



SCRATCH n SNIFF

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Hello fellow dog lovers. I am Lu, your new **Scratch 'n Sniff Editor. My first job as Editor is to thank Emily Hunt, on behalf of all Club members, for her excellent Editorship of **Scratch 'n Sniff** over the past 3 years. Em is a hard act to follow but I will do my best to continue her good work in keeping members informed of what is happening around the club.**

Below you will find our latest list of willing workers for the club. These people are there to do their best to answer your every need or question so please do not hesitate to ask.

Office Bearers/Executive

President – Lu Cornwell

Vice President – Vickie Green

Secretary – Natalie Brown

Treasurer – Emily Hunt

Public Officer – Natalie Brown

Committee

Pam Darby

Ann Fugatt

Faye Jondahl

Gail Lopez

Peter Lopez

Karla McKinlay

Frank Vanatta

Janice Vanatta

Extra Jobs

Catering/Supplies Officer

- Ana Butcher

Grievance Officer – Meg Ryan

Newsletter – Lu Cornwell

Misc. Maintenance and Odd Jobs

- Peter Lopez

Membership Officers

– Natalie Brown/Jhys Broadbent

Equipment Officer – Emily Hunt

Sales – Emily Hunt,

Natalie Brown, Janice

Vanatta, Vickie Green

Trials Secretary – Natalie Brown

Publicity Officer – As necessary

Awards/ Title Boards – Frank Vanatta

Librarian – Janice Vanatta

Uniform Contact – Vickie Green

Website - Phil Miller

Therapy Dogs Finance - Pam Darby,

Vickie Green



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 - 2000 Alicia Larsen - 2011 Lynne Rapson - 2011 Kathy Vernon 2011 Peter McMaster - 2001 Willy Lucas - 2000 Fiona Gilbert - 2011 Beryl Walden - 2012 Sue Bryant - 2012 Natalie Brown (Evans) - 2012 Frank Vanatta - 2018 Pam Darby - 2018 Vickie Green - 2022 Emily Hunt – 2022 Gail Lopez - 2022 Peter Lopez

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**It is with great sadness that we announce the recent death
of club member**

Ian Staniforth.

**We extend our condolences to Ian's wife Jennifer and their
two wonderful Hungarian Vislas, Honey and Flair.**

**Jennifer, we hope to see you and the red dogs back at club
whenever you are ready.**

Winter Dog Tips

So it is May and winter will be here before we know it, so let's remind ourselves of some of the things we need to be aware of to keep our dogs and ourselves safe and warm during the coming months.

- 🐾 Make sure your dogs have shelter from the elements if they are outside.**
- 🐾 Single-coated breeds such as Greyhounds, Boxers, Dobermans or Chihuahua often need a jacket to keep them warm and dry during winter.**
- 🐾 As the days get shorter, you might find yourselves out walking your dog in the dark and/or inclement weather so ensure you and your dog are visible to motorists by wearing reflective vests or straps, leads or collars.**
- 🐾 Help your dog maintain a healthy weight during the cold weather, especially if you are not exercising as much as you would during the warmer months. If you notice your dog getting chubbier, brave the weather more often or adjust their meals accordingly.**
- 🐾 With less walks, dogs often become bored and 'naughty'. Even if the weather is too awful for walks, you can always exercise their brain by playing games such as 'Find Me' or you could teach new tricks, buy a food puzzle or start scentwork. Ask your Instructor for more ideas.**
- 🐾 Be aware that older dogs or those with conditions such as arthritis will experience more pain during cold weather. This could make them grumpier than usual. Help them out with less demands and pain medication if necessary.**



Upcoming Events

King's Birthday Weekend 10 – 12 June
Gippsland's BIG weekend of dog trialling.

On what used to be the Queen's Birthday Weekend, our club (EGDOC Inc.), Bairnsdale ODC and Gippsland ODC have for many years, each run an Obedience and Rally trial. It's on again this year.

Traditionally, Bairnsdale kicks off the weekend on Saturday, **EGDOC runs on the Sunday** and Gippsland (Morwell) wraps it all up on the Monday.

We always need volunteers to help set up and pack away rings etc. so please talk to a Committee member, buy a raffle ticket or just come along to watch.

THERE WILL BE NO TRAINING ON OUR TRIAL DAY Sunday 11th JUNE

To be drawn at the trial 11/6/2023 - TICKETS \$2 each

JUNE OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL RAFFLE





**Best Friend
Holiday Retreat**
Terra Valley Bushland, SE Gippsland, Victoria

www.bestfriendretreat.com.au

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1st Prize: *2 nights,
self-contained Deluxe Cabin for 2
people & their 4-legged best friend/s,
Cruiser Bowl, Kong Wubba Friend, Disney
Mugs
VALUE: \$570

2nd Prize: Fluffy dog bed,
Blackdog Wear Gear bag, Cruiser
Corner Bowl, Kong Bone, Dog sign,
Dog themed umbrella, Purple Poppy
magnet & Dog accessories pack.
VALUE: \$220





3rd Prize: Trampoline Dog
Bed, Black Dog Wear Messenger
Bag, Metal food bowl, Kong
know Monkey, Rope ring toy,
Dog Sign, Kong Beezles ball,
Kong Gyro, Dog themed enviro
bag
VALUE: \$150

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The Winners Circle

PIP

Jumping Dog Excellent

Sherran Howlett



RALPH

Rally Master

Lu Cornwell



VADER

Rally Novice

Trick Dog Starter

Jhys Broadbent



The Winners Circle

SCHORCH

Jumping Dog

Sandi McCann



FINN

Rally Advanced

Vickie Green



BELLE

Rally Excellent

Maribeth Murphy





EGDOC Inc. Therapy Dogs Team

Pictured below is our wonderful Therapy Dog group which visits five Aged Care facilities every month. Needless to say the group is very busy. Residents, staff, dogs and handlers all look forward to our dogs' visits.



The Therapy Team grabbing a well-earned coffee after one of their visits

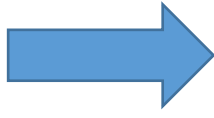


Therapy Dogs Team matriarch Mavis Weymouth and her dear Italian Greyhound, Luke

Mavis has been the Therapy dog team leader for many years. She assesses and trains new handler and dog teams as well as attending visiting days with Luke. Mavis is also a long-time Beginners Class Instructor.



JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER



THIS IS OUR BIN WHICH WE (YOUR CLUB) PROVIDES FOR VISITORS TO THE VELODROME TO USE. PLEASE USE IT FOR YOUR DOG'S DROPPINGS AND TELL ANYONE YOU SEE WITH DOGS AT THE VELODROME THAT:-

- 🐾 DOG DROPPINGS ARE YUKKY
- 🐾 IT IS GOOD MANNERS TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG
- 🐾 IT FEELS GOOD TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN



EQUIPMENT SHOP

Don't forget to check out the wide ranging collection of dog toys and equipment in the club's equipment shop. Ask any Instructor or Committee member if you would like to buy a special toy or new lead, non-spill water bowl, slow feeder bowl or more for your dog.

Pictured are our latest fabulous crunchy, squeaky, fun toys:-

- 🐾 Kong Cozie Cheetah or Alligator \$15 (small) - \$20 (large)
- 🐾 Zippy Paws Bottle Otter or Alligator \$15
- 🐾 Outward Hound Howling Hoots \$15



Housekeeping

* **Wear your name tag** * **Sign the attendance book** * **Pick up after your dog**

* **Give space to dogs wearing yellow bandanas**

***** **Help out in any way you can by: helping fill water buckets & placing around the club, hang up name tag board, place sign in book on trolley out near name tag board, unlock the toilets & check fridges have stock of drinks.**

- **Tea and Coffee is free for members; all that is asked is that you clean up after yourself. So please feel free to stay after classes and have a cuppa.**

- **Soft drinks in the fridge are \$1 ea. There is a money tin in the fridge. This runs on an honour system.**

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO . . .

Spread the word about our Club!



EGDOC Inc. **SUNDAY CLASS TIMETABLE** - February 2023

8:45 - 9:00am	SETTING UP OF CLUBROOMS & EQUIPMENT				
9:00 - 9:15am	CLUB NEWS & UPDATES TALK - 15 Minutes				
9:15 - 10:00am (45 mins)	OBEDIENCE BEG 1 By Clubrooms	OBEDIENCE BEG 2 By Clubrooms	OBEDIENCE GRADE 1 On Velodrome	OBEDIENCE GRADE 2 On Velodrome	AGILITY On Velodrome
10:00 - 10:15am	BREAK - 15 Minutes				
10:15 - 11:00am (45 mins)	PREPARATION FOR TRIALLING On Velodrome	AGILITY On Velodrome		RALLY On Velodrome	
11:00am	PACKING UP EQUIPMENT				