



Coming Events

Christmas Party

Sunday 7 December
10am till after lunch
Prizes for Christmas
fancy dress & please
bring a plate to
share—meat provided
by the Club.

Christmas Break

Club ends with the
Christmas Party and
resumes on Sunday 1
February 2014.

PLEASE note—

There will not be a
January newsletter.

The February
newsletter will be
produced—articles
due by Friday 23
January 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.

Merry Christmas



The results are in!

The October Jumping and Agility Trial
was a great success, both in terms of
competitive fun and as a fundraiser for
Melissa Tatterson and her family.

A total of
\$6000

will be presented to Melissa and her
family by club representatives

Thank you to all who contributed their
time and money to this fabulous result.

See pages 6-7 for a full report

Plus Ana Butcher's photo album from the
Trial is on the website with printed copies
available with this newsletter.

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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

*Dreading what your dog
might do to Santa this year?*



Teach him to be nice 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 meetings have finished for 2014.



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

New Committee members are needed.

Please talk to your instructor if you think you have skills or time to give back to the Club.

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Articles due by the third Friday of each month.

Please welcome our new
Club Secretary
Tracey Gall



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

INTRODUCING THE **HOT HOT HOT** **NEW ADDITIONS**



TO THE OFFICIAL **EGDOC** CLOTHING RANGE.



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Sun Hat \$18**



Spray Jacket \$44
UNISEX



**Softshell Vests
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- Water and Wind Resistant
- Tough Wearing
- Insulative
- Stretch

\$85
**LADIES
JACKET**
Detachable
hood

\$88
**MENS
JACKET**
With detachable hood



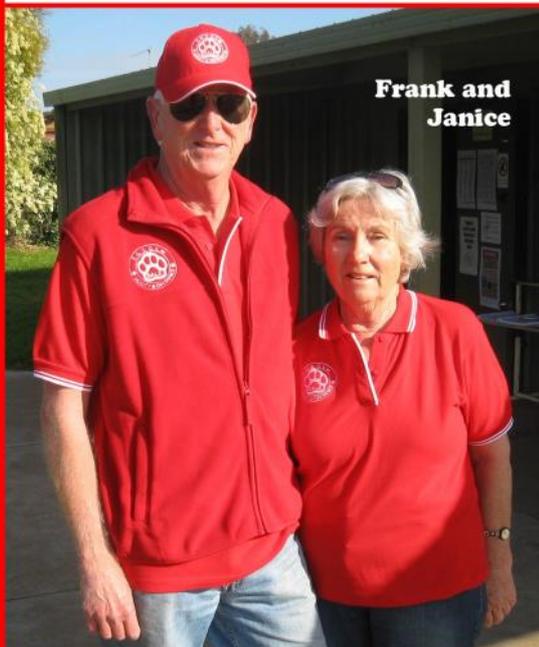
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AND
LADIES
VESTS**



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LOOK WHO'S TURNED RED HOT



Frank and
Janice



Sarah



Anton and Jazz



Sue



Frankie

Pat

Mavis



Tracey



Diana with Maggie



Freda



Gary with Jimmie



Katrina and Holly



Peter



Natalie



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



RED Rally Class - Sunday 26th October

The October Agility and Jumping Trial

Thank you to all the members who helped out with the Trial and all those who participated.

Thank you also to Janice and Frank Vanatta who work tirelessly for the Club and did much to make this day happen.

The October Agility and Jumping Trial

Report by Janice Vanatta

It is with great pleasure that I write this report on our October Agility and Jumping Trial. Even though I ended up being the official "Trial Secretary", this job was not done by me alone. Many members took on roles to make this Trial happen.

Prior to becoming ill, Melissa was the Trial Secretary for this event. She had organized the judges and schedule of the Trial and had it all approved by Dogs Victoria so that the club could run the day. With Melissa's sudden illness, the Committee took on the running of the Trial and decided that we would like it to be a fundraiser for Melissa and her family to assist with Melissa's future recovery needs.

Every trial needs a raffle to generate a few extra dollars, but who could have imagined the "monster raffle" that Natalie organized and the amazing financial result.

Well done Natalie who organised this raffle.

We have so many sponsors to thank.

Our first prize was a weekend away at

Best Friends Holiday Retreat donated by Coralie and Ralph. This was won by "Ziggy", one of the agility community's favourite dogs! I know he will have a wonderful time at Best Friends with his parents Karolyn and Ed.

I would encourage everyone who has the opportunity to take a break with your dogs at Best Friends Holiday Retreat. It is located in the beautiful Tarra Valley - so close enough for a quick weekend away.

Running trials brings various costs, and we were very fortunate that **Wendy Gillman Ribbon Suppliers** donated all our sashes for the event.

Our three wonderful judges, Linda Wilson, Peter Buyxk, and Annette Cloughton also donated judging fees back to the fundraiser. And then to top it off every winning competitor donated their prize money back to Melissa. People are truly wonderful.

Then of course, we have our club members.

Leah took on the role of doing the entries and catalogue; and along with Janet, did all the office work on the day.

Michelle jumped in and did the competitor numbers and got them ready to hand out.

Sherran organized the stewards required to keep the rings running smoothly.



Sherran and Greg got into the spirit of the "Go Red" theme for Melissa at the October Trial.

Check out the red ribbons in Greg's hair!

The October Agility and Jumping Trial (continued)

John organized the setting up of the catering area and manned the bar-b-que all day. One of our very new members, **Kate**, organized the food for the competitor catering; and along with her husband Troy, worked all day in that area.

Nicole organized the official lunch menu, and with her helpers Denise and Marj, made sure that everyone was well fed.



Kathryn's daughters made the most beautiful red cupcakes to add to the feast.

Wow - how great did the clubrooms and shed look after **Ana and Vickie** got through decorating it!

And what a great idea **Ana** had to make up ribbons to sell on the day. All the competitors got into the spirit of the event and ribbons were to be seen on everyone.

Saturday saw a band of workers turn up at the grounds to get things ready for Sunday. **Peter** marked out and set up our rings. Others took the trailers down to the ground and set up the clubrooms and the shed.

Sunday arrived and the weather was superb. Members arrived to bring their donations along for the catering and to sell the goodies. Our stewards and ring workers got the equipment set up and ready for our first events. Everything worked like clockwork and it seemed like things were a bit "too easy"!

But with so many members - **all dressed in RED for EGDOC and Melissa** - doing their bit for the trial, it did make it a stress free wonderful day.

It was just the best day and I was so proud to be part of such a wonderful team effort to assist in Melissa's recovery.



PLEASE NOTE

Ana Butcher has made a photo souvenir booklet of the trial which is available on the website and as an appendix to this newsletter.

Rally Obedience success at Morwell

Rally Obedience Success

We are fortunate to have Rally Obedience as one of the options for our Club members at EGDOC.

In the recent Bairnsdale trial, some of our members did really well.



Julie Lovell and Gilly passed their first Rally Novice trial. Gilly is just six months old.

I was in the Beginners Obedience with Julie and Gilly and can attest to the work she has put in with this wonderful dog.

As with many young dogs, Gilly had trouble focusing. Julie made this her first priority and now has a dog who can achieve so much in the exciting discipline of Rally Obedience.

Pat Harris and Frankie Matthews were tremendously proud to win their first pass in Novice Rally Obedience. Both achieved the same great score of 80/100 (needing 70 or above to pass/qualify).

Pat, Frankie and their dogs Charlie (aka Galahad) and Merlyn have been working very hard throughout the year. This work has paid off with them both well on their way to gaining their first title each. This was Frankie's first ever trial and Pat's second.

Congratulations to you both on a fantastic achievement. You are an inspiration to other Club members who dream of having such a great relationship with their dogs.



Heat Stress

DOGS DIE IN HOT CARS

Dogs can suffer heat stress even when the windows are down or the car is in the shade.

Heat stress is a medical emergency!

Dogs are vulnerable to heat stress because they cool themselves by panting. If the air around them is hot—particularly if they do not have access to water—they cannot cool themselves down. Dogs with short noses like pugs and dogs who are overweight, elderly or have a thick coat are more vulnerable.

Dogs can die in just six minutes.

In the time it takes you to:

- Grab a cup of coffee
- Pick up a few things in the supermarket
- Chat to a friend on a corner

...your best friend could be suffering and dying.

Signs of heat stress

- Heavy panting, drooling, restlessness, weakness, staggering
- Change in colour of the gums
- Possible vomiting, diarrhoea, seizures
- Loss of consciousness and death

Treatment for heat stress:

- Seek veterinary treatment immediately
- If it's a dog in someone else's car, call the police on 000
- If possible, cool the dog down progressively with a water bath, cool towels changed frequently or water spray—do not use ice as this makes the cooling process too quick
- Get your dog checked by a vet even if he appears to recover

Dogs on utes are also at risk

- Ute trays can get hot and burn the pads of your dog's feet—cover the tray with a suitable material to prevent this happening
- Never leave your dog in the back of a ute without adequate shade, shelter and water



Care of your dog in summer

Dogs can enjoy the summer months as much as we do. But they can also suffer the same discomforts such as heat stress, sunburn and insect bites.



Read the following handy hints on how to keep your dog happy and healthy this summer.

- Always provide plenty of fresh water, changed every day. Have water in different places in case one container is spilled. Keep your dog's water in the shade and even add ice to the water so he can always get a cool drink
- Walk your dog in the cool of the morning or evening
- Take opportunities to go to the beach, a local river or provide a doggy sized swimming pool for cooling off
- Make sure your dog has access to cool, shady places in your home or yard so there is always a cool spot as the sun moves
- Treat for fleas and ticks—these are often worse in hot weather

- If your dog has pink areas of skin on the nose, ears or tummy, use a doggy sunscreen. The canine brands discourage the dog from licking the sunscreen off. Dogs get cancer too!



- Use a doggy insect repellent, as human repellent is not recommended for animals. Be careful not to get any into your dogs eyes. Best method is to spray some on your hands and wipe head, ears and neck area. Then carefully spray down dog's back, and use hands to wipe product from back to end of tail and down backside.



- Be aware of the risk of snake bite
- Keep your dogs away from those Christmas treats! Many dogs get tummy upsets from rich food and compost pickings over the holiday season!



**Sale Christmas
Parade
Sunday 6
December**

**Sale Christmas Parade
Saturday 6 December 2014**



Each year Longford Lions Club run a Christmas Parade in Sale. Last year many members went along with their dogs and had a wonderful time.

This year, let's make it a sea of red for EGD OC.

Details on where and when to meet will be left by the sign-in book at Club.



**Club Christmas
Party**

Club Christmas Party

Sunday 7 December 10.00am

- ◇ Fancy dress judging –10:00am
- ◇ Games
- ◇ Award presentations
- ◇ BBQ lunch—please bring a plate to share and meat will be provided by the club.



**Award results needed by
November 20th**

**Contact Frank Vanatta if you gained a pass and/or title
between December 2013 and 17 November 2014**

Frank must get the results into the trophy house by Thursday 20 November to have the trophies ready to hand out at the Christmas Party. If you are unsure about your results, please talk to Frank Vanatta.

Nat's Baby

Natalie Brown recently gave birth to a beautiful baby boy—just in time for the Club Newsletter!



Natalie and Justin welcome with love

Toby Joseph Brown—born 9 November 2014

Congratulations from everyone at EGD OC.



**Award results
needed by
Thursday 20
November!**

**Natalie's had a
baby boy!**

Summer Training



Training times over the Christmas break

Classes finish on Sunday 30 November 2014. The Christmas break-up party is on the following Sunday 7 December 2014.

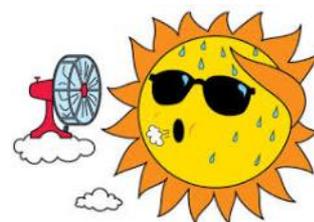
The club grounds will be closed for training from Monday 8 December through to and including, New Year's Day 2015.

From Friday 2 January the club grounds will be available for training on:

- ~ Sunday mornings from 7am until 10.00am and
- ~ Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm until dark

The following rules govern training over the Christmas Break:

1. In all instances the Club's heat policy shall apply, i.e. if the forecast temperature for Sunday is 35 degrees or above, as broadcast on the Saturday, 7.00pm news by the ABC, training will cease at 9.00am for that Sunday.
2. At least one committee member must be present at training and, in the case of agility, participants must have a Proficiency Certificate.
3. All eligible participants must be advised of the intention to train so that everybody has fair opportunity to participate.



Classes resume on Sunday 1 February 2014.



Looking forward to seeing you in 2015.

No classes from Sunday 30 November to Sunday 1 February.

Some Club members will choose to train on Wednesdays evenings and Sundays mornings over the Christmas Break.

Club rules apply to summer training at the velodrome.

Have a great break and come back refreshed for classes on Sunday 1 February 2015.

Club Activities

Obedience

Rally– Obedience

Agility

Therapy Dogs

Endurance 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., Only initial vaccination 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.

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.



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 and 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.



Endurance

The Endurance Trial is a one-off event held in Winter to demonstrate a dog's stamina and willingness to work with his owner.

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.

Sunday Classes



Come rain
or shine

Classes start again on Sunday 1 February 2015

At The Velodrome in Inglis St Sale on Sunday mornings

Every Sunday morning rain or shine from February to December except Easter Sundays and weekends when a club trial is being run.

7.45am –10am Advanced Agility/Beginners Agility

Agility members set up equipment and get started—only experienced Agility members can work their dogs on the equipment at this time. Those interested in Agility are welcome to come along to learn how to set-up or to watch. A Beginners class will be run for those who have completed Grade One Obedience and Introduction to Agility. Pack up by 10am to allow room for other classes.

9.15am Beginners Agility

For those who have completed Intro to Agility

8.30am—9.15am Grade Three (advanced) Obedience

Instructors arrive to start setting up the Clubhouse. Your help is always welcome. List of jobs are inside the kitchen door of the Clubhouse or ask someone how you can help!

9.15am—9.30am Assembly and Welcome outside Clubhouse

9.30am—10.15am Beginners & Grade Two Obedience;

Beginners—please arrive by 9.15am to give your dog a chance to settle in. Bring a flat collar and leash—no choker chains thank you—and some treats for rewards.

10.15am—10.30am Break

10.30am—11.15am Grade One Obedience, Novice Rally Obedience; Introduction to Agility

11.15am—12noon Rally Obedience—advanced or excellent Ring Work & Trial Training

All members are welcome to
stay back for a cuppa and
a chat after their class



Check out our website!

www.egdoc.org.au

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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



**Copies of the EGDOC Newsletter are available at the Club
on Sunday mornings and online**

EGDOC Sunday Class Times



CLASSES	
8AM – 10	<p>AGILITY Advanced and Beginners On Velodrome Beginners Agility —arrive 9.00am for 9.15am start</p>
8:30 – 9:15 (45mins)	<p>GRADE 3 Advanced Obedience On Velodrome</p>
ASSEMBLY and WELCOME – 15 Minutes	
9:15 – 9:30	<p>BEGINNERS With Janice By Clubrooms</p>
9:30 – 10.15 (45mins)	<p>BEGINNERS With Vickie By Clubrooms</p>
10:15 – 10:30	<p>BREAK – 15 Minutes</p>
10:30 – 11.15 (45mins)	<p>GRADE 1 Rotation of – Peter / Janice / Frank On Velodrome</p>
11:15 – 12PM (45mins)	<p>RING WORK – TRIAL TRAINING With Peter On Velodrome</p>
	<p>RALLY NOVICE With Frank and/or Ana On Velodrome</p>
	<p>INTRO AGILITY With Sherran and/or Michelle By Clubrooms</p>
	<p>RALLY ADVANCED OR EXCELLENT On Velodrome</p>
	<p>Setting-up courses for RALLY N & A/E On Velodrome</p>