

**Minutes**  
**62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
*GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.*  
Zoom Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023



**1 Opening**

**CHAIR: Sean Lynch – GSDCA President**

**Meeting opened at 9.30am**

The meeting was declared open with the Chair welcoming all Presidents and delegates to the 62<sup>nd</sup> GSDCA Annual General Meeting.

President suspended standing orders and advised that he wanted the meeting to consider circumstances around the Membership Declaration and Annual subscription from the GSDL.

The meeting was briefed by the President and Treasurer. All Clubs except for the GSDL returned the Membership Declarations and paid their annual subscription fees by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. After follow-up from the GSDCA Treasurer on 2/2/2023, the GSDL lodged their Membership Declaration on 7/1/2023 (equating to 5 votes). The associated payment was made on 17/1/2023. On 14/1/2023 the GSDL sent a revised Membership Declaration (which if accepted would result in 6 votes). An additional payment was made on 18/1/23. National voting commenced (GSDL) on 9/1/23.

The President recommended that the revised Membership Declaration be accepted because the calculation error arose from the rush to lodge the form, and in his view, there are a range of issues with the wording and application of the Constitution.

Following discussion, the President, on the recommendation of the ACTGSDA, advised that he would apply clause 7.2 of the GSDCA Constitution for voting (requiring three quarters majority) to resolve this matter. This approach was accepted by the meeting.

The GSDCSA moved that the GSDL's revised Membership Declaration (6 votes) be accepted, Seconded NHRGSDC.

For: NHRGSDC, GSDCSA, GSDL, ACTGSDA, GSDAWA

Against: GSDCV, GSDCT, GSDCQ

Treasurer advised **motion lost** (75% not reached)

AGM resumed 10.10 am.

**Voting Strength**

Member Club	Representative	Voting Strength
Australian Capital Territory GSDA	Sasha Beljanski/Wolf Meffert	4
GSD League	Jessica Kada	5
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC	Paul York/Kay York	4
GSDC of Queensland	Sharon Thorp	4
GSDC of South Australia	Stephen Collins	5
GSDC of Tasmania	Janet Haase/Gabrielle Peacock	2
GSDC of Victoria	Vince Ebejer/Tony Mercieca	8
GSDA of Western Australia	Ian Heard	5
Total Votes		37

**Voting Strength - Advised by the GSDCA Treasurer**

**Attendee List:**

<b>Executive</b>	
President	Sean Lynch
Secretary	Lyn Phillis
NBC Chair	Ian Urie
Judges Chair	Melanie Groth
Treasurer	Peter Flynn
QNR Editor	Yvonne Yun
Obedience Chair	John Delucia
<b>Delegates</b>	
ACT GSDA President	Sasha Beljanski
ACT GSDA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Delegate	Wolf Meffert
GSD League President	Jessica Kada
GSDC of Victoria President	Vince Ebejer
GSDC of Victoria 2 <sup>nd</sup> Delegate	Tony Mercieca
GSDC of South Australia Delegate	Stephen Collins
GSDA of Western Australia President	Ian Heard
GSDC of Tasmania President	Janet Haase
GSDC of Tasmania 2 <sup>nd</sup> Delegate	Gabrielle Peacock
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC President	Paul York
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Delegate	Kay York
GSDC of Queensland President	Sharon Thorp
GSDC of Queensland 2 <sup>nd</sup> Delegate	Fred Flower
Minute Secretary	Kay York
<b>Position Holders and Nominees</b>	
Kurt Morton	Melanie Groth
John Fenner	Dr Candice Wedge
Terry Jarvis	Jenny Kenworthy
Frank Moody	Alastair Henderson
<b>Observers</b>	
Jenny Yuen	Cristine Begbie
Jamie Phillis	Judith Strachan
Jenny Kenworthy	Gail Donald
Louis Donald	Robyn Knuckey
Salvatore Pittelli	Vince Tantaró
<b>Apologies</b>	
Jenny Delucia	

## 2 Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting

### 2.1 Confirmation of Minutes from 61<sup>st</sup> GSDCA AGM

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> GSDCA Annual General Meeting held on the 5 February 2022 via Zoom link be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: GSDCSA Seconded: GSDAWA

Motion **Carried**

## 2.2 Matters Arising from 61<sup>st</sup> AGM.

ACTION	Actioned by	Date Completed
That National Council should write to the Veterinary Board giving our background, the Xray scheme, the statistics of passes now in relation to the rising number of vets recommending JPS Surgery Jenny De Lucia, NBC and Dr Candy Wedge work together to draft a letter.	Jenny De Lucia, NBC Chair & Dr Candy Baker	Ongoing
Inter variety breeding of long stock coats to stock coats. The GSDCA approach the ANKC to allow inter variety breeding of long stock coats to stock coats for an initial period of 7 years.	NBC Chair to correspond with ANKC	Letter sent 6.3.2022. Approval given by ANKC 19.07.22
<p>Ineligibility to Participate in the GSDCA Improvement Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any person or persons that is suspended/ banned from a State Canine body will be ineligible to participate in the GSDCA breed improvement schemes for the length of the suspension/ban.</li> <li>Any person or persons that have been expelled/ suspended from a GSDCA Affiliate club will be ineligible to participate in the GSDCA breed improvement schemes for the length of the suspension/ban.</li> </ul> <p>Legal advice to be sought before motion can move forward.</p>	GSDCA Secretary	Not completed Ongoing

Discussion incomplete items:

JPS Surgery: Dr Baker recommends that GSDCA take an educational approach.

*Action: Publicity Officer to compile information pack, including material from Jenny De Lucia's article (with permission), for use by breeders via Clubs, the GSDCA website and QNR to educate puppy buyers.*

Participation in GSDCA Improvement Schemes: Outgoing Secretary advised that the GSDCA needs to look at retaining a lawyer specialising in constitutional law to review the constitution and regulations to provide an informed approach to this proposal. Item to be discussed in General Business.

## 2.3 Ratification of Matters Arising from the 61<sup>st</sup> AGM under the "60 Day rule".

Motion 1	Motion: "Additional Accredited Readers for the GSDCA hip & elbow schemes" That Mariano Markara and Dr Ana Hayes be approached to be additional accredited readers for the GSDCA hip & elbow schemes	Carried
Motion 2	Motion: "GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme" That as of 1st July 2023 the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme only allows 'Z' stamp for animals who have NORMAL elbows, Grade 1 – less than 1mm of osteophytes or Near Normal immeasurable osteophytes or displaying slight irregularities (less than 0.5mm osteophytes).	Lost
Motion 3	Motion: Advertising fee for Stud dogs That a reduction of the advertising fee for stud dogs be reduced to \$165 per page	Carried
Motion 4	Motion: That a GSDCA Judges and Breed Surveyors service agreement be adopted Effective as from 1 July 2022	Lost

### **3 President's report – S Lynch – refer Annual report**

### **4 Treasurer's report – P Flynn – refer Annual report**

4.1 Auditor's report – William Buck, Adelaide. South Australia.

### **5 Secretary's report – L Phillis – refer Annual report**

Discussion section of report re enquiries from members of the public re puppies and registration moved to General Business

### **6 Club Reports and Financial Statements – Presidents/Delegates – refer Annual report**

- 6.1 ACT GSDA, Wolf Meffert
- 6.2 GSD League, Jess Kada
- 6.3 Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC, Paul York
- 6.4 GSDC of Queensland, Sharon Thorp
- 6.5 GSDC of South Australia, M John De Lucia
- 6.6 GSDC of Tasmania, Janet Haase
- 6.7 GSDC of Victoria, Vince Ebejer
- 6.8 GSDA of Western Australia, Ian Heard

### **7 Chairperson National Breed Commission – Ian Urie – refer Annual report**

- 7.1 National Breed Survey Registrar, Melanie Groth
- 7.2 Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chairperson, Dr. Candy Baker
- 7.3 National Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar, Doug West
- 7.4 National Title Verification Officer, Jenny De Lucia

Discussion

- NBC Meeting to be held 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 Adelaide.
- Question from GSDCSA regarding Doug West getting assistance for the role. NBC Chair advised that when formal succession to take place an expression of interest will go out.

*Action: Qld asked that discussion re verification of titles on imported dog's and semen on database to be referred to NBC for discussion.*

- Question from SA regarding Tooth Certificates. – clarification of response from NBC chair.

### **8 Chairperson Judges Committee – Melanie Groth, refer Annual report**

Judges Chair noted her intention to add to Judges List by gathering names at upcoming conferences.

### **9 Chairperson Obedience Committee – John De Lucia, refer Annual report**

### **10 Editor Quarterly National Review – Yvonne Yun, refer Annual report**

GSDCV requested that a section of this report be removed, and report reissued.

## 11 Sub Committee Reports, refer Annual Report

11.1 National Show Liaison Officer – Stephen Collins

11.2 National Database Coordinator – Frank Moody

NBC Chair noted the HD & ED Working party's advice that the current storage will not cope with increased data and will need to be increased.

*Action: NBC chair to present storage upgrade proposal.*

11.3 Trophy Officer –Terry Jarvis

*Action: Secretary to send a letter to Aerial Fine Arts, who have closed their business, thanking them for their years of involvement with Council trophies.*

11.4 Website Officer – Jacinta Poole

11.5 GSDCA Youth Officer – Kurt Morton

*Action: President to ask Chelsea Bird if she would be interested in nominating for this position as Kurt Morton is standing down.*

11.6 Public Relations Officer – Mr. Paul York

Public Relations Officer noted his work with Jenny Kenworthy, Karen Hedberg and Yvonne Yun on NSW Legislation. He reported that Yvonne has been essential to this work and has been working hard outside her portfolio to assist, including appearing at NSW Parliamentary enquiries.

11.7 Historian – N/A

11.8 Breed Research and Legislation Officer – John Fenner

## 12 WUSV Meeting (2022): Refer Annual Report

WUSV Meeting Report – Nuremburg by Melanie Groth (Executive – Judges Chair) previously forwarded to all member clubs on 18 October 2022, and presented in Annual report.

## 13 Determination of scale of fees for financial year 2023/2024

No increases proposed for the 2023/2024 financial year.

## Election of Office Bearers

ACT Moved: That the AGM be closed, and all decisions taken to this point set aside, based on the following:

**Rationale:** The questions being determined throughout the suspension of standing orders were around change of voting strength. The right to change voting strength has been denied to the League and it should therefore be denied to these two clubs.

The motion failed to gain support and was abandoned.

#### 14.1 Executive

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Term
NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION CHAIR	Ian Urie	GSDCT, GSDL, GSDCV	2 Year
SECRETARY	<b>Janet Haase</b> ----- Paul York  <i>Janet Haase declared elected</i>	GSDCT, GSDL ----- NHRGSDC	2 Year
OBEDIENCE CHAIR	John De Lucia ----- <b>Alastair Henderson</b> <i>Alastair Henderson declared elected</i>	GSDCSA, NHRGSDC ----- GSDAWA, GSDCT, GSDL, GSDCV	2 Year

#### 14.2 Expression of Interest for Other Positions

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Term
Public Officer	Mr. Brenton Lowes	ACTGSDA, GSDL	1 Year
HD/ED Registrar	Mr. Doug West	GSDL	1 Year
NBC Registrar	Ms. Melanie Groth	GSDL	1 Year
Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair	Dr Candy Baker	GSDAWA, GSDL, GSDCV	1 Year
National Show Liaison Officer	Mr. Stephen Collins ----- <b>Mr. Vince Tantaro</b>	GSDL ----- GSDCV	1 Year
Website Officer	Ms. Jacinta Poole	GSDL, GSDCV	1 Year
Trophy Officer	Mr. Terry Jarvis	GSDCSA, NHRGSDC, GSDCT, GSDL, ACTGSDC	1 Year
Breed Research & Legislation Officer	Mr. John Fenner	GSDAWA	1 Year
Public Relations Officer	Mr. Paul York	GSDL	1 Year
Historian	No nomination		1 Year

Outcome: Position holders endorsed, noting that the National Show Liaison Officer is appointed by the Executive. Vince Tantaro was appointed National Show Liaison Officer by the Executive following the AGM.

## 14 GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial Reports

#### 15.2 49<sup>th</sup> National – 2023 - GSDCV

Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria

Dates – 28, 29 & 30 April 2023

Major Sponsor: Royal Canin

Conformation Judges:

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Mrs. Heather Macdonald (UK)

All Stock Coat Dog classes – Mrs. Heather Macdonald (UK)

All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Mr. Malcolm Griffiths

Reserve – GSDCA/NBC Executive accredited judge.

Obedience Judges:

CCD – Laura Schimke (QLD)

Novice – Mrs Kim Houlden (VIC)

Open – Mr Charlie Giles (ACT)

UD – Mrs Elaine Temby (ACT)

UDX – Mrs Kim Houlden (Vic)

Rally Judges:

Novice – Ms Laura Schimke (QLD)

Advanced (Ms Elaine Temby (ACT)

Excellent -Mrs Kim Houlden (VIC)

Master – Mr Charlie Giles (ACT)

Junior Showmanship Judge: Ms Chelsea Bird (NSW)

Entry Fees:

Junior to Open: Initial entry = \$48.00, subsequent \$40.00 per class

Minor Puppy to Puppy: Initial entry = \$38.00, subsequent \$30.00 per class

Baby Puppies: Initial entry = \$28.00, subsequent \$20.00 per class

Obedience: Initial entry = \$38.00, subsequent \$30.00 per class

VIC Merchandise on sale, Marquees available Catalogue advertising open National Facebook page for updates.

15.3 50<sup>th</sup> National – 2024 – GSDC of South Australia

Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia – Progress Report

Dates – 3 – 5 May 2024 (approved Dogs Australia 17.02.22)

Major Sponsor is TBC.

Conformation Judges:

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Bernd Weber

All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Bernd Weber

All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Her Eric Bosl

Reserve – Herr Wolfgang Hassall & Herr Harald Hohmann

Obedience Judges: TBA

Junior Showmanship Judge: TBA

Entry Fees: TBA

Junior to Open: Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

Minor Puppy to Puppy: Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

Baby Puppies Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

Obedience Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

15.4 51<sup>st</sup> National – 2025 – For discussions in General business 22.1

Host: TBC

Dates: TBC

Confirmed and Proposed List of Judges for Nationals:	
2014 Canberra	Herr Joachim Stiegler (D) and Herr Frank Goldlust (B)
2015 Melbourne	Herr Lothar Quoll (LSC Dogs & Bitches and Stock Coat Dogs) Herr Heinz Scheerer (Stock Coat Bitches)
2016 Sydney	Herr H. Buss (LSC & SC Dogs) & Frau Margit Van Dorssen, (SC Bitches)

	Reserve – Herr Christoph Ludwig (D) & Herr J. Mayer (B)
2017 Queensland	Herr Frank Goldlust (LSC & SC Dogs), Herr Joachim Stiegler (SC Bitches) Reserve – Herr E Bosl
2018 South Australia	Herr Hans-Peter Schweimer (LSC & SC Dogs) ( <i>replacement</i> ) Herr Christoph Ludwig ( <i>unavailable due to work commitments</i> ) Herr Rainer Mast (SC Bitches), Reserve – Herr Lothar Quoll
2019 Melbourne	Herr Lothar Quoll (SC Bitches) ( <i>Advised not available due to health reasons, replacement TBA</i> ) Herr Harald Hohmann (SC Males & All LSC's) Herr Richard Brauch (All SC Bitches) Reserve
2020 & 2021	CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
2022 Sydney (48 <sup>th</sup> National)	Mr. Louis Donald (Qld) (All LSC & SC Dogs) Mrs. Jenny Yuen (Vic) (All SC Bitches)
2023 Melbourne (49 <sup>th</sup> National)	Mrs. Heather MacDonald (UK) (All LSC's & SC Dogs) Mr. Malcolm Griffiths (UK) (All SC Bitches)
2024 South Australia (50 <sup>th</sup> National)	Herr Bernd Weber (all LSC & SC Dogs) Herr Eric Bosl (all SC Bitches)
2025	For discussion (General business 22.1) as Melbourne is hosting the 49 <sup>th</sup> National Show and Trial in 2023.

## 15 Matters referred to AGM from National Breed Commission

### 16.1 Ratification of appointment of new GSDCA Breed Surveyors:

Motion: That the appointment of Jenny De Lucia and Joanne Cathie as GSDCA Breed Surveyors be ratified.

Rationale:

At the 2022 NBC meeting the appointment of two new Breed Surveyors was approved – Mrs. Jenny De Lucia and Ms. Joanne Cathie.

As per Regulation 6.4, resumes of the two Surveyors will be printed in the Quarterly National Review, and as NBC Chair I now recommend these two Surveyors for ratification of their appointment.

They have both conducted surveys in their States since their appointment by the NBC meeting.

Motion **Carried** Unanimously

### 16.2 Application for HD/ED forms by breeders

Motion: That HD/ED forms may be supplied to the breeder of animals at the normal members price, on behalf of owners of dogs bred by that kennel.

Rationale:

At the 2022 NBC meeting after discussion, it was agreed that the practice of breeders applying for HD/ED forms on behalf of the owners of animals bred by their kennel be allowed to continue. This enables collection of valuable health related data for our breed, while removing the disincentive of paying a non-members surcharge, which could discourage newer owners who may not have joined their State Club



**For:** NHRGSDC, GSDCSA, GSDL, GSDCQ, GSDCT, GSDAWA, GSDCV  
**Against:** ACTGSDA

Motion **Carried**

16.3 New Zealand members participation in the GSDCA HD/ED schemes

**Motion:** That GSD owners residing in New Zealand may submit x-rays to the GSDCA HD/ED schemes with microchips, instead of the previous requirement for tattoos only, under the following conditions:

- (i) the owner is a member of the GSD Advisory Council (New Zealand);
- (ii) the dog has a microchip which has been verified by and is recorded by the GSDAC along with its pedigree, on a database to be established by the GSDAC;
- (iii) the microchip number is printed on the official pedigree/registration certificate from Dogs New Zealand (NZKC) and a copy is supplied with the application;
- (iv) the Vet signs the declaration that he has read the microchip at time of x-ray and the number is also embedded digitally on the x-rays.

**Rationale:**

The previous requirement for NZ dogs to be identified only by GSDAC tattoo was put in place because NZKC (now Dogs New Zealand) did not record microchips on pedigrees at time of registration. We have been advised by the GSD Advisory Council that whilst microchips are required for all NZ dogs for local council registration, as they are in Australia, the relevant databases only record pet names with owner's details, and are not linked to pedigrees, but they can be added to DOGS NZ registration certificates on request. Tattooing is no longer widely used by breeders in New Zealand and could very soon be banned by authorities. Because of our requirement for a tattoo to be recorded on x-rays, very few NZ members have been using the GSDCA schemes, which has resulted in less data being available in our own records. Most NZ members have been using CHEDS (who accept microchips) in the absence of any HD/ED schemes in their Country, to comply with their requirements for Breed Survey.

The GSDAC (NZ) has written to us requesting that we consider changing our Regulations, and they have committed to establishing their own database which will record microchips verified by the GSDAC and recorded along with pedigrees, in a similar way to what used to be done with their tattoo records. (See necessary amendments to GSDCA Regulations in following motions).

Motion **Carried** Unanimously

***Action:** NBC Chair to discuss with GSDAC (NZ) putting forward a motion next year so that NZ Breeders can also purchase HD/ED Forms for their puppy buyers at normal member price (see 16.2 above)*

16.4 Motion: Amend GSDCA Regulation 3.2.2.2 - Acceptance of Microchips for GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes:

Existing Regulation 3.2.2.2

3.2.2.2.1 FOR AUSTRALIAN BRED ANIMALS Effective 1st January 2012 the GSDCA will accept a microchip as a positive form of identification for any ANKC registered pedigree German Shepherd Dog bred within Australia, into the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes.

3.2.2.2.2 FOR OVERSEAS BRED ANIMALS (except New Zealand bred dogs) In the case of overseas countries the GSDCA will recognise a microchip identification from that country provided that complete litter records including the microchip are maintained by the controlling Canine Body, and such information is available from the controlling Canine Body to the GSDCA for verification.

3.2.2.2.3 FOR NEW ZEALAND BRED ANIMALS New Zealand (NZ) bred dogs must still be identified by a tattoo controlled through the NZ German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council (NZGSDAC) system, and the tattoo is verified by the NZGSDAC. At this stage Microchips will NOT be accepted for New Zealand (NZ) bred dogs.

Proposed amended Regulation:

Amend clause 3.2.2.2.3 to read:

3.2.2.2.3 FOR NEW ZEALAND BRED ANIMALS New Zealand (NZ) bred dogs must be identified by a microchip controlled through the NZ German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council (NZGSDAC) system, and the microchip number is verified by the NZGSDAC and is also recorded on the Dogs NZ pedigree supplied with the application.

Rationale: (see previous motion)

Motion **Carried** Unanimously

- 16.5 Motion: Amend Regulation 3.3.2.1.3 by removing the “Note” (highlighted in Red below)

Motion: Amend Regulation 3.3.10 Qualifications for a GSDCA ‘Z’ Stamp

3.3.2 Participation in the GSDCA HD/ED Control Schemes

3.3.2.1.3 The animal must be positively identified: a) For animals born prior to 1st July 2017, by Tattoo through the GSDCA National Tattoo Scheme, or a GSDCA recognised Tattoo scheme; or by microchipping. b) For animals born after 1st July 2017 the only acceptable identification method will be microchipping.

~~NOTE! The GSDCA will only accept tattoo as the only form of positive identification for animals in New Zealand.~~

Rationale: (see previous motions)

Motion **Carried** Unanimously

- 16.6 Motion: That the Regulation 7.2.2 (advertising of National schedules) be amended.

Existing Regulation:

7.2.2.2 The cost of advertising the schedule for the National Show and Trial to the hosting Member Clubs will be offered at a fifty (50) percent reduction.

Proposed amendment:

7.2.2.2 The advertising of the schedule in the Quarterly Review for the GSDCA National Show and Trial is offered free of charge to the hosting Member Club.

Rationale:

The National is an event held on behalf of the GSDCA by a Member Club, and the Council benefits from a 15% levy on entries. Due to reduced numbers, the days when clubs could make a healthy profit running a National are long gone, and those clubs willing to take it on invariably show a financial loss. With the reduced advertising rates now in place, the loss to Council income would be minimal, and this change will offer some small benefit to the hosting club.

**For:** NHRGSDC, GSDCSA, GSDL, GSDCQ, GSDCT, GSDAWA, GSDCV

**Against:** ACTGSDA

Motion **Carried**

**17 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges Meeting - nil**

18 **Matters referred to the AGM from the Judges Committee – nil**

19 **Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Obedience Committee – nil**

20 **Matters referred by Member Clubs to the AGM**

- 20.1 Motion: GSDCQ moved that all results, pertaining to the GSDCA National show and Trial be reprinted as a supplement edition.

Rationale:

The edition that has been printed and circulated fails to comply with the GSDCA regulations, and due to errors or omissions is not a true and accurate record of this Historical event.

Omissions

1. No recognition or pictures of Silver and Bronze Medal Winners for either dogs or bitches in direct contradiction to Regulation 7.2.1.2.1 and 7.2.2.1.
2. No recognition of the Memorial Awards as per Regulation 7.2.2.1b
3. No Critiques from the Obedience Trial (I believe this is not possible as wasn't done)
4. No pictures of the Obedience Winners or Medal Winners
5. No Best in Show and Trial.

Errors

1. The critiques published in the review were NOT the final critiques supplied by the judges and therefore, are a draft and shouldn't have been published.
2. Photographs were supplied by owners and not used, and alternate images used.

Other

1. To present a Breeders group at a National is an incredible achievement, and to have this placed on the inside back cover with no photographs is felt not to give these breeders the recognition they deserve.

Due to COVID restrictions, and not having any face-to-face meetings the GSDCA has saved significant funds, and the GSDCQ believes that some of this money should be put into printing a supplement edition of this year's National Show and Trial, in order to give the dogs, breeders, exhibitors the credit they deserve, and to ensure that the historic record of the event is accurate.

Discussion: GSDCQ noted that the National Show and Trial edition is the one people tend to keep. Whilst they would love to see a hard copy, they would be prepared to accept a digital copy for this one particular National Review (subject to 60-day motion). Several people have volunteered to help put together the publication so that it is a correct historical edition. GSDV would like a hard copy edition. GSDCWA, GSDCSA and ACTGSDA both concerned about the cost. Digital may be acceptable. Review editor suggested two years of Nationals in one magazine. GSDCT thought this idea had merit however GSDCQ believes each National is stand alone and as such should be 2 magazines.

**For: GSDCV, GSDCQ, GSDL, GSDCT**

**Against: ACTGSDA, GSDCWA, GSDCSA, NHRGSDC**

**Motion Carried**

- 20.2 Motion: ACTGSDA moved that Dogs Australia do not accept the SV hip and elbow results ('a' stamp) of Australian bred dogs who were x-rayed in Australia and whose x-rays have been sent to the SV for reading and grading.

Rationale:

Some SV 'a' stamps do not meet the standard of the GSDCA 'A' stamp, particularly at the 'Noch Zugelassen' (Still Acceptable) grading which would be a clear failure in Australia. It should be noted that some Sporting Dog Club working line dogs have had their x-rays submitted to the SV for reading. This is detrimental to the Dogs Australia Litter Registration Limit. This requires that in order for pups to be entered on the General Register both parents have to meet minimum hip and elbow standards. Accepted are the GSDCA and AVA Hip and Elbow schemes.

At present the SV 'a' stamp on imported dogs is also accepted.

**For: ASTGSDA, GSDCQ, NHRGSDC**

**Against: GSDL, GSDCV, GSDAWA, GSDCSA, GSDCT**

Motion **Lost**

20.3 Motion: Moved GSDCSA That Breed Survey Class 1 and Class 2 be reintroduced to the Breed Survey scheme.

Rationale:

The current system of one classification does not give new members of the fraternity any clear guidance or distinction between far above average or above average. The one classification system has not increased the number of animals presented through the scheme. The reintroduction of a two-class system will clearly provide that distinction and give clearer guidance to all members of the fraternity. Being able to distinguish animals into class 1 and class 2 on the day provides a visual picture which is far better than expecting a member to read a critique and make the distinction.

NBC Chair noted that this would constitute a change to the Breed Survey Manual and as such should be directed to the next NBC meeting in the first instance.

**For: GSDCSA, NHRGSDC**

**Against: ACTGSDA, GSDL, GSDCV, GSDAWA, GSDCT**

Motion **Lost**

20.4 Motion: Moved GSDCV That the GSDCA put forward a request to Dogs Australia for a partial exemption from the ANKC Regulation Section 4 Exhibitors. 4.1.2 specifically for an exemption for specialty showing of German Shepherd Dogs from items b, c, d, e, f & h

*Note:* the entire regulation is included for clarity. Items *a* and *g* are orange and do not form part of the request.

Current Regulation

ANKC Regulation Section 4 Exhibitors. 4.1.2: -

A person may not enter, 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 proprietary 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 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.

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.

*g. The dog was bred by the judge or the judge's family.*

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.

h. Either the exhibitor or the judge has used a stud dog belonging to the other within the last 6 months.

Rationale:

- Given the relatively small number of enthusiasts who are involved in the specialty showing of German Shepherd Dogs in Australia and that a substantial number of them are judges, trainers, handlers, and stud dog owners who are

constantly in contact with the general members of the GSDCA member clubs there are aspects of the regulation that are unduly prohibitive.

- Many of our judges are active in handling for themselves and others in the specialty show ring. If multiple dogs are exhibited by the one exhibitor or a judge and/or handlers are handling multiple dogs, the impact of this regulation on our show entries cannot be underestimated.
- Parts of this regulation reduce the opportunity for a judge to be an exhibitor at our events. Due to the low number of judges and exhibitors in our fraternity, there will be a connection between judge and exhibitor through social events, normal training activities etc. leaving few shows available to exhibitors.
- Regulation b reduces owner opportunity to compete or retain an interest in a dog (or dogs) who have retired from conformation shows while the partnership remains, the '12 month' period referred to in the regulation has not yet begun and affects all of the animals in the member's name.
- Part of our success as a breed organisation is the ideal that we help each other, given the nature of our events, and the dwindling number of specialty show handlers, there is a distinct possibility that this may reduce further as members will evaluate whether they will handle a dog at an event if it may impact them later. Furthermore, it would be unfair if a member was penalised if they helped an exhibitor whose handler was unable to continue or needed a 'spell' during a particularly long physically active event.
- The more popular a stud dog within that GSD community, the higher the probability of individual competitors/judges exposing themselves to be in breach of this regulation and therefore unable to exhibit.
- Often multiple owners are required to cover the expenses involved when importing GSD stud dogs and quality females. It is often Judges involved as they have the breed knowledge. Regulation h will limit studs &/or impact entries for a judge. The regulation not only impacts the progeny of the stud, it impacts all other animals owned by the exhibitor or judge.
- It is an unreasonable expectation that a judge will "know" every exhibit's ownership or stud dog history to be able to excuse a dog from a ring as the judge is not privy to a catalogue.

**For: GSDL, GSDCV, GSDAWA, GSDCQ, GSDCT**

**Against: ACTGSDA, GSDCSA, NHRGSDC**

**Motion Carried**

Action: Letter to be written to Dogs Australia. NBC executive to coordinate.

## 20.5 Motion: Moved GSDCV - GSDCV Reimbursement

That the GSDCA reimburse the GSDCV the cost of the mail out to notify our members of the Special General Meeting set by the GSDCA Executive for 13 July 2022 to discuss remaining a member of the WUSV being \$2014.70

### Rationale:

Earlier in June this year, the GSDCA Executive set a date for an affiliate Clubs SGM on 13 July to consider whether the GSDCA would remain a member of the WUSV at the time of the next renewal (2023). This was undertaken after a hastily arranged SGM of affiliate clubs was cancelled.

Despite the GSDCA Executive being advised prior of our constitutional requirement to give GSDCV members 21 days' notice of an SGM in writing, the GSDCA Executive took no notice of this constitutional requirement and set a date which meant that the ability to incorporate a notice in the GSDCV Shepherd News (which would have incurred no additional cost to our membership) to notify our members was removed. A delay of meeting date by 3 weeks was all that was required and requested.

To comply with the GSDCV constitution, the GSDCV was therefore required to undertake a physical Australia Post mail out on 9<sup>th</sup> June to all financial members at an unnecessary cost of \$2014.70 (and a great deal of extra work) to ensure that all financial members had the opportunity to have a say in the decision making process. The GSDCV is entitled to govern our Club as required, and as an affiliate Club of the GSDCA, it is expected that this required governance is respected.

As the date for the renewal of our WUSV membership is in 2023, which was the subject of the SGM, and plans were in place to make a submission to the WUSV, there was absolutely no need to set a date so soon when it was known by the GSDCA that the GSDCV could not correctly advise its membership.

Subsequently the GSDCV wrote to the GSDCA Executive with an invoice attached asking for reimbursement of the costs involved. The response given was that the GSDCA Executive did not have the authority to pay the invoice. The GSDCV asks that the affiliate Clubs authorize the payment and reimburse the GSDCV membership for wasting their money.

**For: GSDCV, GSDAWA, GSDCQ, GSDCT**  
**Against: GSDL, ACTGSDA, GSDCSA, NHRGSDC**

**Motion Carried**

20.6 Motion: Moved GSDCV Amendment to GSDCA Regulation 2.14.1

That Amendment be made to clause 2.14.1 of the GSDCA Regulations Manual with the following deletion and addition.

Current Motion

2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part 1) Puppy Test (2022).

The GSDCA will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test), effective February 2022 on a voluntary basis.

- The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months. The ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test) shall be conducted as per the GSDCA ZAP Character Test Manual [version July 2020].
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a GSDCA certificate and a pass shall be added to the GSDCA Database for the information of breeders.
- An animal that fails may be presented one more time.

Proposed Motion

2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part 1) Puppy Test (2022).

A pass in the working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test) shall be a pre-requisite for Breed Survey effective from 1 January 2024.

- The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months. The ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test) shall be conducted as per the GSDCA ZAP Character Test Manual [version July 2020].
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a GSDCA certificate and a pass shall be added to the GSDCA Database for the information of breeders.
- An animal that fails may be presented one more time.

Rationale:

In 2022, the majority of GSDCA member clubs voted for the GSDCA to remain a member of the WUSV. With this in mind, we should now undertake to implement areas of the Harmonisation program that are achievable in Australia. This test is one area which is easily achievable and is a valuable tool for the uniform development of the German Shepherd Dog Breed and to consolidate and ensure the character and temperament as part of the breed's inherent working qualities is maintained. The ZAP Character Test is a very important part in evaluation of the German Shepherd Dog. It allows determination of behavioral characteristics and depending on the strengths/weaknesses displayed in each element, can be used in making future breeding decisions.

Motion withdrawn due to the two-year rule.

20.7 Motion: Moved GSDCV Nomination for GSDCA – Outstanding Canine Service Award – German Shepherd

Police Dog (PD) Zeus and Leading Senior Constable Knight

The GSDCV wishes to submit the following dog for acknowledgment at the 2023 GSD National.

Police Dog Zeus's birth date is 1/5/2016.

Six years ago, Leading Senior Constable Knight, a police member for 22 years and a Dog Handler for 8 years, was teamed up with Police Dog (PD) Zeus and commenced novice training with him before qualifying and being attached to the East Team. There have been many memorable moments in jobs including falling in muddy creeks, being dragged face down on muddy slopes, cats attaching themselves to Zeus's face, or even tracking for up to 70 mins and getting the arrest. They all make for an interesting career in dog handling.

PD Zeus is a very independent dog who has a high prey drive and a willingness to work. Even when the going gets tough and he looks exhausted, he will keep going if there is a track or wind scent to chase up. Not too long ago during what was his most successful night shift, he was responsible for 8 people being arrested in the one week, and all from tracking and searching.

The following are snap shots from some of the jobs attended by PD Zeus. They stand out because the offenders involved would never have been located, identified, and held accountable without his amazing capabilities.

1. This incident is firmly imprinted in my mind because of the work we did to get the offender.

Offenders had entered the property in the early hours of Sunday morning. They stole a truck, motorbikes and a 1950's Porsche worth over \$150,000. They had all but escaped, but the driver of the Porsche stalled it at the end of the street and could not get it started again. A local divisional van doing one last patrol before knocking off observed the Porsche stopped at an intersection with no one inside. One phone call later and the crime had been uncovered. A sharp-eyed constable saw a person of interest who was now hurriedly walking away from the car. When they attempted to speak to him, he ran and disappeared somewhere along the security fencing to an old quarry. We attended about an hour later and PD Zeus quickly located the offender's exit point. There was a small depression in the ground and the bottom of the fence was pushed up slightly. I made my way under it on my belly but quickly realised we were in a blackberry thicket and a maze of blackberry tunnels doing its best to stop me at every turn. It was one of those days where you remind yourself "trust your dog" on repeat. After what seemed like an hour, we were through the tunnel system, but confident we were going the right way. We had located items of clothing including both of the offenders runners now permanently wrapped up in blackberry vines as we worked our way through. I was now covered head to foot in mud and who knows what else, but I didn't care as we were determined to locate the offender. Once clear of the hedge of blackberries, PD Zeus was becoming very frustrated with my lack of pace and was in a hunting track. It was like being behind a sled dog. I was constantly getting caught by ankle high blackberry vines but eventually cleared them into open paddocks. As it turns out, we were now in a disused quarry. PD Zeus led me to a pile of abandoned mining equipment, and I could see that the track had ended and Zeus was now wind scenting. A short time later we located the offender who was looking worse for wear and near naked after his high-speed jaunt through the blackberries!

2. Another task that stands out was when a multi break alarm was activated at the BMW dealership/service center in Prahran at around 2.30am. Local units arrived on scene and observed a male in the rear of the showroom. The offender spotted police and ran around frantically looking for exit. A security guard arrived on scene allowing members entry to showroom. On hearing that police were entering the building I advised the patrol supervisor that due to the size of the complex, they should exit and hold an external cordon. I arrived on scene and deployed PD Zeus for a search. The building is very large with multiple underground levels. Over the course of an hour, we systematically cleared all levels but could not locate the offender. I started to suspect that the offender had successfully made it out a back door before the cordon could be set up. PD Zeus kept wanting to return to the lower basement service department, so I took him back down to the area, at which time PD Zeus started to indicate at the door to a fan room. On entering the fan room, PD Zeus gave strong indications and started barking. There was nowhere to hide in this room, so I started thinking the offender had somehow climbed inside of the industrial sized ventilation fan unit. There was no obvious way in and I was about to walk away but PD Zeus was still very animated, so I climbed on top of it and to my surprise, located an opening in the wall to the void space under the building. I looked through and using my torch could make out a dark object that was different to the soil approximately 20 meters from me and wedged in a crevice against the outer wall. I yelled out assuming that it was the offender, and he eventually made his way to my location. He climbed out and was arrested without incident. It was a great lesson in relation to trusting the dog!

3. A stolen BMW X5 taken during an Aggravated Burglary and involved in several other Agg burglars, was being tracked by Dandenong Crime Unit. A person of interest likely to be in the vehicle was involved in High Harm, High Impact offending including the use of this vehicle. The police helicopter was in the Caulfield area looking for the vehicle. It managed to get intermittent sightings as did other patrolling units, but they were unable to maintain observations. Tracking showed the vehicle was now stationary and at the same time, there were multiple calls to Triple zero regarding two youths observed jumping fences in XXXXXX Road, the vehicle was confirmed to be stationary nearby where these calls were coming from. We were in the area in case the vehicle was abandoned. We attended the scene and PD Zeus was deployed for a track and search. PD Zeus gave indications of human scent in a rear yard where the two youths had been seen. PD Zeus indicated up the rear fence, so we tracked over it in to XXXXXXXX Street with PD Zeus giving indications that the offenders had continued to jump side fences south in XXXXXXXX Street. While moving through rear yards, I spoke to a resident who confirmed seeing two boys run through their yard jumping fences south bound and PD Zeus gave indications through to the fence line of XXXXXXXX. The access on the side fence to number XX was dangerous for PD Zeus so went into number XX, but PD Zeus was not giving any indications of fresh human scent. We returned to number XX, satisfied that the offenders had not moved beyond the property there and I scaled the side gate. Once PD Zeus reached the fence area where the offenders crossed, he again indicated the presence of human scent and commenced tracking. He dragged me to a large shed/workshop at the rear of the property and I challenged at the door and got no response. I then advised the police member with me to call all units to surround the property. PD Zeus became very animated, but I could not see anyone in the shed and could not see anywhere that could hide two people. I again announced the presence of a Police Dog and sent PD Zeus into the shed off lead to search. PD Zeus quickly homed in and indicated at the rear right of the shed where there appeared to be some small workshop machinery under covers. PD



Zeus showed a lot of interest and started to try and push through the covers. I immediately called Zeus to my side and put him back on lead. The offenders, including the original person of interest, were located laying against the shed wall behind the machinery and were arrested without incident. This was a great result and drastically reduced high harm offending throughout the southern region for some time.

Motion **Carried** Unanimously

20.8 Motion: Moved GSDCV Removal of an Obedience Judge from the GSDCA Preferred Performance Judges List

This motion was withdrawn by GSDCV and will be referred instead to the Obedience Committee

**21 Other Matters referred to the AGM – Nil**

**22 General Business**

22.1 Discussion item – 51<sup>st</sup> National Show & Trial

Victoria was due to host this National but are hosting the 49<sup>th</sup> National as Queensland are presently not on the National rotation. Discussions need to take place as to which Club wants to and is willing to host the 51<sup>st</sup> National.

Discussion: GSDCQ proposed that they host the 51<sup>st</sup> National in 2025 and that this be go forward as a 60-day motion. They noted that members of clubs may have concern about travel therefore a backup plan should be put in place. Chair asked that the next NBC meeting develop a future rotation plan following the outcome of the 60-day motion.

Action: GSDCQ to draft 60-day motion.

22.2 Discussion item - Change of rates – Quarterly National Review

As a result of the reduction in rates for general advertising in the Quarterly National Review, it is proposed that from this meeting, the following rates are adjusted to align with the current advertising fee more closely:

Front Cover: \$130 (Currently \$225 Non-Advertising)

Back Cover: \$115 (currently non-Advertising)

Full Page: \$165

Annual advertising package: For the same copy in 4 editions for Full, Half or Quarter pages a discount of 10% will apply. Other advertising spaces available on request. Non-Members and/or Commercial Rates available upon request.

Justification: Advertising in print media is increasingly threatened by the capacity of advertisers to access other forms of promotion at little or no charge. Advertising revenue supports the QNR and individual members to promote their animals in a lasting manner.

Discussion: Review Editor explained that our rates are expensive relative to digital advertising forums, and it is difficult to sell advertising space. Discussion covered keeping the balance right between content and advertising, whilst keeping the QNR self-funding. The proposed rates were put in place during Covid and require ratification.

Action: N&HRGSDC to draft 60-day motion.

22.3 Business Arising further discussion – Eligibility to participate in GSDCA Improvement Schemes

GSDCQ advised that a donation of \$3000 to their club can be allocated to seeking legal advice on this matter. It was agreed that an estimate of costs will be sought from an appropriate legal practitioner with a view to obtaining a written legal opinion.

Action: Lyn Phillis to seek further information.



## 22.4 Discussion item – Referred from Secretary Annual Report

In her report the Secretary noted that “she has 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 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. It is all about education and the difference between us as breeders and the other Associations including Australian Association of Pet Breeders and Master Dog Breeders Association who do produce a pedigree for their members even if the parents are of different breeds being ‘oodles’.”

Publicity Officer noted that there had been a recent court case involving the ANKC and another body, outcome unknown, but this needs researching. Review Editor noted that restraint of trade is a consideration in any approach.

*Action: Publicity Officer to develop a strategy and action plan, in liaison with ANKC Chair and in consultation with clubs, including publicity materials for use by council, clubs and breeders to promote ANKC registered purebred dogs.*

## 22.5 Discussion items raised at meeting – ACTGSDC re GSDCA correspondence and decision protocols.

ACTGSDC proposed a motion: That all correspondence to the GSDCA, incoming and outgoing, that concerns Council business, is circulated to all member clubs within 30 days of receipt.

Rationale: The Council Executive is now dealing with issues of great impact on member clubs and their members. Before being actioned, it is vital that club members, through their club Executive are aware of decisions to be made and the recommendations of the Executive. There needs to be a cooling off period before correspondence is actioned and an opportunity for member clubs to consider the recommendation and any response. This is an operational matter, not a matter of constitution and restores power to member clubs.

Discussion: GSDCV noted that we elect an executive to manage, and this proposal as put would be difficult to administer. N&HRGSDC and ACTGSDA noted that clubs want to know what’s going on, but this shouldn’t stop the executive doing its job. GSDCQ explained that some correspondence from clubs may be of a nature that not all other clubs need to know about, for example, an individual member’s dog. ACTGSDA and GSDCV noted the need for clubs to be kept abreast of correspondence, so they know what’s going on. GSDCT noted that the regulations require executive minutes for be circulated, highlighting that this as an area for future improvement. ACTGSDA will put forward a 60-day motion that N&HRGSDC will second.

*Action: ACTGSDA to draft 60-day motion*

GSDCACT proposed a motion that all decisions proposed by the Executive are outlined to all members clubs for comment and that a breakdown of individual executive voting on each matter is included with the outline.

Rationale: The Executive are officers appointed to carry out the will of member clubs and should be accountable for any decisions taken. In the past, clubs are being asked to support the actions of the Executive when it is merely a rubber stamp and too late to be amended.

Discussion: GSDCV advised that they don’t want to bog down administration and that in this context it is unnecessary to report individual votes on issues. GSDL would like to see transparency and noted that communication is key but also don’t want to bog down the executive. These are volunteer roles, and we need to keep this context in mind. GSDCQ expressed concerns re privacy on individual related matters. GSDCACT wants information up front not after decisions made. GSDWA suggested executive send out minutes and correspondence list at the same time so that if clubs want to question matters, they can. NHRGSDC indicated their agreement with ACTGSDC that there needs to be a clear connection back to the clubs regarding issues and will second that this motion goes forward. This motion was not agreed to go forward.

## 22.5 Other Discussion items

- a. National Judges Fares: SA noted the unwillingness of some judges to fly economy. It was proposed that Council subsidise the cost of air fares for judges (difference between Economy and Premium Economy) for the 50<sup>th</sup> National given this is a milestone event. GSDCSA advised that they are contacting other judges who would be prepared to fly economy. Chair suggested wait and see what comes of the enquiries of the other judges and that this matter may need to be revisited, noting that in the past judges have upgraded using their own means. GSDCQ noted that moving forward we may not have judges who want to travel such a distance in economy. Chair asked that we await further advice from GSDCSA.

*Action: Executive to meet as soon as possible to give direction re judges list*

- a. National Trophies: Arial Trophies have closed their business and have declined to provide GSDCA with the rights to use the national trophy design/moulds. NBC Chair has ordered sample trophies from the US as a proposed replacement for 2023. The US company have been approached to come up with a design unique to Council from 2024 onwards.

*Action: NBC Chair to keep GSDCV and Executive informed of progress.*

- b. Exemptions: N&HRGSDC asked about the status of the GSDCV exemption re Regulations 7.5.5 & 7.6.21 (check numbers on recording or with Vince E). GSDCV President explained that it has been in place for some years, and each year the normal process is that they confirm the exemption with Dogs Victoria for each show.

*Action: GSDCV to provide a copy of their exemption and process for the information of other clubs.*

- c. WGSDC Breed Surveys: GSDCSA sought clarification regarding the Working German Shepherd Dog Club using SV judges to conduct Breed Surveys and where does Council sit regarding this matter. Chair noted that the status is unclear and asked that this goes forward to the NBC Agenda.

*Action: NBC Chair to list for NBC meeting.*

## 23 63<sup>rd</sup> GSDCA Annual General Meeting – 2024

Year	Annual General Meeting	National Breed Commission Meeting
2016	ADELAIDE	SYDNEY
2017	MELBOURNE	ADELAIDE
2018	SYDNEY	MELBOURNE
2019	ADELAIDE	SYDNEY
2020	MELBOURNE	ADELAIDE (cancelled due to Covid`19)
2021	Via video link (Sydney)	Held video link (Melbourne)
2022	Via video link (Adelaide)	Video Link (Sydney)
2023	Via video link (Melbourne)	ADELAIDE – TBC if face to face
2024	To be confirmed whether via video link or in Sydney	MELBOURNE – TBC if face to face

Chair confirmed Next AGM Melbourne 2024. Next NBC Meeting Adelaide 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

The Chair thanked outgoing Executive members, Lyn Phillis, and John De Lucia, for their service. He welcomed new members to the Executive, and thanked Presidents, participants, and observers for their attendance.

Meeting Closed at: 3.25pm