group. I also had the opportunity to speak with the President and Secretary of the GSD Advisory Council in New Zealand, about submission of x-rays to our scheme, and at their request some motions have been placed on the AGM agenda to enable acceptance of NZ x-rays with microchip ID (previously only accepted with tattoos).

I was pleased to be able to assess, along with the Judges Chair, the Sires Progeny groups at the National held in NSW this year, and I was also asked to judge the Breeders Groups. It was great to have a National after two years without, due to Covid restrictions, and I congratulate the all-Australian judging panel that was appointed, with Louis Donald and Jenny Yuen officiating.

The imported dogs whose titles have been verified by Jenny Delucia are included in her report and listed on the Council website. It should be noted that imported semen to be officially recognised in our schemes needs to be verified by a similar process, and any imported dogs or semen advertised for stud in the Review must be verified.

Tooth certificates were issued to the following dogs since my last report:

- Cert. 10136 *Bluemax De Khan issued 29/6/22
- Cert. 10137 *Derharv Finatlas issued 29/6/22

Anybody who has a dog below Breed Survey age that has lost a tooth through misadventure or surgery is advised to have an x-ray taken of the dog's jaw as soon as possible, to be used as evidence that a tooth existed when applying for a Tooth Certificate, which allows the dog to be exhibited and/or surveyed without penalty. (Dogs which are Breed Survey Classified and subsequently lose a tooth are not required to show an x-ray when applying).

The ZAP Character Assessment was approved at the last AGM to continue on a voluntary basis, and the results from



assessments conducted will be available on the GSDCA database for the information of breeders. Following from the successful meeting of our delegates with the WUSV board in Germany, and some concessions made to us by that organisation, we will need to think about expanding the character and working tests that we do with our dogs to comply with some of the Harmonisation requirements going forward.

As I have mentioned before, we all need to think about succession planning. Many Breed Surveyors and Council Officers are approaching seventy years or older, and we desperately need younger folk to think about moving up to take on positions into the future. I am pleased to have several new Surveyors and Specialist Judges join our ranks this year. I strongly recommend position holders to consider training a younger assistant to learn about their portfolio, with a view to eventually handing it on well before we become incapable of performing the task.



National Hip Dysplasia & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme Registrar – Mr Doug West

I'm pleased to present my report to the GSDCA AGM, this report primarily covers the 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022 however the whole data base has been reported on to paint the whole picture.

As at 1st Dec there was 12,476 Hip & Elbow records in Councils Data Base, 3,584 Males (29%) and 8,892 (71%) Females. The 'A' stamp has been awarded to 10,236 animals submitted resulting in a **pass rate 86.6% on Hips** slightly up on last year's (86.49%). There was 11,425 successful in gaining the 'Z' giving a **pass rate of (96.65%) for elbows** slightly down on last year's (96.67%), 8,927 were "Normal" (75.05%), UAP 136 (1.15%).

For the period 1st Oct 2021 to 30th Sep 2022, 362 animals were presented to the scheme as depicted in Table 1A below. The **pass rate on Hips for that period is: 89.58%** with 347 gaining the 'A', and the **pass rate for Elbows is 96.09%** with 347 receiving the 'Z', 6 animals with UAP.

As detailed by the figures below, NSW has once again submitted the most over the 12 Month period with a total of 90 (24.865%). Total UAP = 6 = 1.66 for the period.

Table 1A below covers the 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022

1A Animals submitted 1 Oct to 30 Sep 2022								
Club	Submitted		'A' %		'Z' %		UAP %	
ACT:	9	2.49%	9	100.00%	9	112.50%	0	0.00%
N/C:	7	1.93%	7	1.93%	7	1.93%	0	0.00%
NSW:	90	24.86%	86	23.76%	86	23.76%	1	0.28%
NZ:	1	0.28%	1	0.28%	1	0.28%	0	0.00%
QLD:	71	19.61%	65	17.96%	69	19.06%	0	0.00%
SA:	57	15.75%	54	14.92%	54	14.92%	1	0.28%
TAS:	6	1.66%	6	5.00%	5	1.38%	1	0.28%
VIC:	73	20.17%	70	19.34%	71	19.61%	1	0.28%
WA:	48	13.26%	48	13.26%	45	12.43%	2	0.55%
Year 2022:	362	100.00%	346	89.58%	347	96.09%	6	1.66%

All percentages in table 1A above is based on 362 animals.

Table below reflects the Clubs contributions for the whole data base:

Table: 2 Full Data Base - Period to 1/12/2022:								
Club	Submitted		'A' %		'Z' %		UAP %	
ACT:	232	1.86%	200	1.60%	225	1.80%	1	0.01%
BH:	35	0.28%	28	0.22%	34	0.27%	0	0.00%
N/C:	491	3.94%	444	3.56%	483	3.87%	1	0.01%
NSW:	3,019	24.20%	2,680	21.48%	2,953	23.67%	19	0.15%
NT:	88	0.71%	63	0.51%	83	0.67%	1	0.01%
NZ:	691	5.54%	547	4.38%	641	5.14%	15	0.12%
QLD:	1,997	16.01%	1,684	13.50%	1,922	15.41%	30	0.24%
SA:	1,504	12.06%	1,335	10.70%	1,450	11.62%	24	0.19%
TAS:	427	3.42%	372	2.98%	406	3.25%	7	0.06%
VIC:	2,412	19.33%	2,116	16.96%	2,324	18.63%	37	0.30%
WA:	1,579	12.66%	1,392	11.16%	1,530	12.26%	14	0.11%
Year 2022:	12,475	100.00%	10,861	89.58%	12,051	96.09%	149	1.19%



All percentages in table 1 above is based on 12,475 animals.

The Chart 2 above is a snap shot of the whole data base depicting all the States. There has been a total of 12,475 animals submit results to the GSDCA H&E Scheme during the Period to 1/12/2022. Knowledge is power, and I believe that knowledge has empowered the Breeders of German Shepherds to select not only the blood lines to use but also to be able to select animals that have a low score in both Hips & Elbows. This is obviously reflected in the pass rates displayed in the charts in my report.

As can be seen there has been 12,475 animals resulting in 10,861 gaining the 'A' stamp with a pass rate of 89.58%, and 12,051 animals gaining the 'Z' giving a 96.09% pass rate for elbows.

Table 3: Animals submitted 1 Oct to 30 Sep 2022								
Club	Submitted		'A' %		'Z' %		UAP %	
ACT:	9	2.49%	9	100.00%	9	100.00%	0	0.00%
N/C:	7	1.93%	7	1.93%	7	1.93%	0	0.00%
NSW:	90	24.86%	86	23.76%	86	23.76%	1	0.28%
NZ:	1	0.28%	1	0.28%	1	0.28%	0	0.00%
QLD:	71	19.61%	65	17.96%	71	19.61%	0	0.00%
SA:	57	15.75%	54	14.92%	54	14.92%	1	0.28%
TAS:	6	1.66%	6	5.00%	5	1.38%	1	0.28%
VIC:	73	20.17%	70	19.34%	71	19.61%	1	0.28%
WA:	48	13.26%	48	13.26%	45	12.43%	2	0.55%
Year 2022:	362	100.00%	346	89.58%	349	96.09%	6	1.66%

All percentages in table 1A above is based on 362 animals.

Table 3 above covers the period 1st Oct to 30 Sep 2022, which is the 12 Month period I'm required to report on. 362 animals have gone through the scheme in that 12 Months period, resulting in a **pass rate of 89.58%** with 346 gaining the 'A' stamp, and 349 gaining the 'Z' stamp a **pass rate of 96.096%**.

NSW leads the states with 90 animals participating giving 24.86% of the 362.

Below Is a chart showing the numbers the various States put through our Readers over the 12 Month period of 1 Oct to 30 Sep 2022. Dr Lavelle read a total of 324= 89.01% and Dr Richardson read 38= 10.50%..

Readers 1 Oct to 30 Sept 2022

State	Dr. R. Lavelle %		Dr. J. Richardson %	
ACT:	9	2.47%	0	0.00%
N/C:	7	1.92%	0	0.00%
NSW:	83	22.80%	7	1.93%
NZ:	1	0.27%	0	0.00%
QLD:	58	15.93%	13	3.59%
SA:	55	15.11%	2	0.55%
TAS:	6	1.65%	0	0.00%
VIC:	71	19.51%	2	0.55%
WA:	34	9.34%	14	3.87%
Year 2022:	324	89.01%	38	10.50%

All percentages in table 1 above is based on 362 animals.



Kennels 2022

Kennels that have produced 10 or more progeny over last 7 years.	No. Prog	No. Sires	No. Dams	SC	LSC	Male	FEMALE	Dr Lavelle	Dr. J. Richardson	'A'	'Z'	UAP
AIMSWAY	24	8	13	22	2	5	19	8	16	23	24	
ALBATA	11	5	5	11	0	2	8	10	1	11	11	
ALDERHAUS	13	6	6	12	1	4	9	13	0	12	13	
ALIMANDA	15	7	11	9	6	4	11	5	10	15	15	
ANDACHT	14	3	10	12	2	4	10	14	0	11	12	
ASTASIA	12	3	10	10	2	1	11	10	2	11	12	
AWATEA	14	7	7	14	0	3	11	13	1	13	13	
BABANGA	14	10	6	14	0	2	12	14	0	13	14	
BHUACHAILLE	11	9	7	6	5	1	10	6	5	8	10	
BLUEMAX	11	5	4	11	0	3	8	9	2	8	9	
BRONACRE	11	6	6	9	2	2	9	11	0	11	11	
BRONBOREO	25	10	15	21	4	3	22	23	2	20	24	
CASTASTAR	14	7	4	14	0	5	9	8	6	14	14	
CINDERHOF	10	4	5	8	2	2	8	10	0	9	9	1
CONKASHA	11	5	4	9	2	5	6	4	7	9	10	
DEBBAR	14	5	5	11	3	4	10	13	1	14	13	
EROICA	18	7	11	0	18	11	7	17	1	18	17	
FREEVALE	22	9	16	20	2	2	20	11	11	21	22	
FREINHAUF	14	8	6	14	0	4	10	14	0	14	14	
GARSOVA	10	6	4	10	0	5	5	10	0	9	10	
GEWALT	20	11	12	17	3	4	16	19	1	20	20	
GILARISHA	18	9	7	13	5	5	14	17	1	12	16	
GLENBALA	14	5	7	13	1	1	13	13	1	14	14	
GRANDWEST	14	10	11	13	1	1	13	2	12	12	14	
GRUNDELHARDT	14	8	7	10	4	5	9	14	0	14	12	2
HAUSILLEVON	20	9	7	20	0	7	13	19	1	20	20	
HAVELOC	14	7	7	14	0	5	9	11	3	12	12	
HILLMAGIC	12	9	8	7	5	4	8	12	0	11	12	
ICCARA	25	8	15	17	8	4	21	17	8	18	25	
IZONME	13	7	5	13	0	5	8	13	0	12	13	
JAYSHELL	13	6	5	12	1	7	6	13	0	13	13	
JENTOL	19	10	8	12	7	6	13	16	3	17	19	
KANTENNA	13	7	9	11	2	5	8	10	3	13	12	1
KARHAM	12	7	9	10	2	2	10	7	5	12	12	
KARRAINE	14	7	7	14	0	4	10	14	0	13	14	



KASSAAR	14	8	9	14	0	3	11	7	7	13	13	
KAYGARR	10	2	1	9	1	2	8	7	3	8	10	
KHAYEM	11	5	4	10	1	3	8	2	9	11	9	
KINGLAND	15	8	10	10	5	2	13	15	0	13	15	
KINGVALE	16	10	10	11	5	1	15	9	7	16	16	
KOORONYA	13	6	5	13	0	1	12	11	2	7	12	
KUIRAU	19	6	5	17	2	5	14	18	1	19	19	
KYNDOM	10	7	4	8	2	2	8	10	0	9	10	
LASHADAS	11	10	8	11	0	5	6	1	10	10	11	
LEISHJACLYN	11	5	5	11	0	1	10	6	5	10	11	
LEPPSDORF	10	4	7	10	0	3	7	10	0	10	10	
OAKWAY (NZ)	20	10	9	17	3	6	14	19	1	16	20	
RHOSYN	18	6	13	16	2	3	15	18	0	17	18	
SCHAEFERHUND	14	5	4	13	1	2	12	13	1	14	14	
SEIGEN	15	10	12	14	1	2	13	12	3	13	13	
STOBAR	10	4	3	5	5	2	8	10	0	10	10	
SUNDANEKA	34	12	15	21	13	12	22	19	15	33	32	1
TONAKER	13	7	8	13	0	2	11	13	0	12	13	
TYRILEBEE	10	7	3	8	2	2	8	8	2	10	10	
UHLMSDORF	10	6	5	8	2	4	6	2	8	9	9	
VANHARLEY	15	6	10	13	2	0	15	11	4	15	15	
VLADIMIR	10	4	5	6	4	0	10	9	1	6	9	
VOLSCARO	16	6	6	14	2	4	12	16	0	15	16	
VONDARCOR	16	8	8	15	1	5	11	12	4	14	15	
VONPETA	25	11	10	20	5	3	22	24	1	23	25	
VONRAUTEN	19	9	11	17	2	4	15	19	0	17	19	
WESTFIELD (NZ)	10	6	4	10	0	4	6	10	0	10	10	
ZANDRAC	10	4	4	9	1	3	7	10	0	10	10	
63	928	442	477	776	152	223	705	741	187	847	899	5
47.63% 51.40% 83.62% 16.3.8% 24.03% 75.97% 79.85% 20.15% 91.27% 96.88% 0.54%												

The chart above lists the Kennels that have produced 10 or more progeny over last 7 years, there are 63 Kennels that produced 928 Progeny, with 847 gaining the 'A' stamp = 91.27% & 899 = 96.88% gaining the 'Z' stamp, 5 with UAP 0.54%. Females had 705 = 75.97%, Males 223 = 24.03%, there was 5 animals with UAP = .54%, 2 came from QLD, 2 from WA, & 1 from NSW.

Dr Lavelle processed 741 = 79.85% with Dr Richardson with 187 = 20.15%.

3 Kennels had 25 Progeny submitted they were Bronboreo, Iccara & Vonpeta, but the leader of the pack was SUNDANEKA with 34 animals, well done Karen & Graeme Stevenson, this is down by 19 = - 64% on my last report of 53. this reduction is across the board, JENTOL Kennels presented 19, compared to last time 42, down by 23 = -45.24%.

I would like to thank all the State Registrars around Australia and in NZ; The ACT: Wolf Meffert, NCHR: Jess Lynch, NSW: Melissa Turoczy, QLD: Karl Maresh. SA: Robert Evans, TAS: Heather Mathers, VIC: Gillian Cafari, WA: Vicki Beaton, and Tizzy Scheres in New Zealand for all their input and continued support of the GSDCA Scheme



National Breed Survey Registrar – Ms Melanie Groth

Breed Survey numbers by State and Coat variety 1 January – December 2022

Thirty surveys were held between February and December 2022. A total of 162 animals were presented to survey this year, generating an income of \$3294; 73 % Stock Coat and the remaining 27%, Long Stock Coats. Dogs that could not be classified accounted for 8% of the total number of animals presented and almost half of those failed the gun test, with the remainder either oversize or lacking self assurance throughout the survey and or the character test. One animal failed due to insufficient dentition. Four dogs were re-presented to survey throughout the year; three were successfully classified.

Club	Surveys	Animals Presented	SC	LSC	Classified	FAIL	REASON	Imported Dogs
ACTGSDA	2	13	11	2	13	0		
GSDAWA	5	13	11	2	13	0		2
GSDCQ	5	37	21	16	36	1	Gun	0
GSDCSA	4	21	17	4	19	2	Gun O'size	0
GSDCT	3	14	13	1	13	1	Gun	0
GSDCV	6	37	27	10	31	6	Gun (3) O'size (2) Character (1)	2
GSDL	5	27	17	9	24	3	Character (2) Teeth (1)	1
NHRGSDC	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Totals	30	162	117	44	149	13		5

Comparison by State – Dogs; Presented (P), Classified (C), Failed (F) 2017-2022

The table below provides an indication as to the health of the Breed Survey system in each state. It would be interesting to look at these numbers with regards to membership by state. Of note the Queensland club has maintained a very healthy increase except for the dip during Covid when the state was locked down. Whilst the numbers in the GSDL have held steady over the past three years it has to be noted the significant decline since 2017. Western Australia have seen a steady decline in numbers presented since 2020. Victorian surveys seem to have recovered to their earlier healthy 2017 and 2019 figures. Tasmanian numbers have doubled since 2019-2021.



It is refreshing to see that the overall presentations to Breed Survey have started to climb back up after the two years of Covid disruption.

State	P	C	F	P	C	F	P	C	F	P	C	F	P	C	F	P	C	F
	2022			2021			2020			2019			2018			2017		
ACT	13	13	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	6	6	0
NEW	0	0	0	7	7	0	11	10	1	6	6	0	12	10	2	11	9	2
GSDL	27	24	3	29	28	1	26	23	3	37	34	3	25	23	2	45	44	1
QLD	37	36	1	27	27	0	20	15	5	30	26	4	25	22	3	17	16	1
SA	21	19	2	26	25	1	24	22	2	24	24	0	39	38	1	33	31	2
TAS	14	13	1	8	7	1	7	6	1	5	5	0	14	12	2	9	8	1
VIC	37	31	6	27	21	6	21	18	3	40	37	3	29	37	2	42	41	1
WA	13	13	0	12	11	1	25	24	1	18	18	0	23	19	4	29	29	0
Totals	162	149	13	136	126	10	142	126	16	160	150	10	182	166	16	192	184	8

Imported Animals presented to survey 1 January – 30 December 2022

Date	Name	Sire	Dam	Sex	Country of Origin	Surveyor	Club
20 Feb	Dux Casa Nobili	Kik Crveni Mayestoso	Asia di Casa Nobili	M	Italy	G Green	GSDCV
27 Feb	Team Bern Tiger of Sweden	Willy Kuckucksland	Wallis Bad Boll	M	Sweden	J Fenner	GSDAWA
10 Apr	Alisha Team Tomahavk	Spencer di Casa Mazarelli	Ursa Panoniansee	F	Serbia	N Humphries	GSDAWA
7 Aug	Oakway Bitter Sweet	Djambo Fichtenschlag	Oakway Shamrock	F	New Zealand	G Green	GSDCV
6 Nov	Uzza Larchenhain	Goran Bierstadterhof	Hadina Larchenhain	F	Germany	F Stokes	GSDL

Database use

Most surveyors are inputting data into the database in a timely manner. Some need reminding! The NBC Registrar is responsible for inputting dogs that Fail and imported dogs. All others are the surveyor's responsibility. The biggest headache this year for me has been the lack of attention to **correct linebreeding**. Incorrect linebreeding then leads to questions with regards to breeding recommendations and then these have to be checked. This takes time and slows the processing of surveys down somewhat. We need to do better in this area. Some of it comes down to educating members about the accuracy and legibility of five generation pedigrees, however the onus is on the Surveyor to check and double check linebreeding and get it right.

Most common errors

- failing to check spelling and grammar
- incorrect linebreeding and incorrect spelling of the linebred dog's names
- cutting and pasting from the general description into the faults and virtues section – this repetitive and unnecessary
- not checking height to depth; incorrect labelling of size in general description and transferring that to the faults and virtues section
- failing to input the height, chest circumference, weight etc into the database when transferring from the BS worksheet.
- Capitalising dog's names and including von, vom, du, prefixes. Correct example – Cayos Noriswand (no von) Vega s Haut Mansard, Quenn Loher Weg



General Hints

- DRAFT Button – This is so you can save your work and come back to it if you need to. Once you have proofread your work, you can set the survey to Pending, which indicates you have finished with it.
- Type the general description into a word document – spell check it and check your grammar. There should be one space after a full stop. Some surveyors type their critiques as one sentence, this means a lot of commas. Read the survey description, virtues and faults etc back to yourself after you have typed it and make sure it makes sense. Remember, it is in print for life and they are your words. Once you are happy with it cut and paste it into the appropriate area in the database. If you use a secretary or third party to type your critiques make sure **you** read it before pressing pending.
- Linebreeding – Read Jenny's article from 2020. Check the linebreeding before you open the database. Check the 6th generation. Some of the five generation pedigrees are not very clear. There are quite a few littermates coming through behind Djambo, Toby and Xaro. Quite a lot of Quenn and Furbo also coming through now. If you pick up anomalies, please inform NBC chair or myself so they can be rectified.

Describing dogs Section 12 Breed Survey Manual – use the tables provided regarding height and size. There are specific instructions around the General description p.15-17

- *Size – use the BS table guide for size in the general description*
- *Depth and Height – use the equation to get a percentage in order to avoid saying a dog has very good proportions when it is 50:50 or more. An example recently male 62cm 32 chest depth was critiqued with very good proportions and followed up in the drop-down menu with the same.*
- *Recommending dogs for breeding – some surveyors are recommending dogs recently imported without sighting them or recommending further linebreeding advantageous to dogs that are known to produce oversize.*

Allocating Club and Council numbers

Registrars and surveyors please note – this is repeated from last year again!

Breed Surveyors please take note that your club has its own unique numbering system. It is essential for identifying where the survey has taken place. Each state club has its own Breed Survey Register. Please use your state club's prefix for this on the BS7 worksheet and when typing in your survey and on the survey report. Council numbers are allocated once paperwork is received, they are distributed into Stock coats and Long Stock coats. If the club prefix is missed by the Registrar inevitably the surveyor misses it and it is then left to the NBC Registrar to pick up. It would be helpful if you could attend to this at the club level.

Club	ACT	League	N&HR	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA
Number	ACT 369	NSW 3001	NEW 469	Q 1519	SA 1792	T 451	V 2391	WA 1579

The BS11 form is a useful tool in allocating council numbers to survey and collating numbers for reports. If the BS11 form is sent to the NBC Registrar straight after the survey it allows time for the preparation of numbers for invoicing and processing to be printed. Some clubs still find this challenging. Please revisit the use of this form. Coordinators across all states need to ensure this form is used for every survey even if you are not present.

Thank you to the state registrars who do a great job in preparing the paperwork for surveys. Thank you to Dace Houghton who has handed over the reins to Peter Hersant. In Tasmania thank you to Jan Haase and Carol Millhouse who have now handed over to Lorraine Massis. Thank you to Frank who makes sure that the backend of the database is regularly checked and troubleshoots and builds pedigrees for me when data is missing.



Breed Survey Personnel by State 2022-2023

Club	Active Breed Surveyors	State Registrar	State Registrar email
ACTGSDA	NBC Chair appoints	Veronica Fairbairn	wmeffert62@gmail.com
GSDL	Fay Stokes (Coordinator), Jo Cathie, Melanie Groth, Karen Hedberg, Terry Jarvis, Graham Stevenson,	Pam Jarvis	tepe@bigpond.net
N&HRGSDC	NBC Chair appoints	Kay York	babanga5@bigpond.com
GSDCQ	Carol O'Rourke (Coordinator) Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon, Louis Donald	Peter Hersant	breedaffairs@gsdcqld.org.au
GSDCSA	Peter Flynn (Coordinator), Jean Butterfield, Steve Collins, Jenny De Lucia, Jane Pike, Doug West,	Andrew O'Loughlin	andrew.w.oloughlin@gmail.com
GSDCT	Alastair Henderson	Lorraine Massis	breedaffairsgsdct@gmail.com
GSDCV	Alastair Henderson (Coordinator) Greg Green, Vince Tantaró, Ian Urie, Jenny Yuen	Gill Cafari	cafari@bigpond.com
GSDAWA	Robyn Knuckey (Coordinator), John Fenner, Natalie Humphries	Leanne Irvine	hotnote1@bigpond.net.au

BREED HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE CHAIR - DR CANDICE BAKER BSC BVMS MANZCVS (ECC)

The past year of Breed Health has seen some focus on hip and elbow dysplasia schemes, potential tightening of the elbow scheme and future progression of digitalization of the scheme itself. It is a work in progress but will hopefully see us keep up with the times of prompt digital processing of hip and elbow scores.

Consideration of assessment of the lumbosacral joint on our hip scoring radiographs has been an area of interest to me. With the SV using the system of LUW and OCD – these abbreviations refer to lumbosacral transitional vertebrae and osteochondrosis of the sacrum. The Score of 0 or normal represents the lack of a transitional vertebrae finding or the lack of any osteochondrosis of the joint space. Ongoing liaison with our veterinary radiologists at this current time. However, the inception through the SV and DZG should increase our consideration with the GSDCA.

DNA – parentage and breed health profiling. Currently a lot of our GSDCA members are utilizing this for their sires/dams and pups. It would be beneficial to have some familiarisation and options regarding which laboratories could be helpful to use and, in my opinion, a recommendation for the council database to include the option of an adjunct DNA result alongside HD/ED, breed survey etc. Vetgen in America are offering canine megaoesophagus DNA testing for our breed.

A recommendation regarding DNA testing is to never assume that pups are clear by parentage. Meaning, mistakes can occur in the collection process and laboratory for DNA analysis. Also, that any DNA testing should be considered lightly with regards to the gene pool and any health recommendations for breeding.

Elbow dysplasia

Despite the lack of progression in terms of tightening the scheme, it is worthwhile we continue to strive for improvement in our bloodlines of avoiding changes that could indicate dysplastic parents and therefore improvement of our future generations.

Idealism would have it that only dogs with clear “0” normal elbows should be bred from, but in reality this is not that simple. There are multiple factors with radiographic technique, quality and even very subtle arthritic change or areas



of haze that renders the distinguishability of true elbow disease problematic. Multiple (more than just the current required flexed lateral) views could be considered which would increase cost and time under heavy sedation or anaesthesia

The score of grade 1 or near normal without measurable arthritic change can also indicate early onset arthritis; the radiologist is unable to definitively measure this, which indicates less than 0.5mm of arthritic change over the anconeal process. A grade 1 or near normal without measurable arthritic change can also indicate other disease like changes within the joint or can also indicate poor radiographic technique. Therefore, removing grade 1 or near normal without measurable arthritic change would open up a complex situation with potentially multiple re-presents and repeat radiographs through the scheme.

As a point of discussion I do have a concern as to the dogs that score 1 mm and up to 2 mm (grade 1) that pass for breeding. To me these dogs have some form of elbow disease.

As per the NBC report and my run down on understanding of elbow dysplasia and the scheme I would like to recommend it may be worthwhile as another topic of discussion or motion to consider allowance up to 1mm of change as a Z stamp pass, as well as a grade 1 (<0.5mm, slight irregularity or an odd shape to the anconeal process).

Juvenil Pubic Symphysiodesis (JPS)

This topic comes up a lot on social media, particularly regarding breeders having feedback from puppy buyers about vets recommending JPS surgery. It happens early in puppy hood which is why breeders hear about it hastily.

This is a procedure performed on puppies that are 14-20 weeks old, whereby under general anaesthesia a small incision is made in the bottom end of their abdomen to expose the pubis (back of the pelvis), electrocautery is applied to the growth plate which then causes premature closure and bony fusion. The inside aspect of the pelvis remains underdeveloped while the top continues to grow normally. The acetabula rotate over the femoral heads, thereby improving hip conformation. The outcome is that improvements in hip joint conformation decreases hip joint laxity, therefore decreasing long-term effects of degenerative joint disease (DJD) or osteoarthritis.

This procedure has become widely known in the veterinary community and those veterinarians that can or want to perform the procedure will routinely recommend it. However, there is a concern regarding the blanket recommendation or discussion at the 12 or 14-week-old vaccinations with vets and pet owners. JPS should only be considered following a thorough examination, including; lameness/gait examination, pain on palpation of the hips, hip laxity test (Ortolani sign) and of course, x-rays – ideally using PennHIP with appropriate interpretation of those x-rays.

Our healthy, sound 12-week-old puppy may not be a candidate at all, however we know that Canine Hip Dysplasia is multifactorial - environmental, nutritional and exercise factors all play a role along-side genetics. Over time, the pup that had a greater propensity to develop HD and DJD may have been missed early on with a far less invasive procedure than a total hip replacement.

The best tool we have is the ability to **educate** our puppy buyers. An information sheet in their puppy pack or folder would prove extremely beneficial for an owner to refer back to if the discussion should arise in consultation with a veterinarian. Jenny and Isabella De Lucia have recently published an article on their kennel website that is well written, diplomatic and factual. It would be advantageous to utilise this for education purposes with puppy owners.

There is also a blanket recommendation to desex animals that undergo the procedure; the reason for this is that the conformational change to the pelvis could increase the risk of dystocia in female dogs and that any dog with HD should be eliminated from future breeding. However, this also opens another discussion regarding negative effects of early desexing. The most recent article being published in 2020 – “Assisting Decision-Making on Age of Neutering for 35 Breeds of Dogs: Associated Joint Disorders, Cancers, and Urinary Incontinence”. Suggested guidelines for delaying desexing until after 23 months old.

Common breed health issues with ongoing research into DNA and factors affecting the multifactorial causes include:



- Haemangiosarcoma – cancer of the spleen, heart base or liver, this arises from the blood vessel and can cause very sudden bleeding. In some cases a tumour is picked up early on abdominal palpation or heart/abdominal ultrasound for another reason. This cancer is aggressive and carries a median survival time of 3 months.
- Gastric Dilation Volvulus or bloat – this is the gas accumulation within the stomach more commonly occurring after feeding, the stomach then twists and pulls the spleen with it. This is a surgical emergency. Survival with surgery often carries a good prognosis. Gastric pH and underlying gut health issues and feeding are said to play a role and research is still ongoing.
- Atopy – itchy dogs! Raised IgE levels in serum.
- Aspergillosis – I have had quite a number of these, stress and the immune system have a massive role to play. There is a strong suspicion of primary IgA dysfunction. Subjectively there have been stressors that have suppressed the immune system (stress in the environment at home, other diseases, nutrition, medications etc). Aspergillus fungi occur naturally in the environment and in the form of disseminated Aspergillosis it enters through mucosal surfaces where IgA should provide protection, ie kidneys, organs, discs etc. Mortality rate is very high. Sepsis of fungal overload in multiple organ systems.

Any questions, brain storming, thoughts are always encouraged through myself. Ongoing education and recommendations can be provided as needed.

NATIONAL TITLE VERIFICATION OFFICER – MRS JENNY DELUCIA

This report for Title Verifications covers the period December 2021 to October 2022

During this time, a total of 6 animals have been verified compared to 14 animals for the 2020-2021 reporting period. Of these, 4 x were Males, 2 x Females. All of the 6 animals were stock coats. One verification was for Imported Semen for a SC Male. Of the 6 animals, two were non surveyed animals.

Aiko vom Schaferland	(Germany) Non Surveyed SC Male, no HD & ED Status
Team Bern Tiger Of Sweden	(Sweden) Non Surveyed SC Male
Alisha Team Tomahavk	(Serbia) Surveyed SC Female
Haken vom Morfelder Land	(Germany) Surveyed SC Male (Semen)
Uzza vom Larchenhain	(Germany) Surveyed SC Female
Pupi von Neu Garmond	(Hungary) Surveyed SC Male

Owners continue to use the online forms with minimal difficulty. I liaise with the Hon. Treasurer to ensure that payment is processed before verifications are completed and sent to the owners.



NATIONAL DATABASE – MR FRANK MOODY

I am pleased to submit this GSDCA Database progress report to the 62nd GSDCA AGM.

I would like to commence my report by recognising the significant work of Rob Filardo who undertakes all the programming and development work of the Database on a voluntary basis. The hours that Rob puts into the background are huge, the GSDCA could not afford to pay professional rates for this programming.

HD/ED Sire Statistics

The updated HD/ED Sire Statistics as at 31st Dec 2022 as prepared using the GSDCA Database, will be available approximately mid-January and placed on the GSDCA website.

Data Update

Dog Database - Registrations are currently up to 6th December 2022 – being 317,842 dogs – **Up 3,786 from last year.**

Tattoo/Microchip – Microchips are uploaded when we receive the ANKC Registrations.

HD/ED - There are now over 12,503 results in the database – **Up 403 from last year.**

Breed Survey - There are now over 2,308 results in the database – **Up 158 from last year.**

ZAP – There have now been three Assessments completed with 30 results in the database – unfortunately the GSDCV is the only Club that has held assessments.

User Activity

In 2022 we have seen a very slight decline in the number of Visitors and the number of Visits to our Database.

However, there are still a very large number of Breeders/Members continuing to use this facility.

Monthly average				
YEAR	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
2015	372	659	18,277	28,744
2016	398	722	16,870	28,795
2017	427	857	19,682	34,451
2018	477	992	18,629	35,840
2019	597	1,200	19,005	37,155
2020	656	1,267	16,732	34,161
2021	634	1,399	17,242	32,151
2022	544	1,376	17,262	30,537

Breed Survey photos

Please continue to encourage Owners to submit photos for inclusion in the database.

Photos are very important so that we have a pictorial record of the dogs surveyed, so please supply these to the NBC Registrar ASAP.

Thank you

Thank you to Rob Filardo, Ian Urie, Melanie Groth, Doug West and the Breed Surveyors for their time, and assistance in ongoing data entry and maintenance of the Database.



This will be my first annual report as Judges Chair since election in February 2022. The uncertainty regarding our membership of the WUSV has continued to prevail this year, despite healthy and positive discussions with the SV President and the WUSV Board at the Sieger Show in Nuremburg. Understandably, there are many members, Australia-wide who are wary of assurances and require concrete mandates that we will not be disadvantaged moving forward from 2025. The bottom line is that the WUSV is particularly protective of the character and working ability of the GSD and feel that many countries including Australia are not currently doing enough to ensure these inherent characteristics are monitored, protected, and promoted. Unfortunately, our organisation has a history of voting for these types of ideals and then voting them out due to the perception that it is too difficult.



Therefore, just like us the WUSV and SV are wary of our assurances and are reluctant to give in, since we have been promising to do these things for years. Whilst this is not specifically related to the Judges portfolio, I happened to be the representative for the Council at the meeting in Nuremburg to try and find some common ground and it was the most positive meeting we have had with them in more than 8-10 years. My report of this meeting has been sent to all members and can be found on the GSDCA website. I encourage members to read it and make themselves familiar with the contents to make an informed decision, instead of listening to hearsay and negativity. We must do things better for the sake of our fantastic breed in order to preserve its inherent characteristics.

It is my belief that the Judges and Surveyors that have chosen to be representatives of the GSDCA should lead fraternity in the preservation and promotion of the standard through their activities as breeders, judges, owners, and exhibitors of German Shepherd Dogs. I am sorry to say that many don't and many of them were influential with the membership in ousting the Judge Surveyor Contracts put in place by the Council. I have heard all the arguments about restriction of trade and it's my choice etc, you can't tell me what to do! Yes, that all may be true but at the heart of what we do should be the Standard. As a GSDCA sanctioned judge or surveyor, we must be open to learning, objective about what we are breeding and promoting, lead by example with how our dogs are presented, accept that we don't always get it right and be open to objective feedback. In my opinion we can't move forward if we can't accept constructive criticism or we are no longer up to the job, physically and mentally. I was sorry to see Judge /Breed Surveyor contracts removed at the last AGM, as I felt so much work had gone into them and to have them voted out by the membership was disappointing. They were contracts that were suggested for implementation by the peer group for the peer group and whilst they shouldn't have been necessary; in 2016 it was what the membership of that time had asked for; accountability!

In my opinion if judges and surveyors can't support the values and breed improvement schemes of the organisation, then the question is why do they want to be recognised by the GSDCA in a role that should see them be above and beyond reproach? It is not that difficult to have a dog classified in the breed survey system here in Australia. Most of the dogs we see in our breeding programs are above the average in anatomy (dogs rarely fail on anatomy) and there are very few failures in the hip and elbow schemes. All it really requires is a dog to be temperamentally sound in its character and gun sure; surely THE most important part of the GSD standard! If dogs cannot pass a character test or a test of gun-sureness, then as the Breed Council and recognised people guiding the breed here in **Australia**, I find it difficult to understand that judges and surveyors would not agree with me that we should be upholding these standards and only breeding with classified stock and supporting/encouraging others to do the same.

International Judges

In March this year, I was tasked by the President of the GSDCA, motivated by the club presidents to compile a list of overseas judges who are licenced to judge GSDs in their own countries. This was in direct response to the SV mandate regarding SV judges not awarding Excellent gradings to non-working titled dogs. I was specifically asked that the list be full and comprehensive and not be culled in anyway. I provided that list for the clubs in late April and there has been much discussion that the list is too broad. I agree; it is! The lists were sent to us by DogsAustralia after a broad worldwide search.



In September the WUSV agreed to give us a reprieve until 2025 regarding SV Judges awarding Excellent gradings to non-titled dogs, provided we make some ground in working towards the promotion of a GSDCA character assessment and working title.

With regard to judging appointments clubs can still ask the question of SV International Judges who are FCI recognised judges in their own countries and are not necessarily bound by the same rules as SV German domiciled judges who gain their licence from the SV itself. The SV judging system is recognised by the VDH (equivalent of DogsAustralia) and the SV judges are recognised to judge across the world until they are no longer recognised by the SV. For example; SV judges lose their SV judging status aged 70; that includes SV International judges. However, SV International judges still hold their FCI/Country of Domicile judges' licences and that enables them to continue judging across the world. German domiciled judges lose their SV status at 70 and therefore are no longer recognised judges under the auspices of the FCI or Canine bodies across the world including the VDH. This is why judges the calibre of Rudiger Mai and Eric Orschler could not continue to judge after turning 70 because they no longer held a judge's licence, rendering them ineligible. This is a German SV mandate.

Until we get things in order here, I would suggest that if your club wants to secure an appointment with a judge beyond 2025; that your representative contacts that judge and enquires as to whether that judge is prepared to judge under our regulations allowing excellent gradings for non-working titled dogs. They can only say no, however it may well be worth the enquiry and possibly become a test case for the SV to see what their response is to that judge after the event. Furthermore, I suggest that you use your contacts to check the ability/experience of the judges on the list that has been provided by the GSDCA and make an informed decision about who you would like to engage for your club shows.

GSDCA Specialist Judges Scheme

The 48th National in Sydney provided the platform to formally recognise at the Opening Ceremony that three of our judges had completed the GSDCA Specialist Aspirant Scheme. It was a great pleasure to welcome Jess Kada, Nicky McDermott and Kurt Morton to the ranks of GSDCA specialist judges. The scheme requires a considerable commitment from the aspirants and mentors/examiners and clubs to collaborate and ensure a positive, worthwhile educational experience.

Congratulations to Andrew O'Loughlin, as he has now completed his final exam for the GSDCA Judges Extension Course and will be recognised at the 49th National in Melbourne. Andrew has taken on the roll of Breed Survey registrar in SA and I congratulate him on this initiative as it puts him at the coal face of surveys and will assist him in gaining knowledge and contributing in discussion with the panel. It is a great stepping stone in learning about survey.

Covid 19 interruptions have had a significant impact on these judges being able to complete the course in a short period of time, but I am pleased to say that things are back on track. I am pleased to see that there are a number of trainees that have begun their training with state bodies and look forward to seeing them progress as judges and down the track become aspirant GSDCA specialist judges.

Updating the Judges lists

The GSDCA Judges and Surveyors list on the GSDCA website have been updated by the fabulous Jane Pike and are listed on the Council website. <https://www.gsdcaustralia.org/gsdcacontent/uploads/2021/04/Australian-Judges-Surveyors-260421.pdf>

Judging appointments and critiques

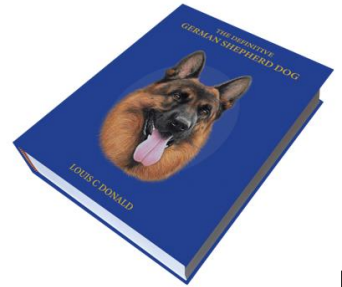
Please continue to send a copy of critiques and overviews from your judging appointments so that these can be pdf'ed and placed on the website. I have a number still to upload – the second half of the year has been particularly busy for me. Apologies if you have judged since September and they have not gone up. I will attend to this in the new year. I strongly suggest that reading the descriptors that other judges use in critiques can increase your own vocabulary and enhance your practice as a specialist judge. Jane Pike updates the judges' appointments list every couple of months. A message to club and show secretaries; Once decisions are made about show dates and judges, please send them to Jane Pike so that they can be updated for the website and shared on social media platforms. janeevapike@gmail.com



Keeping abreast of the breed globally

The Definitive German Shepherd Dog was released to the public in August 2022. Only 1000 copies were printed; most have been sold across 67 countries.

This reference book after being read from cover to cover is now acknowledged by the President of the SV that *"in every respect it is the most comprehensive book written on the Breed since Max Von Stephanitz's published work in 1925 -The German Shepherd in Word and Picture!"* <https://www.louisdonald.com/book.html>



Louis' research has been extensive and the book covers the history of the breed's development, the trends, and their relationship to the standard. It is the best GSD resource you will ever buy in relation to our breed and an investment in your own development of knowledge as a judge. We all have our own interpretation of the Standard, but I think it is valuable to read and reflect on evidence-based material in order to maintain our currency and remain true to the GSD standard. We are the group of people that breeders and owners of German Shepherds look to for that advice. We need to be better at what we do and consistently learning to be the best we can be.

Congratulations Louis and Gail on such an extraordinary achievement.

Judges Training across the states

The various State Canine bodies utilise our people to deliver the GSD training at the all breeds and single breed level. The GSDCA resource used in these presentations is currently being reviewed and updated to represent our breed authentically. Kurt Morton has done some work in this area based on his own experience of training and I will be working with him further on this in the second half of the year. I know that a number of GSDCA judges are Accredited Assessors in their states and I encourage you to do this training provided by the State bodies so that you can assist our trainees in ensuring that they get the best possible experience during their training to become licenced judges.

Social media and communications

I remind you that a code of ethics exists around communications and social media and I encourage you to familiarise yourself with it. <https://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/gsdcacontent/uploads/2020/07/GSDCA-Communication-Code-of-Conduct-Accepted-Feb-8th-2020.pdf>

This is a timely reminder that we just need to be mindful of the things we say and write on social media platforms in particular. Dissing a colleague about their judging to your close personal friends is one thing. However, making derogatory comments and innuendos on a social media platform is unprofessional and unbecoming on our fraternity. Please ensure you are familiar with the code and don't fall into the trap of breaching the code of communication.

We all need to be mindful of the rules and regulations surrounding our hobby. Some of them have become quite restrictive on an already diminishing population. Whilst these rules are restrictive on the very people who put themselves forward to be judges, we need to be aware that many exhibitors support these rules and look for opportunities to ensure they are followed to the letter. The rules and regulations places really restrict judges from handling and that is a shame because it stops people from going for judge's licences because they enjoy handling. Let's face it, judging appointments are few and far between, yet shows are occurring across Australia all year round.

It would seem logical to me that most judges would be breeding, handling, and exhibiting the best dogs because they have studied the breed and they know a good one when they see it. Unfortunately, many exhibitors do not view it from the same lens, preferring to call it nepotism or corruption. Such is human nature and it further diminishes our sport for enthusiasts who having done all the leg work to become a judge, then are unable to continue to enjoy the hobby of breeding and showing because of the restrictions placed on judges.



We do need to be above reproach, but we also need to educate our fraternity on the standard. We can lobby our canine bodies to apply for exemptions in each state to ensure that these rules do not continue to restrict what we joined the breed to do. However, in order to do this, we need to address the more pressing problem of people within our fraternity believing that judges are bent. The previous NBC Chair, Jenny Yuen foresaw the issue and approached DogsAustralia on our behalf to be proactive. In doing that however she negated to obtain the clubs' support across the country. Due to the request for exemptions not being unanimously supported across the country, DogsAustralia could not support her request. I know that SA has recently been proactive in this area and Victoria has been for a number of years. I am hopeful that we can move forward on this as the implications of it are dire in terms of alienating people further from advancing as judges and or losing them from the sport altogether. I encourage you all to support exemptions that are applied for so that whole Teams or owners/co-owners of stud dogs are not continually disadvantaged by restrictive regulations.

Meetings – online vs face to face

I am hopeful that in 2023 we can participate in a face-to-face meeting. Online meetings are great cost savers however, it is difficult to have productive, interactive, and engaging presentations on Zoom platforms. Nothing beats being in the room together for robust debate, discussion and engagement. I encourage you all to invest in your judging and get behind making the NBC/Judges meeting face to face at least once every two years so that we can be proactive in improving our relationships with one another face to face and participate in meaningful professional discussions that support the breed and our craft.

Closing remarks

Thank you to Louis for leading healthy discussion with regards to the backline and movement at the Judge's meeting this year. This presentation was terrific and made for great discussion, but face to face it would have been super to collaborate in small groups to generate ideas. If you have something you wish to share or would like to present at the Judges meeting later in the year, please let me know. A number of clubs across Australia have been engaged in providing education presentations for their members at state level. In particular the Queensland, Victorian and South Australian clubs have been proactive in this area over the past couple of years. We were on a roll prior to Covid and these clubs have been active since we were released from lockdown. Thank you to those who have put their hands up to help educate the fraternity. I am grateful for your support.

Congratulations and all the best to Jess Kada, Nicky McDermott, Kurt Morton, and Andrew O'Loughlin who have appeared quite regularly in the judging calendar across Australia prior to completing the Judges Scheme. I would encourage clubs to keep offering them appointments as we would like them to be able to apply for surveyor status in the not-so-distant future. We need an injection of younger enthusiasts to keep the schemes current and enable those who wish to retire to do so knowing there are others to carry the flag.

A huge thank you to Lyn Phillis, our secretary who works tirelessly to ensure that Council business is readily available, transparent to the organisation and is highly supportive of us all. I wish you all the best in your retirement from the role and congratulate you on the job you have done taking over from Val Moody. Thank you also to Jane Pike and Jacinta Poole who behind the scenes have continued to update the Judges appointments lists and maintain the database of judges and surveyors for the NBC and upload critiques to the website. Jane and Jacinta are extremely skilled people and invaluable to the smooth running of the organisation. Thank you to Sean for his confidence and subsequent support of me to represent the Council at the WUSV meeting in Nuremburg. Thank you also to Janet Haase who provided invaluable support at those meetings. Lastly thank you also to Ian who keeps me grounded when it comes to regulations and business at hand. Seasons greetings to you all.



OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE – Mr John Delucia



The National Show and Trial held in Sydney this year was well received despite there being some issues with the obedience section, however, this was due to a new Committee and some inexperience. This did not detract from the overall running of the of the obedience section and was a learning experience.

I have issued several ZAP certificates during the year to those who participated in the assessment. Well done and congratulations to the owners. There were a few clubs who planned a ZAP assessment day but unfortunately, no interest was shown to participate. Perhaps further discussion on the assessment is required.

I have taken numerous phone calls around general obedience enquiries from around the country and it was encouraging to listen and talk with those people about their queries.

I have privately met with a number of Politicians from various parties regarding dog legislation and the changes planned. There will be interesting times ahead as they all seem to want to tighten up on dog ownership and control. We all need to be vigilant and keep our ears to the ground.

EDITOR QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW – Mrs Yvonne Yun



In summary, 4 issues have been published in 2022 and a surplus \$19,633 has been established by the Treasurer.

I will be implementing several procedures to ensure that some of the issues apparent this year do not recur.



SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Show Liaison Officer – Mr Stephen Collins

The 2022 National Show and Trial was hosted by the German Shepherd Dog League of NSW on behalf of the GSDC of A Inc., on June 3rd to 5th at the Hawkesbury Show grounds Clarendon NSW.

The facilities and grounds were superb and a credit to the GSDL considering the serious weather conditions that NSW had to deal with leading up to this event. The GSDL National Show and Trial Committee must be congratulated on securing the grounds at short notice.

The event was well patronised by the German Shepherd fraternity with a Conformation entry of approx. 340 and an Obedience entry of around 65.

The conformation side of the event ran very smoothly with very little idle time in the rings.

Both the judges Mrs J Yuen (Female) and Mr LC Donald (LSC and Males) critiques and end of class summation were well received by the exhibitors.

The Trial event had a couple of early set backs with regard to clear direction being given to the judges with regard to critiques of participants. Some confusion also arose regarding qualification cards. Assistance had been offered to the Trial Manager prior to the event to ensure that everything ran smoothly, however, the assistance was declined.

These concerns with the trial were quickly resolved.

The catalogue had some noticeable errors throughout mainly due to exhibitor error, e.g. lack of Hip and elbow status on animals in the open classes and the omission of Breed Survey status.

With regard to advertising in the catalogue it must be noted that the catalogue is a GSDC of A publication and only recognised titles and health scheme awards should be allowed.

Overall the event was very well organised and ran mainly on time. The GSDL NSTC must be congratulated on running a very memorable event.

Trophy Officer – Mr Terry Jarvis

The 48th National was completed which was the major effort for the year with a full compliment of trophies supplied for this show in May this year 2022 with still the Covid 19 virus hanging over our heads but as far as the trophies were concerned all were delivered on time.

Handler awards were supplied along with junior handler awards which were given out at the show. Excellent Merit awards were supplied to various Clubs taking advantage of these awards provided by Council. Contact for these can be made through the Secretary of your club and are forwarded on to me for supply.

One sad note this year is that of our supplier for the Bronze statues that have been part and parcel of our Nationals and Main Breed shows have pulled up stumps and called it a day and not in manufacture anymore. Arial Fine Arts have been supplying the GSDCA with Statues for many years and we are sad to see Anna and Chris call it a day as our relationship with them was congenial and professional and we will miss our contact with them. Thank you Chris and Anna for our dealings with you over many years and can understand that there comes a time when we call it a day.

We are in the process of sourcing another supplier. You may contact me via email tepe@bigpond.net.au or by mobile 0407 271 418

I look forward to another year 2023 to the support of the GSDCA and the Clubs to pull us out of this Malaise that we appear to be in at the moment.



Webmaster – Ms Jacinta Poole

Our online presence continues to provide the core information for our breed in Australia. Our core documentation, results, magazine repository, breed information articles and news are the main features.

What's available and popular on the website ?

- GSDCA Regulations, together with current forms, fees and charges
- Future Judge appointments for each member club
- Full details on the National Show & Trial, both past and present
- All back editions of each Quarterly National Review, from 2015
- Recent HD & ED statistics, updated twice yearly
- Reference Manuals – Breed Survey, National Show & Trial
- Show results and critiques – from every club show
- A summary of all title verifications completed for imported dogs, bitches and semen
- Recent news from the GSDCA and relevant reports ...and much more
- Historical record of our National Winners
- Veterinary and health articles



The quickest way to access the **GSDCA Dog Database** is via the website homepage. Complete HDED and Breed Survey records for all dogs are available. If you've never had a look, log in and search dogs in what is a valuable breed resource. The database now also contains **ZAP Assessment Results** for dogs who complete the assessments held by member clubs.



The **Breed Health Feedback form** is accessible via the home page of the website. It is vital to collect data on our dogs and their health. Everyone can contribute by filling in the form, which is collated by Dr Candy Baker. The information submitted is confidential. and can used in the future to gauge trends of illnesses we find are over represented in the GSD. **We encourage everyone to take the time to submit your dog's medical information – it might save another dog's life one day.**



Our Facebook page is used to promote major news announcements and compliments our online presence.

Our stats for 2022 are up slightly on previous years. The pages and articles visited demonstrate a visitor mix of those looking for information about our breed and members keeping informed about the GSDCA.

	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Total 2022	51,986	339,809	1,618,040

Costs and maintenance of the GSDCA website remains low. Our website hosting costs \$/year. Hosting the GSDCA Dog Database costs \$204/year. Domain registration per year is \$21.95. All software updates and maintenance are undertaken internally at no charge. Our total expenditure relating to the Website and Dog Database is \$350 per year.

Visit the GSDCA online !

www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org

www.facebook.com/GSDCA

Any suggestions for improvements, contributions of content or other suggestions are always most welcome. Email website@gsdcouncilaustralia.org



Youth Coordinator – Mr Kurt Morton

COVID-19 has proven to be a challenging environment for all. I believe now is the time to re-group and position ourselves for the future.

Unfortunately, although well-established, member state and territory clubs have not supported the GSDCA Youth award nominations this year. Whilst I appreciate many clubs may not have large numbers of young members, those that do engage require far more support than is currently evident. The GSDCA Youth Awards are an annual way to encourage young members, across all facets of our hobby. This then allows them recognition of their achievements at our most prestigious event, the annual National Show & Trial. It's at the Clubs discretion as to how to form these nominations, and I have worked with clubs to establish pathways of nomination. I offer a particular thank you to the clubs that have supported the GSDCA Youth awards – GSDL of NSW, GSDC of SA and GSDC of Qld.

MEMBER CLUB	<i>(7 years to under 10 years)</i>	<i>(10 years to under 13 years)</i>	<i>(13 years to under 18 years)</i>
GSDC Victoria	N/A	N/A	N/A
GSD League of NSW	Harrison B	Paris T	Isabell L
GSDC of South Australia	N/A	Cienna A	Baylie M
ACT GSD Association	N/A	N/A	N/A
GSDC of Queensland	N/A	N/A	Eliane W
GSDC of Tasmania	N/A	N/A	N/A
GSD Association of WA	N/A	N/A	N/A
N&HR GSDC	N/A	N/A	N/A

At the 2022 National Show & Trial, we had a small number of junior showmanship entrants. Adjudicated by Mr Peter Hersant (Qld), we had a total of 8 handlers with no representatives in the 10 to 13 years age group. Although numbers were down on previous years, the expertise of those who did participate was outstanding and I congratulate the family and clubs that have nurtured these up-and-coming young people. Peter also provided a constructive overview, published in the Review, it details 3 key issues of handlers in Australia, which is valuable for all members. The National age classes are standardised in line with the ANKC guidelines, which I now see reflected in all member club junior showmanship classes.

Throughout our fraternity, concerns about succession and the future are a constant theme. In previous reports, I have suggested that if we wish to secure engagement with younger people, they need a voice in how our affairs are run. It is essential that this fraternity not only hears but listens to young people and allows them the opportunity to understand how things work. Creating "understudy" or "shadow" opportunities for them to participate in every aspect of our management may provide a pathway towards true succession. This is imperative to ensure the ongoing success of the breed and the GSDCA initiatives into the future; it also clearly articulates an imperative role for the organisation and committee functions more broadly. Unfortunately, there has not been much action in this area, and I have had limited opportunities with GSDCA committee members and discussions with clubs. Notwithstanding, I have taken the liberty to support, where appropriate, GSDCA sub-committee work.

Having been in this role on and off for 5+ years, I believe it is now the time to support in the background and move on to a newer, younger generation and gain a fresher perspective. I am thankful for the opportunity and look forward to supporting the next Youth Representative and wish them well.



Item 1

GSDCA States Canine Legislations activities.

1 Year ago I wrote the following article.

Legislation:

New Approach in Australian States to Dog Ownership and Breeding !

As you would or should be aware, State Governments across Australia have progressively, starting about eighteen (18) or so year's ago, rewritten regulations for Dog owners and Dog Breeders.

A month or so after becoming the Breed Research and Legislation Officer, I was contacted by a New South Wales GSD member about the situation in her State. But at that point in time, that State's Canine Legislation Provisions had been well established plans for the immediate future.

My understanding is that it appears each State has somewhat varying and mixed approaches to Dog owners and Dog Breeders in their State borders.

The Canine World as we have known it in Australia will change significantly in the coming years and in particular the German Shepherd Dog Breed

This Year, unfortunately nothing has changed for the individual States, Territories and Canine bodies. They are still being challenged by very different approaches by the States and Territories Governments.

Currently, the most significant Government activities and proposals in Australia are occurring in New South Wales.

In 2022, some 115 items/documents/activities to all participants in the GSDCA States Canine Legislations activity and Working Party are reported. So far in 2023 a further 11 items/documents/activities have been created.

The significant driver/contributor amongst many of the States and Territories teams is Yvonne Yun, who has set an agenda particularly for the NSW State needs. In that State, the Government like other State Governments, seems to be intent to be creating a new world order of breeding standards, with the RSPCA to become the sole organisation responsible for canine breeding and registration. Within this environment, Yvonne is to be seen as a Champion of our common cause on the State of NSW and this potentially might help other States create reliable outcomes.

Within my own State of Western Australia, the State Government in 2015 commissioned a **Committee Report** on the 17 of November 2015 titled **Puppy Farming in Western Australia**.

In the following years of 2016 to 2018/9, a State Government Committee addressed Dogs West (CAWA) members regarding the so called **Puppy Farming in Western Australia** alleged situation and reforms that were under consideration for all Dogs. At the centre of the State Government Committee's considerations was the RSPCA's doctrine.

The State Government Committee held four Meetings for Dogs West (CAWA) members. I attended all four but sadly to say, only a few GSD Members attended. Since this, the State Government appear to be quiet on this subject.



Item 2

Breed Research

Sadly, no requests have been submitted to me in 2022/2023 at this point.

Item 3

DOGS AUSTRALIA ANKC REGULATIONS

Part 5

CONFORMATION SHOW

Effective 1 January 2023

Amended October 2022

SECTION 4 Exhibitors

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4.1 Ownership Interest (*Previously was defined as "Proprietary Interest". See previous Regulations below*)

4.1.1 No person shall enter or exhibit a dog in any sanctioned conformation exhibition at which a judge who is a member of the competitor's immediate family, or who resides at the same address, or who has had a proprietary interest in such dog whether solely or in partnership is scheduled to officiate

4.1.2 A person may not exhibit or handle under a judge officiating at a conformation show where:

- a. The person is a member of the judge's family and/or resides at the same address as the judge.
- b. The judge has or has had any ownership interest in a dog or dogs solely or in partnership with the member within a period of **12** months prior to the conformation show
- c. Where the judge has handled any dog owned, leased or part leased by the person within a period of **12** months prior to the conformation show
- d. The person has accommodated the judge or been accommodated by the judge within a period of **12** months prior to the conformation show or intends to accommodate the judge within **24** hours after the conformation show
- e. The judge has trained or groomed for reward, for gift or favour a dog owned, or part owned, leased or part leased by the person in a period of **12** months prior to the conformation show
- f. The dog was bred by the judge or the judge's family.
- g. For the purposes of these regulations the definition "handled" does not include any circumstance where a person has assisted another exhibitor who, due to a judging decision on the day, was required to compete with two or more exhibits at the same time. **(Clause 4.1.2 amended 10/22, 7.5.3. Effective 01/01/23)**

Understanding the Old and New Changes relative to Regulations Prior to October 2022

OLD

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- d. The person has handled any dog owned or part owned or leased, or part leased by the judge in a period of 12 months prior to the conformation show. *(This regulation was deleted in the new rules effective 01/2023).*
- e. The person has accommodated the judge or been accommodated by the judge within a period of 12 months prior to the conformation show or intends to accommodate the judge within 24 hours after the conformation show
- f. The judge has trained or groomed for reward, for gift or favour a dog owned, or part owned, leased or part leased by the person in a period of 12 months prior to the conformation show
- g. The dog was bred by the judge or the judge's family.
- h. *Either the exhibitor or the judge has used a stud dog belonging to the other within the last 6 months. (This regulation in red was deleted in the new rules effective 01/2023).*

(Clause 4.1.2 amended 10/22, 7.5.3. Effective 01/01/23) New definition effective 01/2023)

Public Relations – Mr Paul York

2022 has been a very busy year in this role.

2022 has found the dog fraternity under attack from a wide variety of bodies. The worst of these has been the proposed legislative changes in NSW. A number of Bills have been tables in the NSW parliament in 2022. Every one of these Bills has the potential to severely impact our members ability to own, exhibit and breed dogs in the future.

These Bills are being bought forward by so called Animal Rights Groups. Although these Bills are currently in NSW they will if passed form the basis of a National push by these organisations.

So far, we have been moderately successful in fighting these proposed changes to legislation. This has been achieved through political lobbying. I urge council to take these threats seriously and to expand its role to include a permanent committee to focus totally on political lobbying of all states to safeguard the rights of the GSDCA members.

I have to acknowledge one person whose efforts have been monumental in achieving the success that has been achieved so far. Yvonne Yun has been a powerhouse this year and I would have been lost without her. Thanks Yvonne.

Historian – N/A



NATIONAL SHOW REPORT 2022 – Host – GSD League

The German Shepherd Dog League of NSW (GSDL) is pleased to provide a report on the 48th National Show & Trial, held on 1st, 2nd and 3rd June 2022 at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon.

The previous National committee commenced planning and organisation for the 2020 event in 2019, grounds were booked, merchandise was organised and sponsorships were obtained. However, with the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 Nationals and a changeover of National Committee we were able to carry over some planned activities but began again with a new committee. This also meant a revised National Logo; which meant new merchandising decisions and the corporate tent situation had to be reviewed. Around \$22,000 in corporate tent refunds had been made by the previous Committee.

Along with COVID, a major change to the GSDL of NSW committee, we also had pressing environmental factors out of our control. Early in 2022, it became apparent that the weather may impact the ability to host at the regular GSDL of NSW grounds with extensive and ongoing flooding across the state. The committee were lucky enough to think laterally and identify multiple options to ensure the show and trial were to go ahead. With a lot of pivoting, the Hawkesbury Showgrounds played stage to the 2022 National Show and Trial. This meant all show and trial equipment had to be packed up, transported across and back. The grounds were in superb condition, and we were lucky to have perfect weather for showing and trialling across the weekend. The new location was very well received by all who attended.

The National Show & Trial is the largest single breed event in Australia and provides an opportunity for the German Shepherd Dog fraternity to come together once a year. A number of experienced GSDL National show & trial members provided valuable leadership and were supported by a bunch of enthusiastic newbies willing to step up. This small team (outlined in the appendix), lead by GSDL Show Manager Greg Jones and Mel Groth National Co-ordinator, was well supported by the National Obedience Chair Mr John De Lucia as well as Mr Stephen Collins and Mrs Jenny Kenworthy (outgoing National Show Liaison Officer), Jacinta Poole (webmaster and IT extraordinaire) along with GSDCA Executive.

The ongoing SV discussions and COVID international travel issues provided a unique opportunity to have an all-Australian judging panel across conformation and trials. It was a great honour and privilege for the League to play host to this history making event.

CONFORMATION JUDGES

All LSC Dogs & Bitches & all SC Dogs
All SC Bitches

Mr. Louis Donald (QLD)
Mrs. Jenny Yuen (VIC)

OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Novice and CCD
Open
UD & UDX

Mrs. Vyvyan Mannion (QLD)
Mrs. Lynn Klecka (VIC)
Mrs. Maria Wheeler (NSW)

RALLY OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Novice and Master
Excellent and Advanced

Mrs. Vyvyan Mannion (QLD)
Mrs. Lynn Klecka (VIC)

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE

Mr. Peter Hersant (QLD)

The GSDL were very pleased to have entries for Conformation (Show) of 343, including 4 Breeders Groups (including interstate breeders), 38 for Obedience & 30 Rally, with 7 animals vying for top honours in Dual Performance.

We were privileged to obtain major sponsors Royal Canin, Sires on Ice and Vebo Pet Supplies on board. Other sponsors include Jess Fynmore Photography, Delete, K9 Pro, Pure Pets, Orivet, Kristines K9 Kakes & Treats. In addition, we had multiple vendors on the grounds and outside catering and Rainbow tug toys,



Happypaws Doggy ramps, DDSL products, Sassy treats and Rusty Gardens. A special mention must go to the merchandising team (Kerrie Griffis, Pam Jarvis and Deb Martin) for raising the bar and setting expectations for Nationals to follow. Our thanks go to Class and Memorial trophy sponsors (listed in Appendix), your donations are greatly appreciated.

Show classes were in experienced hands with Stenographers & Stewards: Vince Tantaró and Pieter Tjerkstra (Dog ring), Nicky McDermott and Teresa Curry (Bitch ring), Stenographers: Barb Blythe (Bitch ring) and Margaret Barnes and Fay Stokes (Dog ring). Photographers over the weekend were Gail Foto (Gail Donald), Ffire Photography (Ffiona Erskine and Rosemary Richards), Jacinta Poole, Cathy Shayler and Jess Fynmore. We thank you for your time and skill.

Situated on the main oval along with conformation, the Obedience and Rally trial was not without its challenges and we thank Carolyn Becker, Barb McKittrick and John De Lucia for co-ordinating its completion. Special thanks must go to Obedience & Rally stewards Robyne Ayres, Wayne Wagstaff, Cleo Pickard, Rhonda Daley, Steve Thompson, Lyn Amos, Vicky and Nigel Andrews.

Classes were paused whilst the official Opening Ceremony took place at the front of the bleachers. After an Acknowledgement of Country, the Australian anthem was sung live. GSDCA Patron Dawn Fraser AC MBE and Chief Inspector Robert Danks – OIC Dog Unit NSW Police Force Dog and Mounted Command were in attendance, along with Mr Hugh Gent OAM – ANKC President, Mrs. Lyn Brand – Dogs NSW President, Mrs Heather McDonald – WUSV Continental Director, Senior Constable Ben Cook and Police dog 'Kronos'.

The National provides an opportunity for distinguished achievers to be recognised. The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia – Award for Outstanding Canine Service was presented to Police Dog Kronos and handler Senior Constable Ben Cook. Three new Specialist judges were welcomed into the fold – Jessica Kada (NSW), Nicky McDermott (Vic) and Kurt Morton (NSW). GSDCA Youth awards were also handed out.

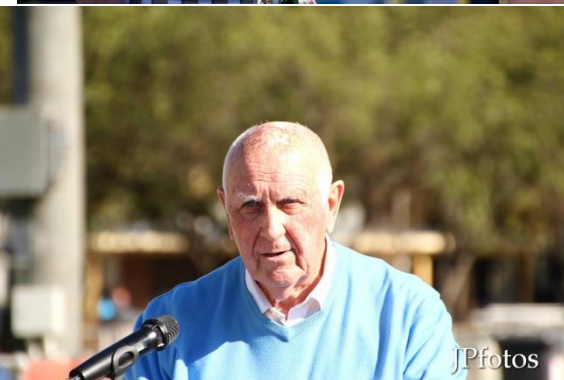
Service awards were also presented to those who made an outstanding contribution to the breed in NSW – Tony D'Arcy and Pam Jarvis, Yvonne Yun and Fran Farley (retiring judge and breed surveyor). Kathie Minton was also awarded for Excellence in obedience.

This was also the first year the Barry O'Rourke Memorial Plaque- Awarded to 1st Place Stock Coat Junior Dog was on offer. As you all know, Barry contributed greatly to the breed and it is only fitting a trophy is named after him.

A number of social events occurred over the weekend, commencing with the Meet & Greet and Breed Survey on Thursday evening, catered by Yvonne Yun. This survey saw 5 animals successfully surveyed. Saturday evening saw dinner and the live band 2 Shots in the hanger and at the completion of the show and trial, presentations proceeded with light refreshments also in the hanger.

The dedication, perseverance and commitment by each person involved in the National should be commended and celebrated. Without those that put up their hand and volunteered their time, the show and trial would not have gone ahead. It is not possible to list all those who did, but we would like to thank every person that supported the League and contributed to the 2022 National's success.





National 2022 financials

Financials for 48th Nationals 2022 held from 3rd to 5th of June 2022	
Created on 14/1/2023	German Shepherd Dog League NSW
Event Profit and Loss Statement	PO Box 304
03/06/2022 to 5/06/2022	Kemps Creek, NSW 2178
National Income	Jun/2022
National Show - Tents	\$ 16,663
National Entries	\$ 17,555
National Catalogues	\$ 2,227
National Show - Sponsorship	\$ 6,636
National Show - Miscellaneous	\$ 58
National Camping Fees	\$ 2,815
Merchandise Sales	\$ 17,228
Total National Income	\$ 63,182
GSDCA National Expense	\$ 3,224
National Show Expenses	\$ 32,538
National Show Expenses _ Tent Hire	\$ 17,114
National Refund 2020 Sponsorship	\$ 182
National Show Trophies	\$ 5,903
National Show - Marketing	\$ 1,302
² Merchandise	\$ 23,348
Total Expenses	\$ 83,611
¹ Net Profit/(Loss)	-\$ 20,428
Notes	
1. Cash accounting booked in 2022 only, Cost of cancelled Nationals is not included	
2. Total Merchandise including club merchandise and write off	



APPENDICES

GSDL National committee & supporters

Greg Jones	Mel Groth	Jessica Kada
Anne Kada	Cassandra Booth	Grant Morton
Mani Singhal	Fran McAdam	Carolyn Becker
Kurt Morton	Deb Martin	Nev Kirkham
Fay stokes	Kim Graham	Pam Jarvis
Terry Jarvis	Brett Adams	Vanessa Bland
Kerrie Griffis	Kerrie Jones	Karen Stevenson
Jacqueline Fabian	Jo Cathie	Graeme Stevenson
Jacinta Poole	John DeLucia	Steven Collins

Sponsors

CLASS	TROPHIES	SASHES
Baby SC Dog	Jessica and Anne Kada of Jaknell Kennels	Jessica and Anne Kada of Jaknell Kennels
Minor SC Dog	Kylie Zimmerle	Sue Bruno
Puppy SC Dog	Veronica and Wolf Meffert of Uhlmsdorf Kennels	Veronica and Wolf Meffert of Uhlmsdorf Kennels
Junior SC Dog	Gary and Kayleen Williams of Kaygarr Kennels	Kay Garry and Kayleen Williams of Kaygarr Kennels
Inter SC Dog	Robyn And Kevin Knuckey of Freinhaus Kennels	Robyn And Kevin Knuckey of Freinhaus Kennels
Open SC Dog	Hetty Choy in Memory of Steve Choy – Unshaus Kennels	Hetty Choy in Memory of Steve Choy – Unshaus Kennels
Baby Lsc Dog	Jrl City Roofing	Caleb Lees
Minor Lsc Dog	Heather Macdonald of Conbhairean Kennels	Heather Macdonald of Conbhairean Kennels
Puppy Lsc Dog	Fred Flower	Your Kids Children, Youth & Adult Support Services
Junior Lsc Dog	Peta Jones of Hillmagic Kennels	Peta Jones of Hillmagic Kennels
Inter Lsc Dog	Mid North Coast Mob	Mid North Coast Mob
Open Lsc Dog	Jess and Chelsea Bird of Azincourt Kennels	Jess and Chelsea Bird of Azincourt Kennels
Baby Sc Bitch	Chris and Brank Auwema of Stobar Kennels	Chris and brank Auwema of Stobar Kennels
Minor Sc Bitch	Kim Graham and Bret Adams of Khayem Kennels	Wendy and Michael Blunt and Eileen Jenkins of Legionaire Kennels
Puppy Sc Bitch	Jessica and Anne Kada of Jaknell Kennels	Jessica and Anne Kada of Jaknell Kennels
Junior Sc Bitch	Jo Cathie of Cinderhof Kennels	Jo Cathie of Cinderhof Kennels
Inter Sc Bitch	Mel Groth of Edlenblut Kennels	Mel Groth of Edlenblut Kennels
Open Sc Bitch	Roger and Hilary Green	Roger and Hilary Green
Baby LSC Bitch	Cathy Shayler of Crytara Kennels	Cathy Shayler of Crytara Kennels
Minor LSC Bitch	Kristy Hall of Roxamburg	Deb Martin



Puppy LSC Bitch	Cassie Booth of Khanique Kennels	Cassie Booth of Khanique Kennels
Junior Lsc Bitch	Your Kids Children, Youth & Adult Support Services	Samantha John of Artwiz Kennels
Inter Lsc Bitch	Ian Heard and Kerrie Pearce	Michelle Rovetto of Rovetto Kennels
Open Lsc Bitch	Merilyn and Raechel Hornick of Gabmalu Kennels	Merilyn and Raechel Hornick of Gabmalu Kennels

Class	Trophies & Sashes	
CD/Novice	Anette Whiley	
CCD	Lyn Gregor of Kelpinpark Kennels	
UD	Dawn Howard and Diana Farr	
UDX	Ian Urie and Carol Murray	
CDX/Open	Peta Jones of Hillmagic Kennels	
Rally Novice	Fran McAdam of Durnstein Kennels - Frances McAdam	
Rally Master	Jessica and Anne Kada of Jaknell Kennels	
Rally Excellent	Jacqueline Fabian of Freundhund Kennels	
Rally Advanced	Wayne & Teresa Curry of Sheznova kennels	
Youth Handlers 7-9 yrs		Lozani Kennels
Youth Handlers 10-12 yrs		Lozani Kennel
Youth Handlers 13-19 yrs		Sportsfirst Taree



WUSV MEETING REPORT & WUSV ANNUAL MEETING

Nuremburg
22 & 23 September 2022

Delegate: Melanie Groth (Executive - Judges Chair)
Support person: Janet Haase (President GSDCT)

Preamble:

An informal meeting occurred on Thursday afternoon 22 September at the Max Morlock Stadium Nuremburg, with SV President Henry Messler, Continental Director Heather McDonald, Janet Haase and myself. Herr Messler was keen to speak with us to let us know that the SV/WUSV were distressed at the possibility of losing Australia from the global membership. He wanted to assure us that he understood the challenges we faced with regards to our government and ANKC regulations and that the Board had discussed our issues at length. He said that throughout the past 12 months they had become aware of a number of countries that were facing similar challenges. He did point out that the Board remained committed to Harmonisation but were prepared to work with countries to find positive solutions and work arounds that could be mutually agreed upon in order for clubs to reach and maintain their level.

He stressed to us that his position as SV President and Germany being the homeland of the GSD, he is committed to ensuring the breed, its ability to work and think were the highest priority and of utmost importance; hence the emphasis in the harmonisation program on character, temperament and ability to work as the founder originally designed for the breed.

As the breed and society have evolved, there is now acceptance that the original purpose of the GSD is evolving from a service, protection working dog and undergoing adjustments due to changes in social structures, societal beliefs, living conditions, politics and welfare and that breeds of dogs in general had adapted to become important in family and social situations as both companion and protector. He also reiterated to us that the Max von Stefanitz viewed the long stock hair as a major fault and regarded it as an impediment on the function, utility and type of the GSD.

Herr Messler was informed that the GSDCA works democratically and that proposals put to our organisation by the Board over the course of the 2022 BSZS would ultimately need to be agreed upon by the membership. He was informed that the clubs across Australia had recently met with their members with regard to the SV motion to expel Australia, and that the majority of clubs had voted to remain in the WUSV at this point in time.

He reiterated to us that the SV/WUSV would **not ever** be forcing us to comply with protection work, as he understood that would be against our organisational and some government regulations. He did say however, that he would prefer us not to impede the activities of groups that are not affiliated with our Canine bodies and therefore not subject to the same regulations.

He wanted to let us know that the Board was prepared to work with us and that he envisaged approval for; a restructure of the constitution and working parties be formed to embrace the changing nature of our breeding, showing and sporting activities. (See meeting notes for WUSV meeting 26 Sep.) This was based on recent global events, inability of countries to meet the European benchmark and court cases with the FCI that could impact the activities of the organisation. He looked forward to a positive meeting with the Board on Friday and further to that Monday. He was not so positive about South Africa, however their situation was not discussed with us.

WUSV Board 23 September 2022

After several rescheduled meeting times Janet and I met with the board at around 10:30am on Friday 23 September. Present in the meeting were:

President Heinrich Messler, Vice President Imran Hussain, Board members, Renee Rudin, Roberto Caputi,



Introductions were made and the President welcomed us warmly to the meeting and reiterated that the Board had been distressed by the possibility of losing such a strong member club to the organisation and wanted to work with us to try and find solutions to maintaining our membership. He asked us to outline what our issues were.

I explained the following points:

The members were dissatisfied with the rules of harmonisation

1. The members were upset at the introduction of the rule to prevent SV judges awarding Excellent gradings.

It was explained that for forty years the members have looked forward to SV judges providing guidance and knowledge when they visit Australia and awarding excellent gradings to our dogs, based on their anatomical virtues and performance in the ring. We had never sought to attain the VA grading as we knew that was not possible as a working title was required. It came as a shock that the SV had made the decision to impose this on the Excellent grading as well.

We were told that at the SV headquarters dogs exhibited under SV judges were only recorded as SG if they did not possess a working title. This was something that members in Australia were unaware of.

2. Confusion within the Australian membership that the SV required protection work to meet harmonisation schedules, despite intervention from the Continental Director, it was difficult to reverse opinion.

We explained that due to geographical isolation and diversity of state laws, in order for members to be treated equitably and have access to training facilities and clubs it was impossible for us to provide the necessary infrastructures for IPO working titles. The cultural makeup of the population and history with regard to the importation ban and entrenched attitudes to German Shepherds as dangerous dogs, the organisation had to protect the dog from further discrimination. We explained that in Victoria, dogs with a working title were automatically placed on the dangerous dog list, therefore Victorian members importing dogs do not want their titles to be recognised otherwise they are faced with limitations for their dogs in public places having to wear muzzles etc. Herr Seteki was astounded that this was the case.

The Board reiterated that they would not force Australia into protection work due to the legislations etc, however stressed that the GSD is a working dog and therefore it is necessary for inherited characteristics to be passed on to further generations so that the character and working ability of the dog is maintained. We discussed alternative working titles that could be possible in order for dogs to meet the working component that would make them eligible for the excellent grading.

For example, the Council could implement its own working test, approved by the SV Board and administered by the GSDCA (a combination of components such as obedience, agility, tracking) to qualify for an excellent grading.

Other stand-alone titles that could possibly be approved for eligibility of an SV Excellent grading are:

- Tracking
- Herding
- Search and Rescue
- Agility
- CCD or Novice or other titles possibly Rally O or higher

The GSDCA test could be a combination of elements from each of these, administered by the GSDCA and



Breed Surveyors and possibly GSDCA judges. Continental Director Heather McDonald offered support to work through these options with the GSDCA.

3. The HD/ED scheme, being forced to use the SV system when he had our own systems in place that had served the country well and we had 40 years of historical data collected.

The response to this was to outline issues of identity theft, microchip tampering and anomalies by certain countries. Australia was not implicated in this behaviour, however we were made aware that the SV had faced serious issues of impropriety and strict measures were imperative to ensure that the identity of dogs could be assured through DNA, the X-ray view of the dog that included the patella (Unique identifying factor) and having the global data kept by the motherland. The Board advised that the Working Dog Club in Australia had set up a scheme that members could use alongside our own scheme.

The Continental Director informed us of the route that the British members had undertaken and that it was entirely possible for Australia to contribute to this. The SV would like to see that the scheme was available to members. Earlier versions of setting up our own readers to meet parameters had been superseded by the production of a document for veterinarians to use that covers how the X-ray should be taken (including the patella), DNA (Orivet) check at the time of X-ray matching up with the microchip number. It also creates a level playing field across the world with the grading system for hips and elbows.

4. Inter-variety breeding

The Board are aware that our Kennel Control has introduced inter-variety breeding of the SC and LSCs. Given this is now part of our rules and regulations they understand that it is impossible to interfere in that, however they require some form of commitment from the GSDCA that indicates that we do not recommend inter-varietal breeding.

The reasons for this are as follows: LSC was viewed by the founder as a fault as the coat was an impediment to the working ability and conditions for working. The President felt it was a mistake to accept the LSC into the fold however that was done by a previous administration and cannot be undone. Herr Messler has been informed of genetic evidence that states that if we allow inter-variety breeding, after 20 years, LSC will outnumber SC. It is his belief that the LSC and the pre-potency of the length of hair, particularly the underline, that the silhouette does not resemble the shape of a GSD. It has begun to look like another breed.

For the above reasons the SV cannot accept inter-variety breeding and they ask that Australia consider the risk to the standard of the GSD, resulting from this decision and recommend to breeders in Australia that although they can register GSDs resulting from inter-variety breeding that they give due consideration to these facts and not participate. They would not consider dogs from deliberate inter-variety breeding for the grading of excellent.

5. AI was discussed and the Board has decided that due to our geographical isolation that they will not impose sanctions on Australia for the use of this technology.
6. Puppy character test is voluntary at present in Australia and they hope that this can form a pre-requisite for our Breed Survey in the future.
7. DNA testing – The SV are exploring avenues for Orivet to use the same markers and therefore the Continental Director will keep us updated on opportunities to be able to use the scheme. Further discussion about DNA testing – we explained that Orivet is used by one of the state canine bodies in Australia and that people living in Queensland, DNA test at the same time as microchipping for registration. Furthermore, we explained that breeders from interstate are now voluntarily DNA testing their dogs using the Orivet scheme in Qld. It was explained that German dogs are DNA tested as puppies when chipped then the DNA checked against that information when they are X-rayed at 12 months.

As a result of the meeting the WUSV Board agreed to pull the motion regarding expulsion from the WUSV from the Agenda of the Annual meeting to be held on the following Monday.



After discussion of all of the topics it was decided that if Australia could commit to working on implementing the ideals discussed in this meeting over the next 18 months, the SV would lift the ban on the Excellent gradings by SV judges until the 2025 deadline for harmonisation implementation.

The Board were informed that no decisions could be made here today and that agreements to the proposals from this meeting would be communicated to the council for voting on by the members in due course.

Herr Messler felt it may be advantageous for Helmut Setecki to visit Australia during the time of our National Show where he could provide insight and answer questions that the members may have of the WUSV Board.

This commitment of good will to work on these items was requested in writing to the Board.

Melanie Groth

WUSV Annual Meeting – 26 September 2022

8:30 – collection of interpreter devices and sign in.

9:00 - The President welcomed the delegation of clubs to the meeting, citing that the WUSV were entering a new era in how meetings were conducted with more consideration being given regarding the GSD globally. He acknowledged that the world had faced significant challenges in the past two years with regard to the Corona Virus and more recently the Russian invasion of Ukraine and this had impacted many people and their families within our fraternity. He also acknowledged a number of high profile people who had passed since the WUSV had last met. This included Clemens Lux, Luciano Musolino and Herr Muller. A two minute silence was held in their memory.

Elena from the Ukraine was invited to speak to the delegation and she thanked the clubs who had provided support to their country as it battled the war. Support had been provided in evacuating people, providing homes and temporary shelters for GSD and refugees. Particular assistance had been given to enable Ukraine to still compete in Denmark. It was a very emotional statement of thanks.

President Messler took the floor again informing us that of a possible 248 votes, 183 were present providing a quorum for the meeting to proceed. He spoke about changing legal frameworks and the undertaking of revising the global association.

He spoke about the introduction of harmonisation to strengthen the position for the German Shepherd Dog globally and having the one standard; instead of what was happening to other breeds where countries' were changing the standards to suit their own purposes and thus watering down the original intent of the standard of particular dog breeds. A court case with the FCI was won to protect the original standard produced by the homeland of the dog breed.

He stated that fewer purebred dogs were being bred across the world and that rules and regulations were impacting on dog ownership and this has affected our breed which used to be a working breed, acknowledging now that the German Shepherd had to be versatile in order to meet the growing need for it to be a working, sport, and/or family dog, hence the social environment had become vitally important. Dog ownership in compounds has become a problem and as a result there are less numbers of dogs being bred. This posed the questions of

“How do we save dog breeding and adjust to meet these changing needs?”

“What does the individual want?”

The answer includes; quality assurance, well bred, with good appearance, mental and physical checks in their pedigrees, judges need to assure quality.



Therefore, the theoretical model for leverage was to implement this globally. The WUSV reached a turning point and now needs to review its rules and regulations in order to be able to meet the needs of the various countries across the world, ensuring that the statutes globally are relevant to the law.

As a result of this he proposed that a working party of lawyers and relevant administrators be formed to review the regulations of various countries and regions to put forward proposals that would assist the WUSV to support the breeding of German Shepherd Dogs globally.

Agenda items 4.1-4.8 were addressed regarding the financials, budget proposals, election of auditors. It was proposed that should a member club require funds for running sports events; that they were entitled to apply for financial assistance from the SV in the form of a proposal should they need backing.

Introduction of Public Relations Officer – new position – the meeting welcomed Wolfram Berendt.

Wolfram extended an invitation to countries to send in information about their activities throughout the year.

Agenda Item 5 – Election of Board of Directors.

Imran Hussain had informed the Board prior to the meeting that he would not be re-standing for his position, therefore the Vice President position was to become vacant at this meeting.

Renee Rudin was elected unopposed Vice President

Roberto Caputi was elected unopposed Board Member

The vacancy left by Mr Hussain saw three proposals from the floor. Mr Plotzka (United Schutzhund Club of America), Dr Laraki (CD – Arabic region), Mr Yap Seng Tek (Singapore).

The result of a secret ballot was as follows

Vadim Plotzka 123 – elected to the WUSV Board

Yap Seng Tek 47

Dr Laraki 14

WUSV Statutory Amendments – Review Rules and Regulations – core team of lawyers to be approached: Claudia Remeliah, Manfred Kopf, Peter Alinsmire, Richard Brauch.

Proposal for sub committee to form and review the WUSV Constitution. Names were taken from the floor from various countries.

10.1 – Feedback on membership returns

A request was made to provide accurate figures of membership, activities within the country, improve the transparency of events and calendars.

10.2 – 10.12

- Algeria not enough members for full membership – Junior membership accepted
- Australia exclusion motion withdrawn
- Brazil – full membership granted
- Jordan junior membership granted
- Poland – junior membership granted



- Russia proposal removed from agenda
- Tunisia junior membership granted
- Uganda junior membership granted
- Hungary – allowing them to hold shows until they sort out issues with other club in their country

10.12 Miscellaneous Items – Items 1,2,3,4, 8 – pushed to the working party to provide recommendations

Items 6 postponed, 7 passed, 9 and 10 withdrawn.

11. 1.1 Panama given another year to sort fees, if no contact they will be removed from the WUSV

11.1.2 Venezuela recovering and paid some of its debt.

12 Review of events – Bernd Weber (2022), Helmut Buss (2021) and Lutz Wischalla (2022) delivered reports on the working males and females of 2021 and 2022.

Meeting concluded at 3:10pm



GSDCA CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

YEAR	NAME OF DOG	CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED
2005	Police Dog "Titan"	June 2005
2005	Iljaberg Yokone Gold "Famous Amus" SES	June 2005
2006	Police Dog "Silky" (VIC)	March 2006
2006	Police Dog "Duke" (QLD)	September 2006
2007	Police Dog "Tyson" (QLD)	September 2007
2007	Police Dog "Hutch" (QLD)	September 2007
2007	Police Dog "Bear" (SA)	December 2007
2008	Police Dog "Carts" (NSW)	March 2008
2008	Police Dog "Koby" (SA)	March 2008
2009	Police Dog "Ike" (QLD)	June 2009
2010	Police Dog "Salem" (VIC)	May 2010
2010	Police Dog "Zac" (QLD)	July 2010
2011	No Awards Given	-----
2012	Police Dog "Bosun" (QLD)	May 2012
2013	Police Dog "Riggs" (May 2013
2014	No Awards Given	-----
2015	Police Bitch "Angel" (May 2015
2016	Police Dog "Rumble" (WA)	March 2016
2017	Police Dog "Quinn" (May 2017
2017	Seigen Quintessential "Cade" (WA)	May 2017
2018	Police Dog "Ruger" (SA)	April 2018
2019	Police Dog "Ike" (VIC)	April 2019
2020	No Awards Given	-----
2021	Police Dog "Kaos" (Qld)	August 2021
2022	Police Dog "Kronos" (NSW)	June 2022

PLEASE NOTE:

The following information can be found on the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) website www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org

- The GSDCA National Winners
- The GSDCA Main Breed Exhibition Winners
- The GSDCA Service Awards List
- The GSDCA Development Milestones



GSDCA EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS HISTORY

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PATRON</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>FIRST VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECOND VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>THIRD VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>EDITOR QNR</u>
1960	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1961	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr V Huth	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1962	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr K Stubbs	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1963	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr D Carnegie	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	Mr R Brabham
1964	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Dr G Giles	Mrs B Ryan	N/A	Miss J Atkinson	Miss J Atkinson	Mr R Brabham
1965	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mrs B Ryan	N/A	Mrs J Brabham (nee J Atkinson)	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1966	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1967	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1968	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	No Review Published
1969	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	No Review Published
1970	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Wing	Mr R Brabham	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1971	Judge Mitchell	Mr B Cooper	Mr E Van Bael	Mr J Neddermeyer	N/A	Mrs F Stokes	Mrs F Stokes	No Review Published
1972	Judge Mitchell	Mr V Atkinson	Dr I Upton	Mr J Neddermeyer	N/A	Mrs F Stokes	Mrs F Stokes	No Review Published
1973	Judge Mitchell	Mr I Murrell	Mr G Hallinan	Mr S Beeton	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1974	Mr D Chipp	Mr I Murrell	Mr S Beeton	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1975	Mr D Chipp	Mr S Beeton	Mr G Moody	Mr G Hallinan	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J	No Review Published



							Neddermeyer	
1976	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr G Hallinan & Mrs G Donald	Mr G Hallinan & Mrs G Donald	Mr W Reimann
1977	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1978	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1979	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1980	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Reimann & Mr J Rodger
1981	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Moody	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Reimann & Mr J Rodger
1982	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Moody	Mr W Steinbacher	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1983	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mrs F Farley (nee Moody)	Mr M Stokes	Mr W Steinbacher	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger

** In 1983, the AGM approved an Executive recommendation that the Vice Presidential system be abolished and be replaced on a functional basis as described below.*

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PATRON</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>* CHAIRMAN NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION</u>	<u>* CHAIRMAN JUDGES COMMITTEE</u>	<u>* CHAIRMAN OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>EDITOR QNR</u>
1984	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mr P Burrett	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1985	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr U Schwab	Mrs M Barnes	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1986	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr U Schwab	Mrs M Barnes	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1987	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs A Pettenhofer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1988	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs A Pettenhofer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1989	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1990	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1991	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger



1992	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1993	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr R Stephens
1994	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs F Farley	Mr B O'Rourke	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr R Stephens
1995	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr V Tantaro	Mr D O'Rourke	Mr N Richardson	Ms F Gehring	Mr R Stephens
1996	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Mr B O'Rourke	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mr N Richardson	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1997	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Dr K Hedberg	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mr N Richardson	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1998	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Dr K Hedberg	Mr L Donald	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mr J Rodger	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1999	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs F Farley	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mrs M Barnes	Mr S Collins	Ms C Spalding
2000	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Dr K Hedberg	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mrs M Barnes	Mr S Collins	Ms C Spalding
2001	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Collins	Mr A Christie
2002	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Mr A Christie
2003	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Mr A Christie
2004	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Ms Y Yun
2005	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Ms Y Yun
2006	Mr D Chipp (Deceased)	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Ms Y Yun
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PATRON</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	* CHAIRMAN NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION	* CHAIRMAN JUDGES COMMITTEE	* CHAIRMAN OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>EDITOR QNR</u>
2007	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2008	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2009	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2010	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
2011	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
2012	Vacant	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms. J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2013	Mrs D Fraser AO	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie/	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun



	MBE				Mr J DeLucia			
2014	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2015	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2016	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J DeLucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. J Poole
2017	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Ms M Groth	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. J Poole
2018	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Ms M Groth (Resigned 7/5/18)	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. J Poole
2019	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Yuen	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. J Poole
2020	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr S Lynch	Mrs J Yuen	Mr L Donald	Mrs J Urie	Mrs L. Phillis	Mr P Flynn	Ms. J Poole
2021	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr S Lynch	Mr I Urie	Mr L Donald/Mr S Collins	Mr J Delucia	Mrs L Phillis	Mr P Flynn	Mrs Y Yun
2022	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr S Lynch	Mr I Urie	Ms M Groth	Mr J Delucia	Mrs L Phillis	Mr P Flynn	Mrs Y Yun

