



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 26th March at 10.05am, for approximately half an hour.

It will take place on the grounds between Puppy / Grad 1, and Grade 2/3. The first classes will finish a little early, and the other classes will be shortened a little to accommodate the AGM.

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.... from the President

Welcome to 2017. We have 39 new members at this point in time so a special welcome to you and your 4 legged companions.

Unfortunately, I missed the first session, but was pleased to miss the rain. Just to make you feel better it was pouring in Bali too!

I would like to welcome back all of our wonderful instructors on your behalf. *John, Jean, Michelle, Dominick, Ron, Jane Trish and Judy*. These people do an amazing job as do our 2 *Bev's and Denise* who manage to feed you, *Chris and Warren* who enrol you and provide equipment, treats and toys for your dogs. Then there is *Meryllyn* who looks after our Website, and Facebook pages, *Phil* who gets out and picks up stuff, and *Janet* who cleans up after we mess up the clubhouse.

A special welcome to *Steve Jeffrey* who has become an Inspiring Instructor. You all probably already know him because you see his dog is "Boss".

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Thank You

We'd like to thank Dr Ian Hogben from the Findon, and Seaton, Vet Clinics for donating \$70 to the Club.

Of course, our members who utilised the services of either clinic for the first time also deserve a thank you. The donation was made possible because of you.

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.... from the President

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It is a gentle process, and all of the Instructors I have mentioned have been inspiring Instructors. Talk to them. Find out what it's about. Learn why they do it!

Personally, I can assure you that it is so rewarding when someone comes back the following week, and excitedly says, "He can do it!"

You will have noticed by now that there is a great pathway leading in from Oval Ave, and that the car park has been upgraded. The Clubhouse too has benefitted from the City of Charles Sturt's support. The veranda roof has been reinforced, outside lighting replaced and new gutter guard to deal with the pine trees installed.

I thank the officers, and the Council on your behalf for their great, and continuing support.

A shaded area is to be installed near the playground in the near future.

There is an article in this newsletter on *Rally O* which we have introduced at upper levels for our pets. It's great fun and a demonstration will occur out our next graduation.

We look forward to your feed-back and your ideas!

Best Wishes for a successful and happy year.

Claire Lowe

President

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As an incorporated body the club is required to hold an AGM annually. You our members, get to take a short break, relax on the grass and learn what the Executive of the club do with your membership fees. The meeting is generally only for 30 minutes and then we resume classes.

Please stay after your class, or come a little early, and be a part of the AGM.

If you have an interest in joining the Committee, or nominating someone, please speak to someone in the Clubrooms on Sunday 19th March, or contact us (contact info on page 8).



Rally Obedience is Up, and Running!

Rally Obedience is commonly known as Rally'O, or Rally.



Have you seen the coloured buckets with signs attached when you come for your lesson on Sundays?

All the signs are different, but they contain yellow arrows, and basic instructions. Some are simple like "Fast Pace", and "Left Turn". Others have more mysterious instructions, and arrows like - "Call Front Finish Right Halt", and "Spiral Left, Dog Inside".

Have you been wondering what was going on?

Well, mystery solved. The buckets and signs are part of a Rally class we have been trialling. The Rally class provides opportunity to continue learning after you achieve the Basic Obedience level. (There is nothing wrong with staying there though after you achieve BO, if that is where you feel comfortable!) In Rally there is scope to practice things already learned, as well as new moves to teach your dog. It is for people who love teaching their dog new things, and for dogs who love learning new things.

Each Month there is –

* A set of moves taught and practiced each week. There are well over 50 moves you can learn in Rally, but only a few are taught each month. Traditionally the first 32 moves are considered Novice level.

* A group "walk the course" time with the instructor to see what it involves. Then participants take turns to do the course on their own. (With the teacher first if wanted, and subsequent practice on own, or ask for the teacher to watch, and give feedback). While one participant practices the course other class members can practice the moves that have been taught, or socialize, swap stories about training dogs, etc.

* Tracking of moves taught, and achieved. Assessment, and feedback, will be available. Talk of awards has also been mentioned.

Our current go to teacher experts are Michelle, who has previously participated in Rally, as well as Trish. Who doesn't know more about teaching dogs! No doubt you have been in their classes. There is also Sue, who is an enthusiastic beginner, and putter-outer of buckets, and doer of other things needed by the group. She is also a budding Rally course designer.



So why not give it a go if you've got your BO!



People's Choice Community Lottery

Prizes, prizes, prizes galore! Buy your People's Choice Community Lottery tickets today to support us, your club, and you'll go into a prize draw worth over \$360,000! Plus, get in before 31 March for your chance to win the extra Early Bird prize - a Toyota Yaris. We keep 100% of every \$2 ticket we sell! Just head to our website and check out our fundraising page.

You can buy tickets online until the 31st August 2016, and if you purchase online you will go into the early bird draw. You will also be able to purchase paper tickets at the clubrooms from April.

There's a huge number of prizes to be won. The full list is accessible on our Fundraising page.

woodvilledogtraining.com.au/fundraising/

Thank You

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Yes it's true—the \$70 donation was because of our members. The clinics donate \$10 from a member's first paid consult (new clients only) to our club. You just need to show your club card.

To find out more about what the services the Findon Veterinary Clinic, and the Seaton Vet Centre provide check our website under '[Our Sponsors](#)'.



Have you liked our Facebook page? Did you know that you can write a review of the club on Facebook? Just click on Reviews.

You can read what others have said, and leave a review of your own. So why not take a few minutes, and write a review of your club for others to read?

We really would appreciate it!



Findon Veterinary Clinic

221 Grange Road, Findon
Phone: 8347 3444



Seaton Vet Centre

342 Tapleys Hill Road, Seaton
Phone: 8155 5200



The Findon Veterinary Clinic, and the Seaton Vet Centre, are owned, and run, by Dr Ian Hogben. They are both staffed with the same experienced vets, and nurses, so you know you'll get the same great treatment at either facility. However, the Seaton Vet Centre is larger, so it does have extra facilities available.

Please check our website (under '[Our Sponsors](#)') to find out more.



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K9's in the Kitchen

Salmon Bake For Dogs

Ingredients

- 2 large mashed sweet potatoes
- 100gm oats made into porridge with water
- 1 large tin salmon drained (a cheap brand is fine)
- 2 large carrots grated
- 2 large Granny Smiths apples - cored and grated (peel if you like)
- 100gm natural yogurt
- 1 egg beaten
- Optional—Ground flaxseed for sprinkling on top just before giving to your pup.

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees Celsius
2. Pour tin of salmon into a large bowl, and mash.
3. Add the rest of the ingredients, and mix well.
4. Spoon into an oven proof dish, and bake for 40 minutes.
5. Let it cool down before giving to your pup, and with the flaxseed sprinkled on top if you wish.

Keeps in the fridge for up to 4 days.

Congratulations to our Graduates

From Class 1 to Class 2

- * Storm with handler Lisa Roszko



From Class 2 to Class 3

- * Tilla with handler Tracy Marshall



From Class 3 to Class 4

- * Rubi with handler Naomi Mayberry



- * Bella with handler Ron Wade



From Class 4 to Class BO

- * Toby with handler Kathryn Anderson



From BO

- * Dakota with handler Marilyn Dignum



Socialising Your Puppy



'You need to socialise your puppy', 'Make sure your new dog is well socialised', how often have you heard this? Its good advice, but how many of us really understand what a well socialised dog looks, and behaves like, and also have the knowledge to achieve this goal.

'Take them to a dog park', 'Let them run free at the beach', 'Don't worry if they look scared or a little aggressive, let the dogs sort it out.' I'm sure we've all heard this well-meaning, but potentially dangerous advice from others.

Would you take a toddler to a heavy metal gig, and put them in the mosh pit to teach them to dance? Hopefully not, and while this might seem an extreme example it's not far from what a puppy can experience when thrown in with larger more boisterous dogs. They are most likely to learn that big dogs are scary, get bullied, or hurt, and potentially develop fearful, or aggressive behaviour.

We often see dogs that strain at their leads, bark, growl, and lunge, and overreact when they see another dog. Often it's not aggression its frustration! They want to play! Not listen, sit, or be quiet! It can be a sign that the only time this dog has seen others it's been allowed to play without restraint, and hasn't learnt any self-control around other dogs. Without some self-control your dog can find themselves in awkward situations before they, or you know it.

So, how does a well socialised dog behave?

They are able to be calm when needed, around other dogs, near children playing, as a train goes by, as a skateboard zooms past etc. They can play nicely with other dogs but understand that it's not always play time. They can be happy just being, lying down at the café after a walk, being with you at the park, waiting quietly while you say hello to someone passing by on a walk.



How do we achieve this?

Exposure to new and different situations, under control, with you there and paying attention is the key. Reward quiet and calm behaviour with food, pats and playing with toys or other dogs. Let them meet older dogs under supervision, meet different people and spend time with them in as many varied locations as possible. The more you give your dog a chance to experience new things in a calm and controlled way the better they will cope throughout their life wherever they go and whatever is going on around them. If your dog exhibits fear or uncertainty go slowly and gently, forcing them into situations where they feel threatened or fearful won't make those feeling go away, it will only increase them.

Take the time to learn your dog's preferences, not everyone is the life of the party or likes rough and tumble play. That's ok, the goal is to teach your dog to behave and cope with a range of settings. It's important to be honest about your dog's behaviour and social abilities to help keep them from danger and getting into situations they are not able to cope with.

If you are looking for ideas to help develop your dog's social skills don't hesitate to ask one of the instructors for help.



2017 Class Calendar

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**This Calendar is a guide; please check with any of the volunteers for class changes*

Story to Share?

We love to hear from all our members, volunteers and sponsors so if you have pictures, info, a recipe or story to share please email it through to info@woodvilledogtraining.com.au

ATT: Merilyn



Contact Us

Please contact us if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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Committee

Do you have an idea or a suggestion?

Take it to the committee!

Each quarter the committee meets to discuss how the club is going, ideas and suggestions of how we can keep improving the club so if you have an idea please let a committee member know.



Blaze and Lyric

Committee Executive

- LOWE, Claire** President, Instructor
- FRIDMANIS John** Vice President, Instructor
- BROWN Chris** Treasurer
- WILLIAMS, Jean** Secretary, Instructor



Gina

Committee Members & Officers

- BROWN Denise** Committee
- BROWN Graeme** Café Maxi, Super Helper
- BURGESS Jane** Committee, Instructor
- CARTER Chris** Committee, Registrar
- DIGNUM Merylyn** Committee, Web Site
- DUGGAN, Judy** Committee, Instructor
- DUNSTONE Dallas** Committee
- HANDRICK Dominick** Asst Treasurer, Instructor
- ROBINS Janet** Cleaning Services
- STEEL, Michelle** Committee, Instructor
- STUCKEY Bev** Committee
- STUCKEY Phil** Café Maxi, Super Helper
- WADE Ron** Committee, Instructor
- WISSELL, Trish** Committee, Instructor
- WADE Bev** Committee, Café Maxi



Rules

A copy of the Centre's constitution is available from the Registrar

The Centre's Ground Rules have been made with consideration given to Public Liability.

1. All members must wear their membership badge, and be financial to attend class.
2. All dogs must be on lead from 9:00 am Sunday, and during all classes, unless you are given permission by an Instructor.
3. Dog owners/handlers are responsible for any injury to another dog, or owner/handler where their dog is involved.
4. A dog who has bitten, or shown undue aggression, must be reported to the Chief Instructor of the day.
5. Bitches in season are not allowed on the grounds during training sessions.
6. Generally accepted social behaviour is expected of all members/attendees.
7. Classes are held on Sundays from February to December, except on LONG WEEKENDS.
8. Current vaccination certificates must be shown to the Registrar when joining, and upon renewal of membership every 12 months, or when due.
9. Dog owners/handlers are to wear covered footwear during classes on the grounds. Bare feet, and open footwear, are not permitted.
10. We use positive reinforcement training, therefore excessive reprimands such as yelling, hitting, or kicking of dogs, are not to be used by dog owners/handlers.
11. Dog owners/handlers are asked to use a Martingale/training collar for the comfort, and well-being of their dog during training. Check chains, and slip collars, are not to be used in class. Their general use is discouraged as chains are intimidating, and can cause significant harm to your dog.
12. Activity equipment is to be used only when owners/handlers have been instructed in its use by an Instructor.

Weather Policy

Woodville Community Dog Training Centre does not have an official weather policy, the decision of whether or not you attend classes is up to you and your pooch!

When weather conditions are extreme, modified classes will be conducted with the health and welfare of members, and dogs, in mind.

Classes

8:30 - 9:15 am

Doggie Socialising Time

Breakfast & Coffee

9:30 - 10:00 am

New Members

Puppy

Beginners

Class 1

10:15 - 10:45 am

Class 2

Class 3

Class 4

11:00 - 11:45

Basic Obedience

Rally



Meg