



Coming Events

Sunday 16 May Agility/
Jumping Trial

Sunday 7 June

Obedience/Rally
Obedience Trial

CLASS TIMES -see back
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PLEASE NOTE—

**Deadline for articles
for the March
newsletter is Friday
20 February 2015**

Please see bottom of p2
for how to contact the
editor—Anna Larkin

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advertisements or articles
placed in this newsletter.

Welcome to 2015 at EGDOC!



*Melissa Tatterson receives
her cheque from
members of the committee
Full story p7.*

#1 New Year's Resolution Wear Red for EGDOC



In 2015 EGDOC updated its uniform
range. The items are good quality,
affordable and available from

JSM Embroidery
73 Macarthur St Sale VIC 3850
Ph: 5144 6898

The full uniform range is on pgs 3-6

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Please feel free to contribute articles,
ideas and photos or to make requests.
All feedback on the newsletter
is welcome.

Contact the Editor—Anna Larkin.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO....

-  Wear your name tag
-  Sign the attendance book
-  Pick up after your dog
-  Give space to dogs with yellow
bandannas around their necks
-  Help out in any way you can

#2 New Year's Resolution



*Spend more time with me
at EGDOC*

EGDOC Committee

New members are always welcome at Committee meetings and encouraged to participate to have a say in the running of the Club.

Committee Meeting

**Wednesday 18
February
7.30pm**



A big thank you to all our club members who give up a little of their time to be part of the EGDOC Committee & contribute greatly to the successful running of the Club.

Your commitment and generosity is greatly appreciated by all.

EGDOC Committee Positions

President: Sherran Howlett

Vice President: Frank Vanatta

Secretary: Tracey Gall

Treasurer: Nicole Summers

Committee Members: Janice Vanatta, Ana Butcher, Tee Watt, Kathryn Trad, Vickie Green, Peter McMaster, Natalie Brown

Club Room Supplies: Ana Butcher

Equipment Sales: Natalie Evans- Equipment Officer. Additional sellers Janice Vanatta and Peter McMaster

Instructors: Pat Brewer, Natalie Brown, Sue Bryant, Ana Butcher, Vickie Green, Leah Hepworth, Sherran Howlett, Peter McMaster, Michelle Morrison, Lynne Rapson, Melissa Tatterson, Frank Vanatta, Janice Vanatta, Kathy Vernon, Sarah Vranek, Mavis Weymouth

Instructors in Training: Tee Watt, Janet Leemon, Kathryn Trad

Librarian: Anna Larkin

Membership Officer: Peter McMaster

Newsletter Editor: Anna Larkin (see details below)

Publicity Officer: Michelle Morrison

Puppy Preschool Instructors: Janice Vanatta, Natalie Brown, Sherran Howlett, Vicki Green

Raffles/Fundraising: Vacant—Natalie Evans is doing this for the October Trial.

Club Awards: Frank Vanatta

Webmaster: Phil Miller

Catering at trials: Looking for volunteers to assist at each trial—please give time or donate some food.

Trial Secretaries—volunteers needed

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Articles due by the third Friday of each month



Anna Larkin

**Volunteers needed to support
Anna Larkin and Janice Vanatta
with organising trials
on May 16 and 7 June 2015.**

Please anticipate a friendly tap on the shoulder.



Janice Vanatta

Next Committee Meeting Wednesday 18 February 2015



Members often meet for a meal at 6pm—talk to Frank if you would like to join them.

Life Members

- 1984 Val Karpys
- 1987 Mike White
- 1987 Karen White
- 1989 Janice Vanatta
- 1989 Mavis Weymouth

- 1990 Rob Williams
- 1990 Carol Williams
- 1994 Rex White
- 1994 Jo Morgan
- 1998 Joan Kingshott (dec.)

- 2000 Fiona Gilbert
- 2000 Alicia Larsen
- 2001 Willy Lucas
- 2008 Pat Brewer
- 2011 Peter McMaster

- 2011 Kathy Vernon
- 2011 Lynne Rapson
- 2011 Beryl Walden
- 2012 Natalie Evans
- 2012 Sue Bryant
- 2012 Frank Vanatta

BE COOL ON RED



HOT SUMMER

SUNDAYS AT CLUB.



**Broad Brimmed
Sun Hat**

**With break-away clip
strap and side
ventilation.**

**ONLY \$18
including
Club logo**



Baseball Cap

**With white trim on peak
edge and adjustable
fabric strap at rear.**

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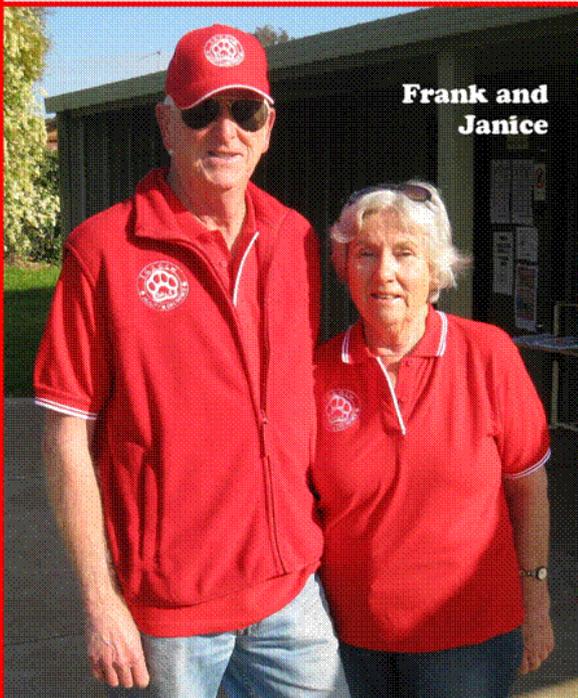
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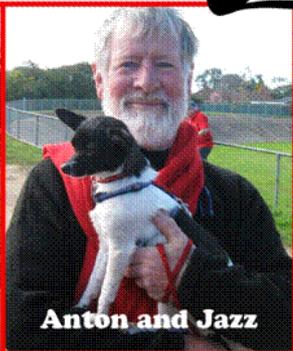
LOOK WHO'S TURNED RED HOT



**Frank and
Janice**



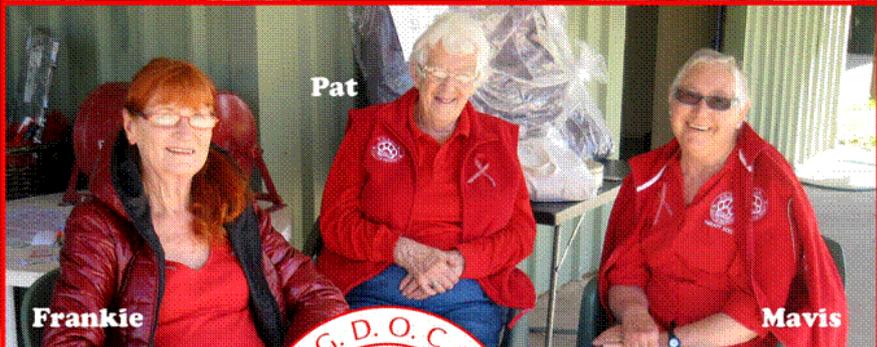
Sarah



Anton and Jazz



Sue



Pat

Frankie

Mavis



Tracey



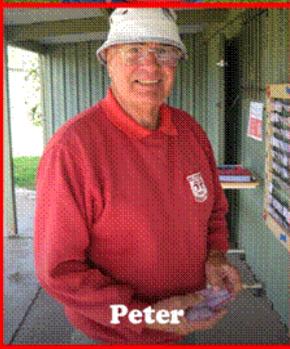
Diana with Maggie



Freda



Katrina and Holly



Peter



Natalie



Gary with Jimmie



Sherran



Nicole and Bundy



Joel



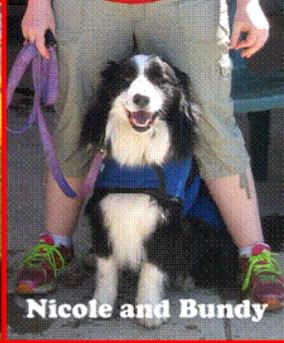
Mack approves of Kaylla's red shoes



Kathy



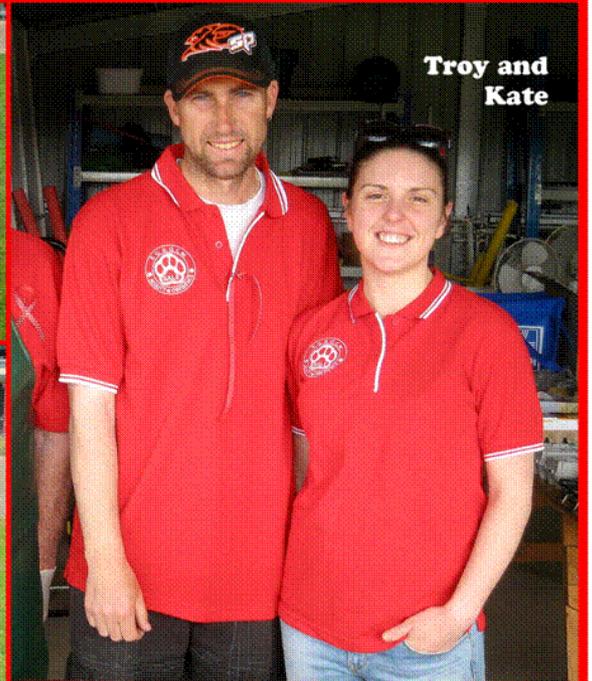
Anna and Nell



Nicole and Bundy



Wilma



Troy and Kate



Vickie



Michelle



Phil



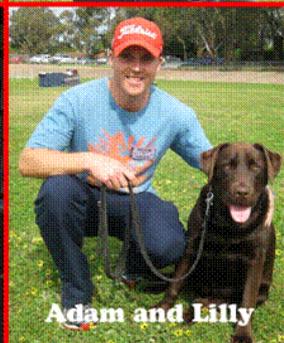
Ana

Julie



Ana

Julie



Adam and Lilly



Maren



John and Cassie

JOIN THE **RED ALL STARS** AND BE PART OF THE FUN.



RED Rally Class - Sunday 26th October

Donation to Melissa Tatterson and family

A gift of friendship and love to Melissa Tatterson

In 2014, one of our dear friends and devoted Club members, Melissa Tatterson, became ill. The club decided to raise funds for Melissa and her family to help her through her long recovery. This included donating all proceeds from the October Agility Trial as well as making private donations.

After a wonderful trial organised by Janice Vanatta and friends and a monster raffle put together by Natalie, the Club was delighted to be able to present a cheque for \$6000 to Melissa just before Christmas.



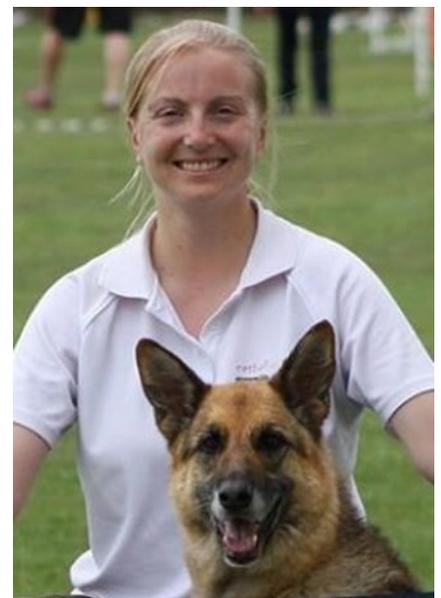
Ana Butcher organised as many people as possible to **Wear Red for Melissa** at the Trial and presented her with a beautiful photo of all of her supporters as well as a signed card.

A souvenir booklet of photos from the trial is available for viewing on the EGDOC website:-

www.egdoc.org.au

Direct donations for Melissa can still be made at:

Bendigo Bank
Melissa Tatterson Fundraising
BSB 633000
Acc No 143585453



Sale Christmas Parade

Great fun and a great PR exercise for the Club.

Sale Christmas Parade

The day dawned with a light rain falling, but with an uncertain forecast of the weather to come.

Eight dogs were eager to go into Sale to see what would eventuate, so their masters went along in tow. The group found a place where they could stand out of the rain while preparations were made by the parade organizers.



Right on cue, as the time to start the parade neared, the rain stopped. The group of hardy souls took their place in the parade and moved off to the Christmas music being played by the local band.

The parade route doubled back on itself along Raymond Street this year, and ended up in the Clock Tower Mall area, where stalls and attractions were set up. The EGDOC group stayed in the Mall for awhile, answering questions about the various dogs and the Club itself. The dogs were all on their best behaviour as the public met the various breeds available. This was a great PR exercise for the Club, and special thanks should be extended to those who attended.



To top off the morning, the members attending were presented the trophy for "The Most Entertaining Group" by the parade committee.

Come rain or
shine?

I don't think so...

Please Note that
NORMALLY

Classes do run
Come Rain or
Shine

except on Easter
Weekend and when
Trials are being run
at the Club

Christmas Party Washout

Unfortunately the 2014 Christmas Party was a washout.

The rain that dampened the day of the Sale Christmas parade returned that evening, and kept up a steady downpour all night and into the next day.

A few Club members went to the grounds the morning of the planned breakup day to confirm how much water was on the velodrome and to tell anyone who showed up ready for the games and festivities that the day was cancelled due to the weather.



As the lane markings for such events as the "dog paddle" and the "hop, skip and splash" had not been laid out, it was decided to postpone the day.

The photos of the day show the conditions of the field as well as the unanimously declared winners of the day who had everybody "quacked up" as they arrived.



At least the
dogs and the
ducks had a
great time!

Club Activities

Puppy School & Obedience

Plus social opportunities for you and your dog.

EGDOC Club Activities



At EGDOC we want you and your dog to love being together.

The Club has developed over recent years and now provides a variety of activities for you to enjoy with your dog.

Our Class Timetable is always on the last page of this newsletter so you can pull it off and store it somewhere visible like a pin board or fridge.

Puppy Pre-school

A safe, clean environment for puppies between 8-14 weeks to socialise and for owners to learn basic puppy handling skills.

Puppy Pre-school is optional but gives you and your puppy a wonderful head start in your relationship together and gives your pup a chance to enter the Club with confidence and joy. Only initial vaccination is required.



Classes are held on Tuesday evenings as required.

Please contact Janice on 5143 3345 for more details or to register your interest.



Obedience

Beginners obedience starts on the first Sunday of each month and is an 8 week class to help socialise you and your dog and provide basic skills in dog handling using positive reinforcement methods. The aim is to have a dog who is bonded with his owner, well-socialised with other people and dogs, attentive and able to respond to basic obedience commands such as Come, Sit and Stay in a distracting environment.

Please bring treats to reward your dog. Positive reinforcement is the best way to develop a happy working relationship. Flat collars and leashes please. We do not support the use of choker chains.



Please bring your dog 10-15 minutes early so s/he has a chance to say hello to everyone calmly.



All dogs must complete Beginners Obedience before moving onto other classes.

Grade One obedience builds on socialisation, the dog's ability to focus and increasing the duration of stands, sits and stays.

Grade Two and Three Obedience is for those who would like to continue their training and socialising and for those members who are interested in entering Obedience Trials.

The aim is to have your dog focussing on you regardless of what is happening around you both.

Club Activities
Cont'd
Rally- Obedience
Agility
Therapy Dogs
Trials

Plus social
opportunities for
you and your
dog.

EGDOC Club Activities cont'd

Rally Obedience

Rally Obedience is a fun new sport for those who have medium obedience handling skills.

The main objective of Rally Obedience is to provide a fast-moving and motivational sport for both handler and dog that demonstrates a handler and dog's competency on basic obedience exercises without requiring exact precision for success.

Dogs in Rally Obedience events should show willingness and enjoyment. To that end, handlers may use praise, encouragement and patting throughout the Rally Obedience course.

Rally Obedience courses are set up with flowing numbered routes that are timed. However, timing only comes into play if there is a tie in scores.

Some examples of Novice Rally Obedience signs are 'Right Turn', 'Slow Pace' and '360 Right'.



Agility

Agility is an active sport . Courses are set up with jumps, tunnels, dog walks, weave poles and other items . Dogs with their owners are timed as they go through the course. Dogs and owners need to be fit and active.



Agility helps you build a wonderful relationship with your dog. The trick is not so much to train your dog, but to train yourself so the dog knows, without confusion, what you want him to do. Be prepared to challenge yourself and have fun with your dog.



Therapy Dogs

Some of our members regularly attend local hospitals and nursing homes to give the people there the opportunity to have healing animal contact.



Trials

Obedience, Agility, Endurance and Rally Obedience Trials are held for those who like to compete in their chosen sport. Helpers are always appreciated and it's a great way to learn how trials work. 11

Club Activities Cont'd

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Our members often like to sit for a while to have a chat and a cuppa or just wind down from the long week. Everyone is welcome to join in. Just grab a cuppa and a chair and find a bit of shade.



The EGDGOC Clubhouse has free tea, coffee, Milo and biscuits as well as a range of cold drinks at only \$1 each. There is also a well-stocked library of books and DVDs you can borrow with a small bond and high quality Black Dog leashes, collars and treat bags for sale.



Classes run
come rain
or shine

Classes run come rain or shine...however...



Club By-law No 16

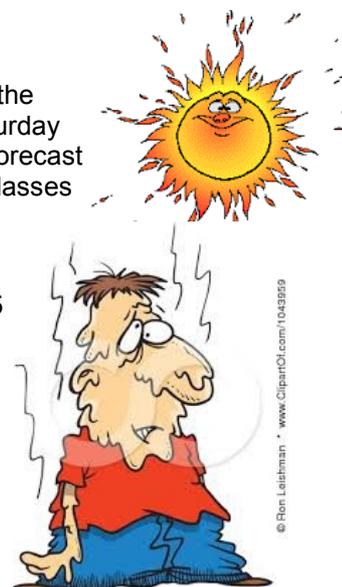


For safety reasons -- If the temperature on the Saturday ABC 7:00 pm News is forecast to be 35 C or over, all classes after 9:00 am on Sunday are cancelled.

If temperatures up to 35 C, handlers are to use their own discretion.

Note: The Club urges all members to consider their personal safety and that of their dogs in hot weather.

- Drink plenty of water and provide cool water for your dog
- Wear sunscreen
- Wear a hat
- Shelter from the sun whenever you and your dog can
- NEVER leave your dog in the car at ANY time even if the windows are open



Dogs with Yellow Bandanas



Some dogs are mad for a party....

...while some dogs prefer their own space



Some dogs will touch noses with anyone....

...while some dogs take their time and do things in their own way



A yellow bandana means

GIVE ME SPACE please...

If you see a dog with a yellow bandana on, it doesn't mean it's a dangerous dog.



It means it's a dog who doesn't want you or your dog in it's face.

Walk around the dog in an arc, giving it plenty of room so all of you can stay calm and happy.



Check out our website

www.egdoc.org.au

The website has details of :

- What new members need to bring with them
- More information about Club activities
- Videos and photos
- Club news
- Books, info, web links
- Contact details
- Map of where the club is
- Club newsletter—current and back issues



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EGDOC SUNDAY CLASS TIMES – from 1st February 2015

CLASSES	
TIMES	
7.45AM – 8.30 (45mins)	
8:30 – 9:15 (45mins)	OBEDIENCE GRADE 3 Advanced On Velodrome
9:15 – 9:30	BREAK – 15 Minutes
9:30 – 10.15 (45mins)	OBEDIENCE BEGINNERS With Janice By Clubrooms OBEDIENCE BEGINNERS With Vickie By Clubrooms OBEDIENCE GRADE 2 With Peter On Velodrome
10:15 – 10:30	CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES Talk – 15 Minutes
10:30 – 11.15 (45mins)	OBEDIENCE GRADE 1 With Julie On Velodrome RALLY NOVICE With Frank and/or Ana On Velodrome AGILITY INTRO With Sherran By Clubrooms
11:15 – 12PM (45mins)	RING WORK – TRIAL TRAINING With Peter On Velodrome RALLY ADVANCED OR EXCELLENT On Velodrome AGILITY BEGINNERS On Velodrome AGILITY INTERMEDIATE On Velodrome