



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



ANNA LARKIN



JANICE VANATTA



**Mavis Weymouth is back with her  
new dog Sabina. Full story p8.**

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

### 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 April  
newsletter is Friday  
20 March 2015

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### 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

**Hurry up!**

**We have to get to EGDOC**



New members welcome the first Sunday  
of each month.

Check our website for what to bring

[www.egdoc.org.au](http://www.egdoc.org.au)

## EGDOC Committee

Please talk to any Committee member if you want anything addressed at Club

## Committee Meeting

Thursday 12 March  
7.30pm

## 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:** Michelle Morrison  
Equipment Officer. Additional sellers Janice Vanatta and Peter McMaster

**Instructors:** Natalie Brown, Sue Bryant, Ana Butcher, Vickie Green, Leah Hepworth, Sherran Howlett, Julie Lovell, Peter McMaster, Michelle Morrison, , Melissa Tatterson, Frank Vanatta, Janice Vanatta, Kathy Vernon, Sarah Vranek, Mavis Weymouth, Tee Watt, Janet Leemon, Kathryn Trad

**Librarian:** Anna Larkin

**Membership Officer:** Peter McMaster

**Publicity Officer:** Michelle Morrison

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

**Raffles/Fundraising:** Vacant—we would love someone to offer to do this

**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  
Anna Larkin—16 May Agility/Jumping Trial  
Janice Vanatta—7 June Obedience/Rally Obedience

## New Instructors

We also congratulate Julie Lovell, Tee Watt, Kathryn Trad and Janet Leemon on becoming Instructors in the Club.

They have been trainee instructors for some time and now have been passed by the EGDOC Committee as full Instructors.

## Next Committee Meeting

Thursday 12 March 2015



“If anyone wants anything addressed at a meeting, please bring it to the attention of any Committee member.”

## 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



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.

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## Club Awards

Congratulations to all of these members who have achieved so much during 2014.

## EGDOC Club Awards 2014

Our Christmas Party in December 2014 was a wash-out so awards were presented on the first week of Club this year.

### **Titles gained by handlers and their dogs during 2014.**

Sherran Howlett & Luca S-TN-N & O-NJC

Michelle Morrison & Mia S-TN-N

Ana Butcher & Darcy CD

Wilma Bates & Lucy CCD & RN & RA

Christine McDonald & Zeus JDX

Pat Brewer & Blue AD

Peta Crawford & Indie RN

Sharyn Thompson & Shadow RN

Vickie Green & Archie RN

Sharyn Thompson & Kali RA

Fiona Gilbert & Amico RA & RE

Janice Vanatta & Cedar RE

Frank Vanatta & Snickers RE

### **ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD**

Donated by Graeme & Jo Maley

Awarded to a handler who has attended regularly and put in a genuine effort to train their dog and considered by the instructors to show potential. This trophy is aimed at members not yet trialling.

AWARDED TO Matthew and Samuel Herzog with Honey and their good friend Freda



### **MOST IMPROVED**

Donated by Carol Shultz

Awarded to the handler and dog considered to have made the most progress during the year. This trophy is aimed at members not yet trialling.

There were TWO recipients this year:

AWARDED TO Andrew Robinson with Max.

AWARDED TO Kendall & Ray Cox with Jameson

## More Club Awards



### SHADY TROPHY

Donated by Mike and Karen White.

Awarded to the handler and Dog with the highest qualifying obedience score at the East Gippsland Trial on the Queen's Birthday Weekend.

AWARDED TO Ana Butcher and Darcy

### JOAN KINGSHOTT MEMORIAL TROPHY

Donated by the Club in memory of Joan Kingshott.

Awarded to the handler and dog that have accumulated the highest qualifying obedience scores during the year.

AWARDED TO Ana Butcher and Darcy



### TOP RALLY OBEDIENCE DOG

Donated by Mavis Weymouth.

Awarded to the handler and Dog that have accumulated the highest qualifying Rally Obedience scores during the year.

Due to a points tie there are DUAL recipients:

AWARDED TO: Fiona Gilbert and Amico and

AWARDED TO: Frank Vanatta and Snickers



### TOP JUMPING DOG

Donated by Neil & Sherran Howlett in memory of Tahni

Awarded to the handler and dog that have accrued the most points for Qualifying scores competing during the year in ANKC Jumping Trials

AWARDED TO Christine McDonald and Zeus

### TOP AGILITY DOG

Donated by the Vanatta family in memory of Shiraz.

Awarded to the handler and dog that have accrued the most points for Qualifying scores competing during the year in ANKC Agility Trials

AWARDED TO Pat Brewer & Blue



Black Dog training aids available at EGDOC



For further blackdog products check out their web page at [www.blackdogwear.net.au](http://www.blackdogwear.net.au).

The club can order products at your request

## Treat Tote



A Wide Mouth, Magnetic Close Tote for holding food treats while training - Clip on version

The Wide Mouth opening makes it quick and easy to get to your dog's favourite rewards and the magnetic clasp will hold the Tote closed at a touch of your hand.

The Belt Clip allows the Treat Tote to be easily clipped on or off a belt, and the webbing belt loops allow you to more securely feed it onto a belt for more permanent connection - or use the the Black Dog Tote Belt (sold separately).

The Internal Pocket - for holding Jackpot Rewards - allows you quick and silent access to Higher Status Rewards without alerting your dog.

## Mavis Has A New Boy And Girl In Her Life!

By Janice Vanatta



We have all missed seeing Mavis at club these past twelve months due to an illness. Mavis is one of the foundation members and instructors of EGDOD and has played an important part in all Club matters.

Due to Mavis' state of health, her beloved Labrador, Mirri, had to go and stay with her dear friends Ria and Boris. Being a young and exuberant girl she became too much for Mavis to exercise.

I don't think Mavis has ever been without a dog in her home and all her friends noticed how much it affected her to be without Mirri.

Mavis talked about perhaps getting a small dog and everyone agreed that that would be a great option for her.

To the rescue came Fiona. Fiona has placed one of her older Italian Greyhounds, Sabina, in Mavis' care.

Sabina is seven and quite the prim and proper lady and has taken to living with Mavis like a "duck to water".

Not only does she trot along beside Mavis' mobility scooter but she is equally happy to ride up front in the basket.

And to top off having a new girl in her life, Mavis has a new boy. Natalie's baby, Toby, pops in for a visit and a cuddle from his adopted great gran. Mavis' smile says it all when she is surrounded by her two new loves!

I hope we continue to see Mavis & Sabina at Club often.



## Club Activities

- Puppy School
- Obedience
- Rally–Obedience
- Agility
- Trials

Plus social opportunities for you and your dog.

## 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.



## 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.

**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.



Grade 2 Obedience class practicing the "Down-Stay"

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

## 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.

## 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.



## 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.

**Don't forget our Jumping/Agility Trial on Sunday 16 May 2015 and our Obedience/Rally Obedience Trial on Sunday 7 June 2015. Great days for spectators & helpers as well as participants.**



Check out our website!

[www.egdoc.org.au](http://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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**Come and have a cuppa with us!**

Your membership includes free tea, coffee and biscuits, discounted soft drinks and bottled water (only \$1 each!), access to the EGDOC library of DVD's and books and use of the Clubhouse.

We would love to see more members stay on for a cuppa with us. Half the fun is sitting around having a chat.

Classes run  
come rain  
or shine

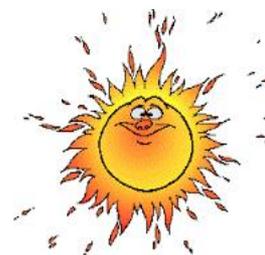
**Classes run come rain or shine...however .....Club By-law No 16**

For safety reasons -- If the temperature on the Saturday ABC 7pm 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, insect repellent and 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



# EGDOC SUNDAY CLASS TIMES – from 1st February 2015

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