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President's Report



Hi All,

Firstly, how quick has this month gone. It only felt like a week ago I was preparing my March report and here I am preparing the April report

Just a reminder that there is no training on the 8th of April being East Saturday. Knowing the roads are extremely busy around Easter, take care when out travelling on the roads, and have a great weekend

In the last newsletter I must of Jinxed myself saying we been lucky with the weather on Saturdays and have not required to amend the training time as we have not reached 28°C on any Saturdays or cancelled training because of the forecast of 33°C. Well that soon changed with us having to cancel training on the 18th March. Maybe I will just have to keep my thoughts to myself

Members Funday

Entries for the Fund day to be held on the 22nd of April is being taken on the 1st and 15th of April for the . You can find the entries on the bar area in the club rooms. There is a \$2 entry fee for the day and a free sausage sizzle is available on the day. The day will enable you to have a one on one with a class instructor on the day. More info can be found later in the newsletter.

Remember that five minutes training each day will help you and the dog to move forward in leaps and bounds.

Ray Ashman
President

BOOK FOR TRAINING

Saturday training You are requested to book in at the following web address prior to 5 pm. on Friday. [Saturday training.](#)

Please make sure you book into the correct class level and time slot. Class times do change from time to time.

Wednesday Obedience night training

You are requested to book in at the following web address before 5 pm. on the day prior to training. [Wednesday Obedience Night Training.](#)

Agility training – Saturday and Wednesday

You are requested to book in at the following web address before 5 pm. on the day prior to training. [Agility Training.](#)

Ring Training (Saturday and Tuesday night).

You are requested to book in at the following web address before 5 pm. on the day prior to training. [Ring Training Saturday and Tuesday night.](#)

Are your Treats Really Treats?

Does your dog really want them?



If your dog does not seem eager to get the treats you are offering then they are not really treats at all. A treat must be something that the dog really likes and really wants.

There are two main reasons why your dog might not want your treats.

- a) They are just not hungry.
- b) They do not really like that food.

If you give your dog a large feed before coming to training then your dog may not be hungry enough to want the treat. It is a good idea to just give a relatively small feed in the morning. Don't worry about cutting down on the amount of food, you can make up by giving more treats during training.

You need to use a food that the dog really likes. If the dog does not really like the food you are using then it is not a treat and you must find a food that the dog really loves. Most dogs are very eager to receive various types of meat treats. Cooked meats such as roast beef, lamb and chicken also frankfurts and meatloaves along with cheese are much appreciated by most dogs.

Remember though that your pieces must be small enough that the dog can eat them on the move.

FUNDAY

SATURDAY 22nd April 2023

ENTRY FEE:

Obedience

\$2.00 Per Entry

Agility

\$2.00 Per Entry

CHECK-IN TIME:

12.00 pm – 1.00 pm

JUDGING COMMENCES: 1.00PM – FOR ALL CLASSES FROM PUPPIES TO CLASS 8

This is your chance to demonstrate in a one-on-one situation your training progress. Instructors and aspiring judges will put you and your faithful companion through a series of exercises that have been demonstrated and practiced by you and your dog in class.

The Funday is open to ALL Members!

If you gain a passing score, you will be promoted up to the next class level. Should you win your class or gain a second or third placing you will be acknowledged by receiving a trophy and sash for first place and a sash for second or third.

Fundays replace our normal training day.

It is an all afternoon event where a presentation ceremony is held at the conclusion of all classes, to acknowledge all class winners and qualifying scores,

**ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES WILL ONLY BE TAKEN ON THE
1st AND 15th OF APRIL –**

**ENTRY FORMS & FEES ARE TAKEN AT THE OFFICE COUNTER IT IS
YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENTER IN YOUR CORRECT CLASS LEVEL.**

Voluntary Help from our membership will be required with setting up and pulling down of rings, check-in, and general odd jobs throughout the day. We will also have a Raffle on the day to raise funds for the club. Last of all, your committee and your instructors also wish to participate with their dogs so there may be delays/hold-ups within your ring if your judge has to compete with his dog in another ring. Please be patient. If it's a nice day bring a rug, chairs, dog stake or crate and if wet, bring your wet weather gear and have a great afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT ENTER, YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE.

THERE IS NO NORMAL TRAINING ON THIS DAY.



XYLITOL is a sweetener found in a wide range of products. It might also go by other names, including wood sugar, birch sugar, and birch bark extract.



XYLITOL poisoning can start within 20 minutes!! Signs include:

- Vomiting
- Decreased activity level
- Weakness and collapse
- Difficulty walking or standing
- Shaking or seizures
- Coma
- Liver failure
- Bleeding problems

Xylitol poisoning can KILL your dog.

Call your vet, emergency animal clinic, or animal poison control center if you think your dog has eaten a product containing XYLITOL.

EVERY SECOND COUNTS!!



What Is Xylitol?

Xylitol is an artificial sweetener used in many products to replace sugar. In humans it's quite safe other than having a laxative effect at high doses.

In dogs, however, a very small amount (100mg of xylitol per kg of body weight) is known to trigger a life-threatening release of insulin. This can cause hypoglycaemia (extremely low blood glucose levels), leading to vomiting, lethargy, lack of coordination, seizures, collapse, and coma. It could also result in death.

If you think that your dog has consumed even a small amount of xylitol it is essential that you see your vet.

Prevention is always better than a cure. The trick to stop it happening to your dog is to know which foods to avoid.

Although xylitol is food additive, 967 or E967 it is not always listed as an ingredient. It may also be called birch sugar or sugar alcohol; these are both xylitol and just as toxic as those called xylitol.

Look very carefully at anything that says, "sugar free". The greatest threat to Aussie dogs is probably in:

- Cake & biscuit mixes. Also sugar free baked goods particularly if imported from USA.
- Snack bars & protein supplements
- Mints & chewing gum, usually described as sugar free, e.g. Wrigley's Extra Professional.
- Some medications such as chewable vitamins, and weight loss products.
- Many brands of toothpaste for humans. Special toothpaste for dogs is available at pet shops.
- Mouth washes including Listerine.
- Quit Smoking Gums, Nicabate and Nicorette
- Medicines, Gaviscon heartburn and indigestion chewable tablets, Mylanta antacid double strength liquid, Bach Rescue Remedy stress relief pastilles.
- Artificial sweeteners, Nirvana, Sugar alcohol and birch sugar and xylitol.
- Some Peanut Butter, Nuts N More Peanut Butter, and P28 Peanut Butter.



Xylitol in Peanut Butter

Of particular concern to dog owners is that xylitol is added to some peanut or nut butters. This is worrying as many dog owners use peanut butter as a reward in kongs, or in home baked peanut butter biscuits etc for their dogs and may inadvertently poison them.

Currently there are probably only two brands of peanut butter which contain xylitol. These are advertised as high protein peanut butter and mostly sold in health food shops and online. It would seem that Nuts N More is now also available in some major supermarkets.

The 2 brands containing Xylitol are:

- **Nuts N More Peanut butter**
- **P28 Peanut butter**



Beware of dietary, sugar free or protein enriched foods. Keep in mind that xylitol, birch sugar and sugar alcohol are not always listed as ingredients.

*Adapted from several articles including,
Insider Emily Swain and Sorin McKnight DVM,
And The Walkerville Vet*

PROMOTIONS

8th March 2023

Class 2 to Class 3

Mia Stevens

and

Scout.



TRIAL RESULTS

OBEDIENCE

Southern Obedience Dog Training Club

Obedience Trial 12/11/2022

Swee Ling Ward and Lilly gained a pass in CCD in trial 1 with a score of 92 points.

RALLY

Geelong Obedience Dog Club

Rally Trial 25/3/2023

John Starford and Ruby gained a pass in Rally Novice with a score of 94 points in the am trial and **Third Place** in the pm trial with a score of 95 points.

TRICK DOG

Ballarat Obedience Dog Club

Trick Dog Trial 4/3/2023

Janette Wilson and Steven gained a pass in trick dog advanced with a score of 94.8 points in the pm trial.





You are invited you to join the MS community on Sunday 21 May for a spectacular day out at Albert Park as we walk, run and roll together to support Australians living with multiple sclerosis.

MS Walk Run + Roll is an annual charity event to raise money to support people living with MS. The funds that you raise ensure that people living with multiple sclerosis get the vital support they need to meet their goals and live well and ensure that no one has to face MS alone.

In recognition of our wonderful MS Community who come and either walk, run or roll, this event celebrates the diversity of our fantastic participants and encourages everyone to take part.

Our inclusive courses have been designed so everyone can get involved, whether you're moving on your feet, using a wheelchair, or pushing a pram.

Sign up solo, with a mate, bring your dog or get you team. Together, we can make sure no one faces MS alone.

And new this year, dogs can sign up with their very own fundraising page!

Distances:

5KM / 10KM

Start times:

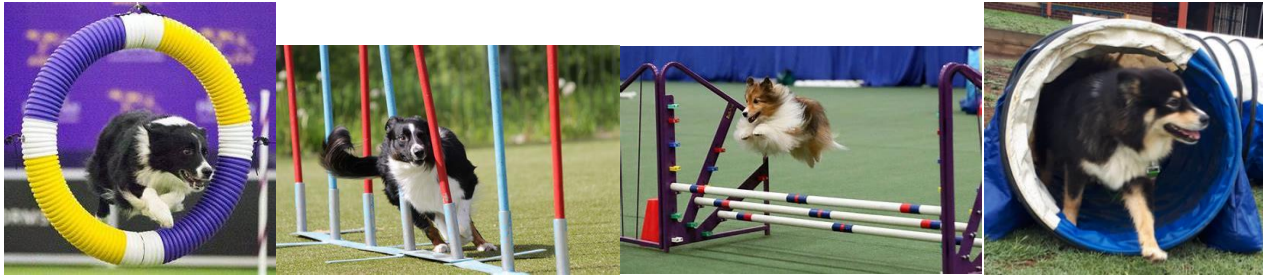
WALK - 10:30 AM

RUN - 9:00 AM

ROLL - 10:30 AM

REGISTER HERE>> <https://www.mswalk.org.au/event/melbourne>

WERRIBEE OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB (WODC) AGILITY



Dog Agility is a fun sport where dogs and handlers work as a team. The dog negotiates various obstacles in a specified order directed by the handler.

Types of agility competitions include:

Contact (obstacles) and Non-Contact (jumps).

Games: Snooker, Gamblers and Pairs.

Agility improves the teamwork and relationship between you and your best friend, your dog. Come give it a go!

Agility Classes Include:

Foundation Class for all members who are in Class 1 Obedience or above.

Pre-trial / Novice Agility Class for members who have passed Foundation agility assessment.

Training will be on Saturday's with:

Foundation Agility at 12:00 - 12:45.

Pre-trial / Novice Agility at 10:30 – 12:00.

Please book in at the following web address before training:

[Agility Training Attendance Sheet](#)

In the same link as above on a separate worksheet is the “new members details” all details must be filled in.

Join our Facebook group:

[WODC Agility FG](#)

For further information contact Carl: 0458651037



**Have your
say**

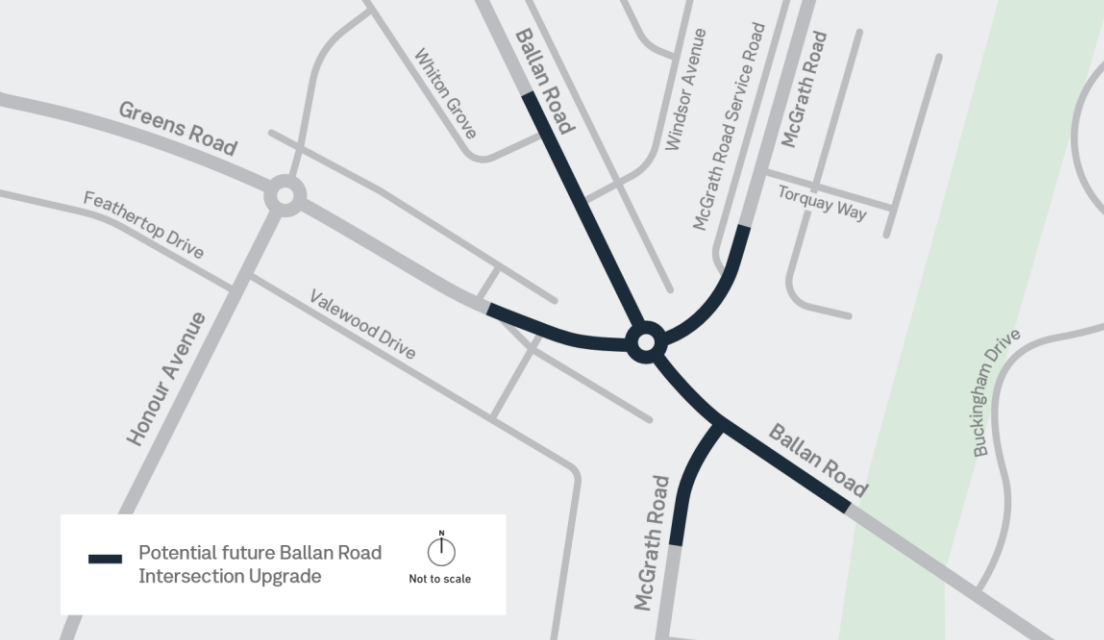
Ballan Road Intersection Upgrade



Planning is underway for a potential future upgrade of the Ballan Road intersection at Greens and McGrath roads in Wyndham Vale. Planning is seeking solutions to reduce travel times, improve safety and cater for population growth and increased vehicle movements. We're considering different options to upgrade the Ballan Road Intersection, including replacing the roundabout with traffic signals.

A Business Case is currently being developed and is expected to be complete later this year.

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| VICTORIA'S | BIG | BUILD |
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Please contact us if you would like this information in an accessible format. If you need assistance due to a hearing or speech impairment, visit relayservice.gov.au

Upcoming investigations

To help inform our planning, roadside technical investigations will be undertaken from late March 2023.

At times during these investigations, we may need to implement traffic control measures, including temporary lane closures, stop/slow traffic and reduce speeds. We'll keep traffic disruption to a minimum and will avoid busy periods.

Have your say

To help inform our planning and shape the development of potential design options we'd like to hear from you.



Online

Until 9 April 2023

To have your say, scan the QR code or visit engage.vic.gov.au/ballanroadintersection



For more information or to request a hard copy survey be mailed to you please contact us.



Meet us in person

Manor Lakes Central (opposite The Baker's Son)
Monday 27 March, between 1.30pm and 5.30pm
We'll be there to meet the local community and answer any questions.

roadprojects.vic.gov.au



For languages other than English please call 9209 0147

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See a Yellow Jacket? *

(yellow jacket)

STOP

Do NOT Approach
Do NOT allow your
dog to Approach

There are many reasons that the dog is
wearing yellow - Respect the YELLOW!

* jackets available at the clubhouse

COME INSIDE.

OUR GREAT CANTEEN!!

Not only do we look after the humans, but you will also find a range of dog treats, leads, collars, head collars and everything you need for training with your dog

Members are also welcome to help themselves to the free tea and coffee facilities located straight across from the front door. You will also find a donation tin there if you wish to make a donation.

And after a hard day's training why not come inside to relax and have a chat in a friendly atmosphere.

So please do come on inside, you will be amazed what you will find in there!!!

Drinks

Water

Tea and Coffee

Soft Drinks

Food

Dim Sims

Pies

Sausage Rolls

Pasties

Chips

Twisties

Chocolate Bars

Please Note

There is no limit on eftpos.



DOG TREATS

(PLEASE NOTE: NOT ALL ARE IDEAL FOR TRAINING)

PIG EARS

\$1.50 Ea

YOGHURT DROPS

200gr \$2.00 a bag

DUCK JERKY

200gr \$7.00 a bag

BEEF JERKY

150gr \$7.00 a bag

SHARK CARTILAGE

150gr \$6.00 a bag

FISH & CHICKEN SUSHI

75gr \$2.50 a bag

CHICKEN MEAT BALLS (dried)

200gr \$3.50 a bag

ROO JERKY

40gr \$2.00 a bag

BEEF JERKY STRAPS

75gr \$2.00 a bag

CHICKEN TENDERS

45gr \$1.50 a bag

(For Cats but also ideal for small dogs)

When we mention that all these treats are not ideal for training, the reason being is that they are either too big, dry, or not digested quickly enough necessary for training. They are, however, great for training at home when there is no time factor involved.

AVAILABLE IN THE CANTENEN NOW

CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED

CLASS EXERCISES.

PUPPY CLASS All Exercises as per Class 1 – plus retrieving, puppy play and socialisation.

CLASS 1 All exercises on Loose Lead.

Heel on lead with right / left turn and right / left about turn.
Sit (Voice and lead/manually sit)
Drop (from sit position)
Stand – alongside handler.
Recall (on lead, 4 metres) Progressing to handler returning around dog.
Sit-Stay (10 seconds) Progressing to handler returning around dog.

CLASS 2 All Class 1 exercises plus:

Heel on lead, plus all turns
Slow pace
Dog Introduction
Stand Stay (on lead)
Recall (on lead - Handler returns around dog)
Sit Stay (30 seconds)
Drop Stay (30 seconds - Handler returns around dog)

CLASS 3 All Class 1 & 2 exercises plus:

Drop (whilst heeling)
Figure of Eight
Fast Pace
Stand for Examination (Introduce lightly running hand over back & head). Recall Off Lead (maximum of 10 metres – lead up on lead)
Finish on Lead
Sit Stay (approx. metres – 60 seconds with lead on the ground)
Drop Stay (approx. metres – 60 seconds with lead on the ground)

CLASS 4 (CCD) All Class 1, 2 & 3 exercises plus:

Heeling on Lead
Introduction to off lead heeling.
Stand for Examination (on lead)
Recall at least 12 metres – no lead up or finish)
Change of Position Exercise – Drop in front of handler / lead on / return. Sit Stay (1 minute – approx.5 metres off lead)
Drop Stay (2 minutes – approx.5 metres off lead)
Introduction to Dumbbell / Retrieve Dumbbell Exercise. Introduction to Broad Jump.

CLASS 5 (NOVICE) All Class 1, 2, 3 & 4 exercises plus:

All ANKC Novice Class Exercises including both optional exercises.
All Stays with Distractions
(Note: To be promoted from Class 5 to 6 you must attain three passes under an aspiring judge at a club Funday or three passes in the Novice class at a Trial, or a combination of each)

CLASS 6(OP EN) Full Open Routine - All ANKC Open Class Exercises.

(Note: To be promoted from Class 6 to 7 you must attain three passes under an aspiring judge at a club Funday or three passes in the Open class at a Trial)

CLASS 7 (UTILITY) Full Utility Routine (UD) - All ANKC Utility Class Exercises

CLASS 8 (UDX) Full Utility Dog Excellent Routine All ANKC UDX Class Exercises.

PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT ATTEMPT ANY OF THE EXERCISES ABOVE WITHOUT FIRST HAVING BEEN PROPERLY INSTRUCTED BY A CLUB INSTRUCTOR.

NEW PUPPY TRAINING PROGRAM

The TCC has decided that the normal procedure of puppies moving on after they turn 6 months may be detrimental to some puppies, hence a new 8-week program has been devised.

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| Week 1: Explain body language, boisterous and shy pups. Socialisation Dog Introduction Sit (voice and lead/manually sit) Bridge and reward Focus Play – handlers to bring a toy. Importance of play Basic equipment – time to explore. | Week 2: Recap: Sit, bridge and reward Socialisation of pups. Discuss home/street noises. Playing with pup safely Dog Parks and off leash. Release cue Basic heeling Basic equipment |
| Week 3: Socialisation Recap: Focus and reward, sit, release cue etc. Heeling Collar Grab game – grab collar then reward. Drop (from sit position) Examination of Puppy – mouth, paws, ears etc. Biting and mouthing Extra Equipment | Week 4: Socialisation Recap: Focus and reward, sit, heel, drop, release etc. Heeling with all turns Go and Play – encouraging to play with toys Puppy recall Puppy behaviours Observe and discuss trialling classes. Extra equipment |
| Week 5: Socialisation Recap: Focus and reward, sit, heel, drop etc Observe and discuss trialling classes. Puppy behaviours More complex equipment | Week 6: Socialisation Recap: Focus and reward, sit, heel, drop etc Sit stay – clear hand signal and voice. Stand from the sit position. Puppy Behaviours More Complex equipment |
| Week 7: Socialisation Recap: Focus and reward, sit, heel, drop, release cue, turns, recall, sit stay, stand from the sit Extra equipment | Week 8: Socialisation Recap: Focus and reward, sit, heel, drop, release etc. Explain Class 1 the recall. Equipment |

After the 8-week period, an instructor will evaluate puppies to determine if they proceed to the 1.00pm or 2.00pm session.

Any puppies after each new Induction Session will commence training at 12.15pm. Others will commence at 1pm at the week they are up to.

CLUB CALENDAR–2023

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| APRIL | 8 th | No Training (Easter long weekend). |
| | 22 nd | Fun Day. |
| MAY | 23 rd | Induction (Tuesday Evening). |
| JUNE | 10 th | No Training (King's Birthday long weekend). |
| | 27 th | Induction (Tuesday Evening) |

