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President's Report

2026 Annual General Meeting

Good evening, everyone.

I would like to welcome you all to the **2026 Annual General Meeting of the Werribee Obedience Dog Club** and thank you for taking the time to attend.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Committee for their valuable assistance, support and commitment over the past 12 months. Committee members have undertaken their various responsibilities each week throughout the year, and the Club simply could not operate efficiently without the time and effort you contribute. Your continued commitment is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our **instructors**, who week after week make themselves available to assist our members, regardless of the weather conditions. Your dedication helps our members become responsible dog owners while developing their skills and knowledge so they can continue their training and progress throughout the week.

There are also several individuals who contribute to the Club behind the scenes and deserve special recognition.

My wife, **Sue**, continues to undertake the Club's shopping every week or two, ensuring that we have drinks, chocolates, chips and other items available for members to purchase. She also ensures that our cleaning and toiletry supplies are kept stocked. Thank you, Sue, for your ongoing support.

Thank you to **Kerrie Scully** for maintaining the Club's website throughout the year and ensuring that our information remains current and accessible to members.

I would also like to thank **Noelene Jordan** for collating the annual trophy list and arranging the purchase of the trophies. This is an important task that requires considerable attention to detail, and your efforts are appreciated.

To **Dani**, who puts so much time and effort into producing our monthly newsletter, keeping members informed and up to date with what is happening around the club and at trials. The newsletter is a great way of sharing important information, upcoming events, results, achievements and activities within our club.

Of course, I would also like to thank all those **members who volunteer their time** to assist the Club in various ways. This includes cooking the BBQ at Fun Days and trials, putting up and taking down the rings at Club events, and assisting with the many jobs required to successfully run our trial. Your willingness to help is invaluable to the Club, and these events simply could not operate without your support.

Grounds

Each year we have seen an improvement in the condition of the grass on our training grounds, and these past 12 months has been no different.

More recently, the Club engaged a turf specialist to undertake weed spraying of the ground. We are hopeful that this, together with the ongoing maintenance, will result in further improvements over the coming summer period.

Communications

Last year I reported that the Club had moved to **Mailchimp** to send our bulk emails. This change has resolved many of the previous issues experienced by members using Gmail and Yahoo email accounts who were not receiving Club communications.

If you are still not receiving Club emails, please speak with the Secretary so we can check that we have your correct email address recorded.

Trials and Events

The Club held its annual **Obedience and Rally Trial in October**, attracting a total of **305 entries** on the day. This was the largest entry we have had for many years and was a fantastic result for the Club.

We also held our **Scent Work Trial in August**, featuring Master Containers and Master Vehicles. This event was well supported, with a total of **100 entries**.

During the year, we conducted two Club **Fun Days**, with **82 entries in April** and **99 entries in August**. I would like to congratulate and thank **Lin and Jo** for their work in organising and running these events.

Presentation Night

Our annual Presentation Night was held on **6 December**, where we recognised **two special awards and 65 titles** achieved by our members during the year.

This represented an increase of **13 titles** compared with the previous year and demonstrates the continued commitment and success of our members.

The success of our members at trials and other fixtures highlights the high standard of training provided by our Club and the ability of our trialling members to compete successfully at various events.

Unfortunately, two members additional titles were missed when preparing the awards for Presentation Night. We have since introduced additional checking procedures to help prevent this from occurring again in the future. I apologise to those members affected and thank them for their understanding.

Changes to the Park

The development of the new ring road through Presidents Park created a significant inconvenience for the Club during the second half of last year and the start of this year. Despite the disruption, we have continued to operate and adapt to the changes.

More recently, we have seen the planting of new trees throughout the park, including trees that will provide some separation between the end of our training ground and the new road. Hopefully, as these trees mature, they will provide an improved environment for both our members and their dogs.

Looking Forward

As I have said in previous years, we operate in a **dynamic and continually changing environment**. We are aware of the demands that today's society places on our Club, our volunteers and our members. This means that we need to continually look at what we do and seek ways to improve the Club for the future.

While it is fantastic that we have a committed core group of people who continue to fill Committee positions, it is equally important that new people step forward and become involved.

A number of our committee members have held their positions for many years. While they continue to bring tremendous experience, energy and enthusiasm to their roles, there will inevitably come a time when individual Committee members decide that it is time to step away.

It can sometimes be easy to sit back and allow the same people to continue doing the work. However, if we do not encourage new members to join the Committee, we risk losing not only their contribution but also the opportunity to develop the experience and knowledge that will be required to carry the Club forward.

As you will see from tonight's agenda, there are still vacant Committee positions. I encourage members to consider becoming involved and contributing to the decision-making and future direction of the Club.

Conclusion

To the incoming Committee, I wish you every success for the coming year.

There will always be challenges, but there are also many opportunities. I encourage you to embrace those challenges, build on the successes of the past year and continue moving the **Werribee Obedience Dog Club** forward in a positive direction.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our members, volunteers, instructors and Committee members for their contribution and support throughout the year.

It is the combined effort of everyone involved that makes our Club what it is today.

Thank you.

Ray Ashman
President
Werribee Obedience Dog Club



Breakup & PRESENTATION NIGHT

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER 2026

Venue:
WERRIBEE ODC CLUBROOMS

Time:
6.00pm (start)

COST:
$30.00 ADULT / $25.00 child under 18

A two-course spit roast



Tea/coffee included
Drinks available at the bar (no byo)

It will be a great night of raffle prizes and most importantly the presentation of the Junior and Senior Members Club Awards and Title Awards, so come along and bring your family and friends.

Everyone is welcome

Tickets will be available until the 29th November
(No bookings taken after the 29th November due to catering arrangements)

Tickets can be purchased in the clubrooms or via direct deposit using the following details
BSB: 663 - 000
Account: 223 622 721
Reference: your name and include presentation night



Life Members: please see the Secretary regarding your Ticket if you wish to attend the Presentation night

Please inform us if you have any Special Dietary Requirements

THIS IS AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS!!!!

PLEASE COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE NIGHT

Booking in for training

Please book in for training so that the club can make sure we have enough trainers to help you on the day.

For all training sessions you are requested to book in at their respective links by 5pm on the day prior to training.

Saturday training

Please make sure you book into the correct class level and time slot - class times are different for each class: Saturday training



Wednesday night training

Held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

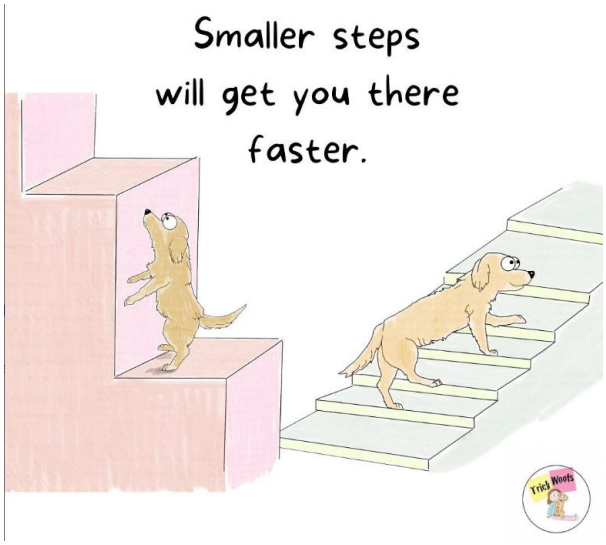
Wednesday Night Training

Agility training

Agility Training – Saturday and Wednesday night

Ring Training

Obedience and Rally: Ring Training - Saturday and Tuesday night



Trick Training

Trick Training – Saturday and Wednesday night

Scent Training

Scent Work Training

Are you waiting for class to start and your dog is getting silly?

Try finding your MOMENT of YES!



Reward for looking at other dogs!

Reward for sniffing the ground!

Reward for looking at you!

https://decompressforsuccess.com/find-your-moment-of-yes

Training: New things!

Socializing Your Dog

...refers to providing him with POSITIVE experiences with NEW THINGS. The best way to make sure your dog has great experiences is to include things he loves (like food or toys)

new people

Let your dog approach **at his own pace**, if and when he wants to.



Associate new people with **wonderful things.**



Make sure puppies are **gently & positively exposed** to different people.



other animals

Always check that the other animal is friendly & tolerant of dogs before you let your dog approach.



Teach your dog how to act politely around other animals by rewarding him for good behavior. Redirect him if he's pushy or overly excited.



If your adult dog doesn't want to play with unfamiliar dogs, that's okay. Adult people don't want to play with every other person we meet either!



new things & environments

To prevent **noise phobia** (eg, fear of thunder), feed your dog a tiny treat every time the noise happens.



Introduce young dogs to lots of **different surfaces.**





Take rides in a boat, train car, or elevator.



Visit the vet & groomer's just for treats and petting.





Teach your dog to **enjoy wearing a muzzle** by making it into a "treat basket"

Avoid truly scary situations, such as fireworks.



Visit parking lots and other busy places just to watch the people, animals, vehicles, etc. and feed your dog treats.

Remember: **EXPOSURE alone isn't socialization!**

If your dog isn't having a great time, you could do more harm than good. Dogs don't just "get over" issues by themselves, so if your dog is shy, worried, or overly excited, leave the situation and work with a professional who can help both of you. If your dog is having a blast and is happy and comfortable, you're doing a great job of socializing him!

Words by Sara Reusche www.paws4u.com Drawings by Lili Chin www.doggiedrawings.net

Health & Welfare – SNAKES

Multiple dogs have been bitten by snakes in Presidents Park in the past two weeks. Please avoid long grass and keep your dogs close to you. If you suspect your dog has been bitten, keep them calm and go to the vet.

How To Stay Safe During SNAKE SEASON



From the Eastern Brown Snake to the Red-bellied Black Snake, snake species are more active during the summer months and can be found in both rural and urban areas

For your safety, WIRES recommends that you:

⚠ **Stay Alart:**
Always be aware of your surroundings when walking through bushland, tall grass, or areas where snakes are known to live.

Avoid Disturbing Snakes:
If you encounter a snake, do not try to handle it. Most snakes are non-aggressive but will defend themselves if they feel threatened.

Wear Appropriate Clothing:
If you're walking in snake-prone areas, wear long pants and boots to protect yourself in case of a bite.

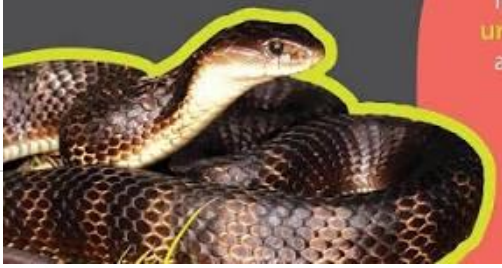
Give Snakes Space:
If you come across a snake, give it plenty of room to slither away. Snakes will often move on if given time.

If you find an injured or trapped snake in need, call WIRES on 1300 094 737 or head to our website to report a rescue.

BEWARE OF ssSNAKES!

THE SIGNS OF A SNAKE BITE IN YOUR PET ARE VARIED AND MAY INCLUDE:

- Sudden weakness followed by collapse
- Shaking or twitching of the muscles
- Vomiting
- Dilated pupils not responsive to light
- Blood in the urine
- In the later stages paralysis may occur



REMEMBER...
If your pet is bitten, seek urgent veterinary care and DO NOT try to catch or kill the snake.
All Australian snakes are protected and you may expose yourself to unnecessary danger.

Health & Welfare – BIRD FLU

The following is from Animal Care Australia: https://www.animalcareaustralia.org.au/
Additional info at Agriculture Victoria: https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases
Additional advice from the RSPCA: Keeping your pets safe from H5 bird flu | RSPCA Victoria

Animal Care Australia

H5 BIRD FLU
TIPS FOR DOG WALKERS

To protect your dog and prevent the spread of H5 bird flu, always keep your dog on a leash in coastal, wetland, or park areas. Actively steer them away from dead or sick wildlife, feathers, and droppings.



ACTIONABLE TIPS FOR DOG WALKERS

- **Keep Dogs Leashed:** Maintain strict control near beaches, wetlands, or estuaries.
- **Avoid Scavenging:** Prevent sniffing or eating dead/sick animals.
- **Clean and Disinfect:** Wipe paws and wash bedding/hands after walks.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU SPOT SICK WILDLIFE

Follow the Avoid - Record - Report protocol:

1. **AVOID** contact and keep your dog away.
2. **RECORD** location, number, type, and take photos.
3. **REPORT** to Hotline: **1800 675 888**

WHEN TO CALL THE VET

Monitor for:

- Difficulty breathing
- Tremors or seizures
- Swelling (face, eyes, legs)
- Lethargy or weakness
- Fever

Seek veterinary care immediately.

NOTE

No current risk from feeding raw poultry unless detections are announced.

PREPARE NOW

H5 bird flu can spread quickly.
Stay informed and prepared

REPORT SICK OR DEAD WILDLIFE

1800 675 888

More information: **birdflu.gov.au**



Trial results



Obedience

Golden Retriever Club of Victoria ***10 October 2026***

Noelene Jordan and **Flynn** gained **third** place in Community Companion Dog class with a score of 87.

Dani and **Thorn** gained **fifth** place in the Novice class with a score of 175 in the PM trial.

Werribee Obedience Dog Club ***17 October 2026***

Sandra Lesniauskas and Harley gained **seventh** place in the Novice class with a score of 180 in the am trial

Sandra Lesniauskas and Harley gained **second** place in Novice class with a score of 181 in the pm trial

Rally

Murray Valley Obedience Dog Club ***03 October 2026***

Sandra Lesniauskas and Harley gained **second** in the Excellent class with a score of 86

Golden Retriever Club of Victoria ***10 October 2026***

Sue Ashman and **Lyric** gained **Third** place in Rally Novice with a score of 92 in Trial 1

Sue Ashman and **Lyric** gained **fourth** place in Rally Novice with a score of 80 in Trial 2

Noelene Jordan and **Flynn** gained **second** place in Rally Advanced with a score of 92

This gives them their **Rally Advanced Title**

CONGRATULATIONS NOELENE AND FLYNN ON YOUR TITLE

Werribee Obedience Dog Club ***17 October 2026***

Wendy Trawn and **Fawkes** gained **first** place in Rally Advanced with a score of 97 in the am trial

Wendy Trawn and **Fawkes** gained **second** place in Rally Advanced with a score of 98 in the pm trial

This gives them their **Rally Advanced Title**

CONGRATULATIONS WENDY AND FAWKES ON YOUR TITLE

Sue Ashman and **Lyric** gained **First** place in Rally Novice with a score of 95 in the am Trial

This gives them their **Rally Novice Title**

CONGRATULATIONS SUE AND LYRIC ON YOUR TITLE

Rally cont.

Ray Ashman and **Lyric** gained **Fourth** place in Rally Novice with a score of 93 in the pm Trial

Sandra Lesniauskas and Harley gained **sixth** in the Excellent class with a score of 87 in the am trial

Sandra Lesniauskas and Harley gained **fourth** place in the Excellent class with a score of 95 in the pm trial

Retrieving

Golden Retriever Club of Victoria ***19 September 2026***

Sandra Lesniauskas and Harley gained **fourth** in the Restricted class with a score of 160

Club L'Epagneul Breton ***10 October 2026***

Sandra Lesniauskas and Harley gained **first** in the Restricted class with a score of 167l

Club L'Epagneul Breton ***11 October 2026***

Sandra Lesniauskas and Harley gained a **pass** in the Restricted class with a score of 124

Sprint Dog

Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Club ***05 September 2026***

Sandra Lesniauskas and Harley gained a pass with an average time of 9.21

Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Club ***06 September 2026***

Sandra Lesniauskas and Harley gained a pass with an average time of 8.26

If you would like your trial results printed in the Werribee Wagger, please fill out this form and email your results to: info@werribeeobediencedogs.org. Photos are always welcome! (Only qualifying passes will be included).

Trialing Members Note

The Committee has introduced a new **Trophy Application Process** for tracking applications.

Members who have submitted an application for an end-of-year trophy are asked to check the Web Trophy Application List to ensure their application has been received by the Secretary and recorded under the correct trophy title. Please allow approximately **two weeks from the date of your application** for it to appear on the list.

Wall photos

Members who have a photo of their dog displayed on the wall are asked to check that all information is correct, including titles and dates.

If any details need correcting or updating, please email the correct information to **Ray Ashman** at rayashman1@outlook.com.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our records accurate and up to date!

WERRIBEE AGILITY DOG (WAD)

at WERRIBEE OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB (WODC)



Agility at Werribee is an exciting team sport where you and your dog work together to complete a course of obstacles, including jumps, tunnels, weave poles, contacts and hoops in a set order. It's a fantastic way to improve your dog's fitness, focus, confidence, and coordination while creating a stronger partnership.

Strengthen your teamwork by building communication, trust, and a lasting bond through shared challenges and plenty of fun.

Join us this Saturday to experience the excitement of agility!

Agility Classes and Times	For
Foundation Agility (level 1) Setup 11:15 am Starts 11:30 am	WODC members that have completed induction class and above. All dogs above 1 year of age are welcome.
Pre-trial (level 2) Setup 10:15am Starts 10:30am	agility members who have passed Foundation Agility
Trial Agility (level 3) Setup 8:30am Starts at 9am	members who are competing in agility trials

Wednesday 1st and 3rd week (Summer Months only) Setup 7pm/ Start 7:30pm

To attend: book in at the following web address link before training:

Agility Training Attendance Sheet (ATAS 2026)

the tab "new members details" must be filled in before attending training.

All agility members are encouraged to join our Facebook Group:

WODC Agility Facebook Group

Our Agility Instructor Carl is at : 0458651037 or carl.mayall@gmail.com



YOU ARE WELCOME INSIDE THE CLUBROOMS

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.

Hot Food – All Day:

Mrs Mac Beef Pie PLEASE ALLOW 3.5 MINS	$4.00
Mrs Mac Pastie PLEASE ALLOW 3.5 MINS	$4.00
Mrs Mac Sausage Roll PLEASE ALLOW 2.5 MINS	$4.00
Marathon Fried or Steamed Dim Sims ORDER BEFORE TRAINING AND THEY WILL BE READY FOR YOU WHEN FINISHED.	$0.80
Hash Brown PLEASE ALLOW 10 MINS	$1.00
Potato Cake PLEASE ALLOW 10 MINS	$0.80
Hot Chips PLEASE ALLOW 10 MINS	$1.00
Cupa Soup	$1.50

Snacks – All Day:

Potato Chips	$3.00
Chocolate Bars	$2.00
Twisties	$3.00
Cheezels	$3.00

Drinks:

Hot Chocolate	$2.00
Cappuccino	$2.00
Latte	$2.00
Coke	$2.00
Coke No Sugar	$2.00
Lemonade/Sprite	$2.00
Creamy Soda	$2.00
Solo/Lemon	$2.00
Pasito	$2.00
Water	$1.50

Eftpos available, no limit





DOG TREATS AND TOYS

(PLEASE NOTE: NOT ALL TREATS IDEAL FOR TRAINING)

BEEF BULLY STICKS
$8.00 PK OF 2

BEEF JERKY
200gr $9.00 a bag

DUCK JERKY
200gr $8.00 a bag

BEEF JERKY STRAPS
100gr $2.20 a bag

BEEF LIVER
250gr $7.00 a bag

MIXED YOGURT DROPS
200gr $2.50 a bag

BEEF TENDON RINGS
$1.50 ea

CHICKEN BREAST FILLETS
200gr $8.00 a bag

ROO JERKY
100gr $5.00 a bag

CHICKEN CRINKLES
200gr $4.00 a bag

CHICKEN MEAT BALLS (dried)
200gr $3.60 a bag

SHARK CARTILAGE
100gr $6.00 a bag

CHICKEN NECKS
(dried)
200gr $5.00 a bag

COLLAGEN DENTAL STICKS
PEANUT BUTTER FILLED
$3.00 ea

YOGHURT DROPS
200gr $2.50 a bag

COW or PIG EARS
$1.75 Ea

MIXED YOGURT DROPS
1kg $12.00 a bag

ROO STICKS
$1.60 each

LAMB EARS
$1.00 each

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 swallowed quickly enough necessary for training. They are, however, great for training at home when there is no time factor involved.

CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED

TOYS TOYS TOYS



The club has a wide arrange of dog toys for sale.
They are well below the price that pet shops sell them for.
Please come into the club rooms and browse what we have.

A small example of the different toys we have are:

- KONG Wubba Ballistic Friends Small
- Zippy Paws Zippy Burrow Interactive Dog Toy

We hope to have a different set of toys every couple of months, but this will depend on the amount of sales we have.

If there is a particular toy you would like to purchase, take a photo of it and price and let us know and we will see if we are able to get it at a better price!

OUR SPONSORS

When and wherever possible, please support the following businesses, as they support our club:





THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP

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. 3 metres – 60 seconds with lead on the ground)
Drop Stay (approx. 3 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 (OPEN) 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



Club Calendar 2026



2026	Activity
31 October	Last day of the Trialing Year
8 November	*Final day to submit Trophy applications*
28 November	Last day of training
5 December	Break up &Presentation Night

