



Coming Events

- **Sunday 5 July**
Endurance Test

CLASS TIMES

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

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celebrate 27 years
of hosting trials

EGDOC Committee
Please speak with
any Committee
member if you
would like anything
addressed at club

Committee Meeting

Thursday
12th June
7.30pm

*** You can place
suggestions and
ideas in the
membership mailbox

CLUB ESTABLISHED: 1979

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 Kingshot (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

**A big thank you to
all the out going
committee members
for all your time and
effort that you put
into the club over the
past 12 months it has
been appreciated.**



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



INSTRUCTORS SECRETS REVEALED...

Ever wondered how to have
a super obedient dog?
Have party pies and sausage
rolls on hand like Janice and
Peter did one Sunday



The club held its ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Sunday 24th May 2015

Congratulations to all the new and
re-elected members of the committee

*** Please familiarise yourself with the
following people and their positions
within the club

EGDOC Committee Positions

President:	Sherran Howlett
Vice President:	Frank Vanatta
Secretary:	Tracey Gall
Treasurer:	Nicole Summers
Committee Members:	Janice Vanatta, Ana Butcher, Vickie Green, Natalie Brown, Steve Reason, Helen Summers
Membership Officer:	Natalie Brown
Club Room Supplies:	Ana Butcher
Equipment Officer:	Michelle Morrison
Equipment Sales:	Natalie Brown, Janice Vanatta, Peter McMaster, Sherran Howlett, Lu Cornwell, Vanessa Reed
Instructors:	Natalie Brown, Sue Bryant, Ana Butcher, Vickie Green, Sherran Howlett, Julie Lovell, Peter McMaster, Michelle Morrison, Melissa Tatterson, Frank Vanatta, Janice Vanatta, Kathy Vernon, Mavis Weymouth
Librarian:	Lu Cornwell
Fundraising:	Louise Reason
Club awards:	Michelle Morrison
Webmaster:	Phil Miller
Publicity:	Louise Reason

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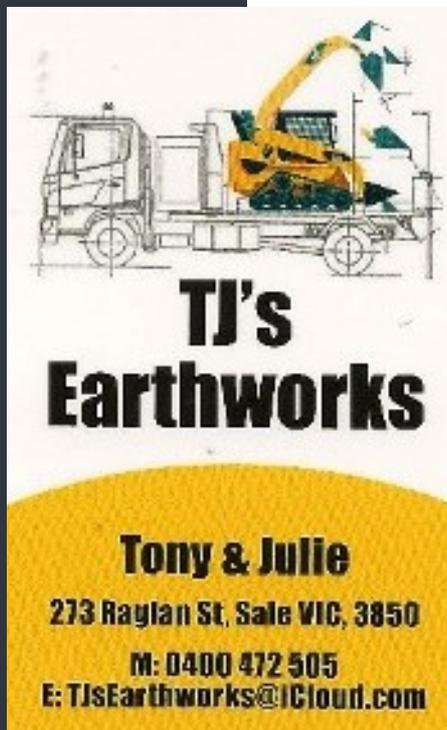
New works

You may have noticed back at the beginning of May the new gravel that was laid around the club rooms to make it a much nicer and more practical place.

A big thanks go to Frank and Janice Vanatta for taking the time to get this organised with Talbots Gravel at Longford who supplied the gravel and to Tony from TJ's Earthworks who did all the work of removing the top soil, spreading the new gravel and even grading the driveway all the way out to Ingles Street to fill in all of the pot holes. Tony donated a fair bit of his time and effort in getting the job done, and the club really appreciates it.

I'm sure you all agree that this is a wonderful development for the club!

And thanks to Ana Butcher for taking these wonderful photos



UPCOMING EVENT

Endurance Test, Sunday 5 July 2015

Around Lakes Guthridge and Guyatt



PURE FUN, PURE SPORT, PURE ENDURANCE

What is endurance?

Can you ride a bike at the same time as controlling your dog on the end of a loose two meter lead, or are you a runner who will be quite happy to run 20kms with your dog? If so, then read on.

You have to be able to train your dog to run along side you whilst you either ride your bike or run with him/her. Experience has shown that you do not need to cover long distances during training, frequent runs over shorter distances, gradually building the dog's fitness is the way to go.

The endurance test is over a distance of 20kms & is split into three sections, the first being eight kilometers. The second & third are six kilometers. There is a break of 15 minutes between the first & second sections & 20 minutes between the second & third sections.

All this is carefully watched over by a judge. The dog's fitness & condition is monitored by a team of vets who examine each dog during the breaks.

Any person entering an ET must supply a certificate from their vet confirming the dog's fitness to take part. You do not have to worry about your dog's ability to continue during the test, as it is being constantly checked.

At the beginning, & before any running takes place, the team of vets will check each dog and compare the data on the certificate supplied on entry with its current condition. If all is OK the judge will give the handler and dog a very simple obedience test to check its willingness to obey.

The running or cycling part of the ET is carried out at a speed of 10kms per hour or one kilometer every six minutes. This is really a very gentle jog for cyclist or runner and most dogs enjoy gaiting at this speed. The whole test takes two hours and 35 minutes including the intervening breaks.

During the breaks & again 15 minutes after the end of the 20kms the vets will check your dog's condition. After the final vet check, there will be a repeat of the simple obedience test to prove your dog is just as willing to obey as he was before the ET began.

THE CLUB WILL BE HOLDING IT'S 7TH ENDURANCE TEST ON SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2015.

If you are interested in competing or helping out on the day please contact

Natalie Brown 0407 842 532 or natjbrown@hotmail.com

May Mini Trial

May Mini Trial

Was held on **Saturday 16 May** for agility and jumping of one ring only.

This was a great opportunity for Club members new and old to see training in action and to enjoy watching dogs having fun with their handlers.

The club had 177 entries. The weather was spot on and competitors and helpers had a wonderful day. Thank you to everyone that helped out to make the trial a successful one!

Agility which was held in the morning and Jumping was held in the afternoon were both judged by Rainie McKay

Classes that were competed in were Open, Excellence, Masters and Novice



A big thanks to the following sponsors:



May Mini Trial

Cont.

The club had one member compete in the trial. Christine McDonald and her Staffordshire Bull Terrier Zeus competed in Agility open and Excellent and also in Jumping Masters and Open. They had a really great day with some great runs, just missing out on passes.

Thank you to Christine and Zeus for these wonderful photos.



TITLES:

An explanation of titles

Have you been into the club rooms and ever seen those big wooden boards on the walls and ever wonder what all the letters after the dogs names are? Well you better keep reading.

When you get to a stage of competing with your dog you can gain 'Titles'

Please find on the following pages explanations of titles you can gain and what your dog needs to be able to do for you to compete in **AGILITY**. (Information taken from the Dogs Victoria Website)

PURE FUN, PURE SPORT, PURE AGILITY

Agility is a fast, exciting, fun activity for you and your dog. Agility involves competitors directing their dogs around obstacle courses in an attempt to both negotiate the obstacles correctly and 'beat the clock'. The obstacles comprise various types of jumps, ramps, elevated walks, poles that the dogs weave through, different types of tunnels and a see-saw.

Participation in agility training or trialling is great fun. It enables you to provide a release for the energy of your pet and yourself in a way that can be much more interesting and exciting than simply taking your dog for a walk. It helps your family pet to become more responsive to you and also helps you to gain more control and have a more obedient dog. Agility is an exciting way to enhance your leisure time with your dog. In many suburbs of Melbourne and country towns and cities throughout the state there are clubs which, for a modest fee, provide training in agility during the weekends, weekday evenings or both.

Competitions are held at state and national levels and are structured in a similar manner to equestrian events. The judge designs and sets up the 'obstacle course', measures its length and after considering the degree of difficulty calculates a standard time in which the course should be completed by the dog. Each competing dog has to run the course within the set time, negotiate all the obstacles in the correct order and correct manner in order to avoid receiving course or time penalties.

Agility, and its companion activity, jumping are structured for dog owners with all levels of skill and physical ability and provide the opportunity to attain more enjoyment from dog ownership. During actual agility and jumping trials there are several levels of competition ranging from novice level to suit dogs new to the sport to master level for more experienced dogs. There are also jumping competitions at the basic level that include only jumps and tunnels which gives the opportunity for dog owners to join in the fun of trials soon after they begin teaching their dog the sport.

Agility is perhaps the fastest growing dog sport in the world which can be enjoyed by any family owning a dog.



TITLES cont.

(Information taken from the Agility Rules)

AD	=	NOVICE AGILITY CLASS	(14-16 Obstacles)
ADX	=	EXCELLENT AGILITY CLASS	(16-20 Obstacles)
ADM	=	MASTER AGILITY CLASS	(20-24 Obstacles)
ADO	=	OPEN AGILITY CLASS	(16-20 Obstacles)
JD	=	NOVICE JUMPING CLASS	(14-16 Obstacles)
JDX	=	EXCELLENT JUMPING CLASS	(16-20 Obstacles)
JDM	=	MASTER JUMPING CLASS	(20-24 Obstacles)
JDO	=	OPEN JUMPING CLASS	(16-20 Obstacles)

Agility is a dog competition open to all dogs.

The aim of this competition is for a Handler to direct his dog around a course of different obstacles to assess and enhance the ability of the dog and Handler to work as a team. It is an educational and sporting activity intended to improve the dog's integration into society. The sport requires a good rapport between dog and Handler, which results in perfect teamwork. Whilst speed of the dog is to be desired, steadiness of work is essential to a faultless performance of the course.



The overall objectives of Agility Trials are:

- To encourage a graded progression through the sport.
- To encourage new participants and new ideas and the continuance of Agility as a unique canine discipline.
- To encourage an increased level of fitness for dog and Handler.
- To encourage safe and pleasant competition for all.

NOVICE CLASS: For dogs that are not eligible for the Novice title.

EXCELLENT CLASS: For dogs that have qualified and applied for the Novice title and are not eligible for the Excellent title.

MASTER CLASS: For dogs that have qualified and applied for the Excellent title or Master title.

OPEN CLASS: Open to all dogs.

For titles you need 3 passes in Novice = AD & JD, 5 passes in Excellent = ADX & JDX, 7 passes in Masters = ADM & JDM, 5 passes in Open = ADO & JDO

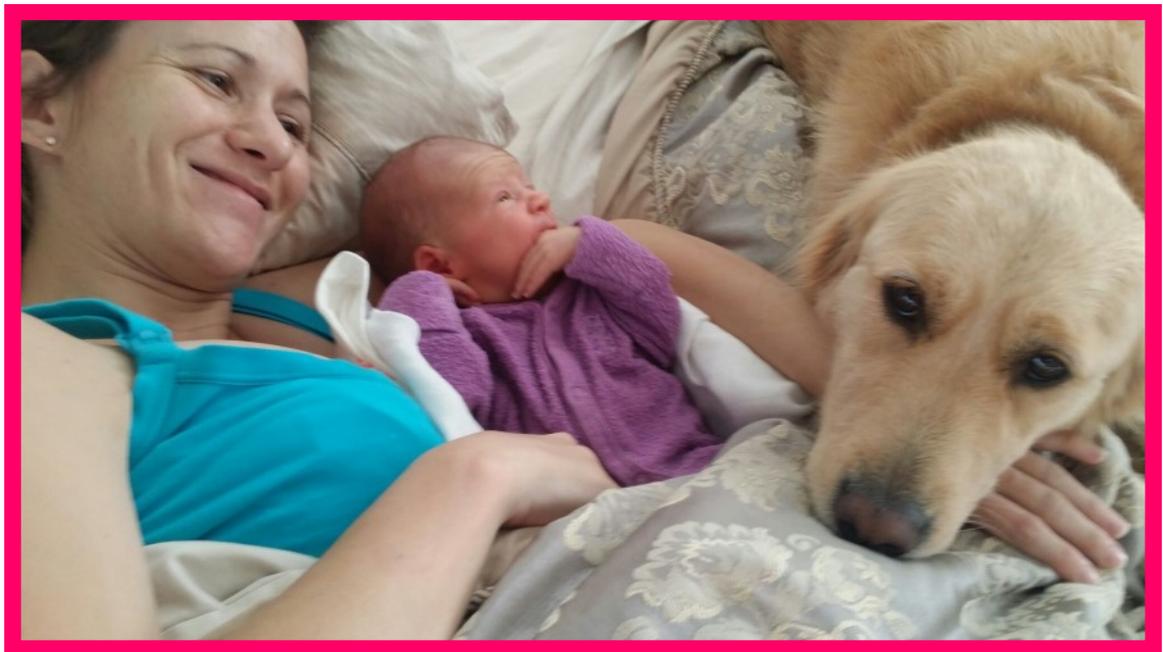


Welcome to the world Ariyah Mai Gall

Congratulations to the clubs secretary Tracy Gall and her husband Daniel on the early arrival of their beautiful baby girl Ariyah Mai.

Born on Thursday 14th May at 7:56pm weighing 2544g.

Big brother Aki (the golden retriever) is very proud of his new little playmate.



Recently a club member purchased an item of equipment from the Blackdog Wear products that the club sells and gave a very generous donation to the club as a thank you for all the help, assistance and wonderful atmosphere that exists at club!

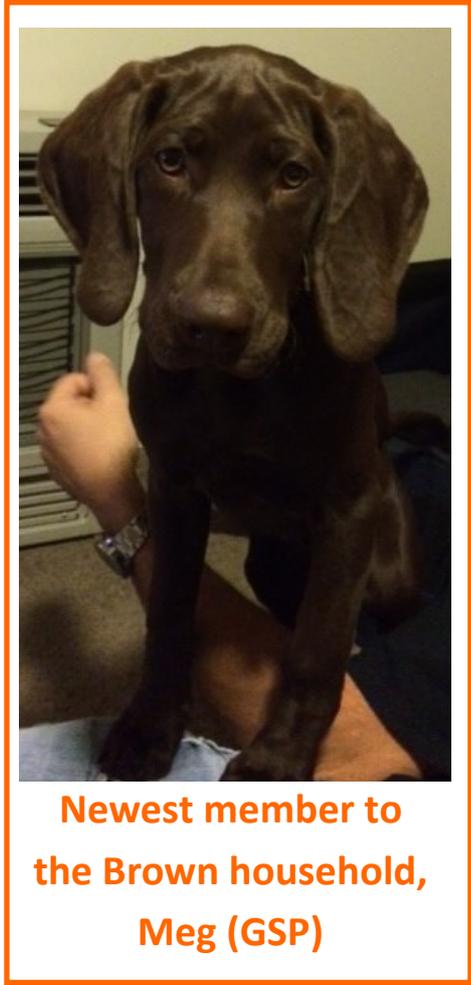
The club wishes to thank this member for their kind donation



Happy 1st Birthday
"DECOY VANATTA"
The rebel of the family!!!



Koda Brown unimpressed about
her human brother Toby crying



Newest member to
the Brown household,
Meg (GSP)



Handsome fella,
Cash Lovell



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sleeping beauty Luca Howlett



Sunday
Morning
talk

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WEEKEND, SHORT TERM & LONG TERM

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 and 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.



Club members interested in becoming involved in the agility program are able to do so on the Club's agility intake days, provided they have completed Grade 1 and the Introduction to Agility classes, and passed the agility assessment test.

Improving your existing skills will need to be done at home, and the club library has DVDs for hire that will help you with this. The club web site has a listing of the DVDs available.

Many of these skills will have already been taught to you, but you will need to work at and improve on these at home.

Necessary

- Dogs must have a temperament suitable for agility, exhibiting socially acceptable behaviour towards other dogs and people in the group, each to be assessed on its own merits.
- The handler must be able to fully control their dog and keep their focus when off-leash. We want to see the dogs willingly staying with their owner when the leash is removed. We are looking for the dog to want to work with their handler and not take the opportunity to rush up to other dogs.
- Dogs must have a good off-leash recall, over distance, in the agility training environment which has many distractions.

Club has a handout which goes into further details. Please ask your instructor.

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 ADVANCED On Velodrome AGILITY ADVANCED On Velodrome AGILITY ADVANCED On Velodrome AGILITY INTERMEDIATE On Velodrome